

OSC CLOSED CLUB SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 2016

1. Rules

- a) The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016.

2. Conditions of Entry

2.1 General

- a) Competitors participate in club racing entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4 Decision to Race. A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore and nothing in these sailing instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.
- b) It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she finds herself. By launching, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and her crew is competent to sail and compete in them.
- c) The boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £2,000,000.
- d) Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event and include the race committee, and patrol boats.
- e) The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities.

2.2 Eligibility Requirements

- a) Boat measurement certificates (where required by class rules) shall be produced for inspection by the Fleet Captain or the Sailing Secretary if requested. If a certificate is not produced within 6 weeks of the request all previous results for that season will be deleted.
- b) Class buoyancy requirements will be strictly enforced
- c) All members of OSC (as defined in the Rules of the Club) shall be eligible to enter club races. Helms who are guests of members may enter races but will not be awarded a final result in a series. Guests who enter the clubs special Regattas will be given a finish but will not be allowed to win the trophies. The trophies will be given to the first Ogston helm or helm and crew. (After eliminating guest from the results)
- d) Competitors shall enter each race by legibly completing the correct entry sheet before going on the water. Any competitor failing to "sign on" will be scored Did Not Compete. This changes rule A4.1
- e) To be eligible to compete for Junior Fleet trophies both helm and crew must be 16 years or younger on the 1st January of the year in question.

2.3 Entry Fees

- a) From time to time entry fees may be levied in support of charities.

3. NOTICES TO Competitors

- a) Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official notice board located by the fuel bunker adjacent to the jetty, the notice board in the clubhouse or in the Newsletter.
- b) Results of the day's races shall be posted on the results board no later than 90 minutes after the last boat finishes the final race of the day.

4. Changes TO Sailing Instructions

- a) No permanent changes shall be made to these Sailing Instructions without prior written notice to all members.
- b) Any temporary changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board in the clubhouse by the Registration Area, 30 minutes before the advertised warning signal of the race or races concerned. Code Flag "L" flown from the gantry adjacent to the club house and accompanied by a single sound signal shall indicate a posted change.

5. Signals Made Ashore

- a) Signals made ashore will be displayed on the gantry adjacent to the club house or from the race cabin.
- b) If racing is to be postponed before the fleet leaves the shore, Flag AP with two sound signals (one sound signal when lowered) means - "The race is postponed. The warning signal will be made not less than 10 minutes after AP is lowered."
- c) If racing is controlled from the race cabin and the race is postponed because of disruption to the start procedure, the warning signal will be made 1 minute after Flag AP is lowered.

6. Schedule of Races

- a) The start of the first race of the day is scheduled as follows:

Type	Day	1st Start	Time
Class	Sunday	Main	12:00
Gen H'cap	Wednesday	Main	19:00
	Saturday	Main	14:00
	Sunday	Main	12:00
Pursuit	Wednesday	Topper	19:00 (18:42 Optimist Start)
	Saturday	Topper	14:00 (13:42 Optimist Start)
Day Light Dash	Wednesday	Topper	18:30 (18:18 Optimist Start)

Subsequent races will not start before their prescribed times of 15:30 Saturday; 14:00 & 15:15 Sunday. For the purposes of these sailing instructions the prescribed time shall be that indicated by the OOD's watch, inaccuracies between this time and the true time as indicated by any Recognised time signal shall not be grounds for redress.

For Premier club event start times see Appendix A (Section A3 – Other Special Regattas).

7. FLEET Flags

- a) Gen H'cap Fast Handicap (Main) Fleet Flag "M" – With the exception of the Blue Ribband Series, all boats apart from the Junior Fleet will start using Flag "M"
Slow Handicap Fleet Flag "G" – In use for the Blue Ribband Series only {see above}
Junior Fleet Flag "O"
Pursuit (All craft) Flag "M"
- b) Class Fast Handicap Fleet Flag "M"
Laser Fleet Flag "L" Enterprise Fleet Flag "E"
Slow Handicap Fleet Flag "G" Junior Fleet Flag "O"

Where Fast and Slow Handicap Fleets exist for the Blue Riband series, the Fast Handicap Fleet shall consist of boats with a PY of 1066 and below, with remaining boats sailing in the Slow Handicap Fleet.

- c) For the purposes of these sailing instructions, the term "Fleet" will apply to boats which are allocated a Fleet Flag. A fleet may consist totally of one class e.g. Laser or Enterprise, or a group of multiple classes e.g. Fast or Slow Handicap Fleet. Reference to a class will apply to all boats of the same class, whether sailing in their own fleet or as part of a General Handicap or Pursuit race.

8. Racing Area

a) The racing area and the approximate position of the fixed marks will be as shown on the sketch on the clubhouse noticeboard.

9. The Course

- a) The course will be displayed adjacent to the signing on area or on the committee boat.
b) The course will be indicated by the order in which marks are to be rounded and the side on which each mark is to be rounded. "G" will indicate that it is necessary to sail through the starting line at the end of each lap.
c) In Class and General Handicap Racing, the number of laps to be sailed will be indicated by white numerals on black.

10. Marks

a) The marks will be fixed marks which are coloured cans numbered 1-12 and coloured buoys labelled A B C & D, the committee boat, starting line and finishing line marks (see instructions 12 and 13) and an additional two moveable marks X and Y (flying Flags "X" & "Y")

11. Obstructions

a) An area of 5 metres around Tern rafts between the end of March and end of August and any buoys marking no sailing areas.

12. The Start

12.1 Signals

Races will be started as follows.

a) General Handicap Racing – Blue Riband Series

- 5 mins	Fast Handicap Fleet Warning	Flag "M"	raised	1 sound
- 4 mins	Preparatory	Flag "I"	raised	1 sound
- 1 mins		Flag "I"	lowered	1 sound
0 mins	Fast Handicap Fleet Start	Flag "M"	lowered	1 sound
	Slow Handicap Preparatory	Flag "G"	raised	1 sound
+ 2 mins	Slow Handicap Start	Flag "G"	lowered	1 sound
	Junior Preparatory	Flag "O"	raised	1 sound
+ 4 mins	Junior Start	Flag "O"	lowered	1 sound

Fleets starting after the Fast Handicap fleet will be started at 2 minute intervals as indicated above by displaying the appropriate fleet flag (preparatory signal) with the starting signal for the preceding fleet (This amends rule 86.1). Fleets will start in the following order: Fast Handicap, Slow Handicap, Junior.

b) General Handicap Racing – All other Series

- 5 mins	Main Fleet Warn	Flag "M"	raised	1 sound
- 4 mins	Preparatory	Flag "I"	raised	1 sound
- 1 mins		Flag "I"	lowered	1 sound
0 mins	Main Fleet Start	Flag "M"	lowered	1 sound
	Junior Warning	Flag "O"	raised	1 sound
+ 1 min	Preparatory	Flag "I"	raised	1 sound
+ 4 mins		Flag "I"	lowered	1 sound
+ 5 mins	Junior Start	Flag "O"	lowered	1 sound

c) Class Racing

- 5 mins	Fast Handicap Warn	Flag "M"	raised	1 sound
- 4 mins	Preparatory	Flag "I"	raised	1 sound
- 1 mins		Flag "I"	lowered	1 sound
0 mins	Fast Handicap Fleet Start	Flag "M"	lowered	1 sound
	Laser Preparatory	Flag "L"	raised	1 sound
+ 2 mins	Laser Start	Flag "L"	lowered	1 sound

Succeeding fleets will be started at 2 minute intervals by displaying the appropriate fleet flag (preparatory signal) with the starting signal for the preceding fleet (This amends rule 86.1). Fleets will start in the following order: Fast Handicap, Laser, Enterprise, Slow Handicap and Junior.

Where there are less than 3 boats in a fleet, that fleet may at the discretion of the OOD, be started together with one of the other fleets. This will be indicated by fleet flags being raised together at the fleet preparatory signal and lowered together at the fleet start signal. The succeeding fleet starts will move forward to start at 2 minute intervals following the combined start.

d) Pursuit Racing

Classes will start, according to their PY number, in accordance with the timetable posted by the fuel locker. (A Tannoy warning of an imminent start may be given at the discretion of the OOD)

e) All Starts

In Class and Pursuit Racing, General Handicap and Blue Riband Series, rule 30.1 applies to all fleets from the time flag "I" is lowered for the first fleet start until the end of the starting sequence for the race. This changes rule 30.1

12.2 Starting Line

- a) The starting line will be between the main mast (displaying an orange flag) on the committee boat at the starboard end and an Outer Distance Buoy displaying an orange flag at the Port End. A limit mark carrying an orange flag may be laid adjacent to the committee boat. This mark will be a mark of the course. No competitor may pass between the limit mark and any part of the committee boat after the first warning signal. **OR**
b) The starting line will be an extension of two transit marks carrying white triangles on the shore of the reservoir and laid in the quadrant covered by the race cabin. Its length is determined by two distance buoys carrying orange flags. A boat must pass between these buoys when starting.
c) Boats whose Warning (Preparatory in class racing) signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose Warning (Preparatory in class racing) signal has been made.

12.3 Individual Recalls

a) In the event of an Individual Recall in Class and Pursuit Racing, rule 29.1 is amended in that flag X will be displayed for a maximum of 1 minute for Class racing and 30 seconds for Pursuit racing.

12.4 General Recalls

a) In the event of a General Recall in Class Racing, the "First Substitute" will be lowered one minute after the recalled fleet's start signal and the recalled fleet will go to "the back of the queue". The preparatory signal (fleet flag) for the recalled fleet will be raised at the start of the last fleet. If the last fleet is recalled, their preparatory signal (fleet flag) will be raised one minute after the First Substitute is lowered, followed by their start two minutes later. This changes Rule 29.2

- b) In the event of a General Recall in Handicap Racing, the "First Substitute" will be lowered one minute after the start signal and the recalled fleet will go to "the back of the queue". The warning signal (fleet flag) for the recalled fleet will be raised at the start of the last fleet. If the last fleet is recalled, their warning signal (fleet flag) will be raised one minute after the First Substitute is lowered. This changes Rule 29.2.
- c) There will be no General Recalls for Pursuit starts; OOD's will apply the Individual Recall rules.

13. THE FINISH

- a) The finishing line for Class and General Handicap Racing will be either the same as that designated as the starting line or between the main mast (displaying a blue flag) on the committee boat and a nearby mark of the course.
- b) The length of a Class or General Handicap race shall be in accordance with the displayed number of laps. If flag S is displayed in accordance with rule 32.2 at any time during the race, boats will finish the next time they cross the line. Flag S shall be hoisted as the leading boat in the fleet to be finished is rounding the last mark of the course prior to the finish line.
- c) The race shall be finished after a reasonable time, all boats crossing the finish line will be given a finish irrespective the number of laps done their corrected time will be worked out on the average lap time.
- d) The length of a Pursuit Race will be 68 minutes from the Topper start (45 minutes for the Day Light Dash series). On the finishing signal (1 sound + raising Flag "H") all boats will continue sailing the course, making every reasonable attempt to maintain their position in relation to other boats at the time of the finishing signal. When the OOD has determined final placing, a release signal (1 sound) will be made to release the fleet along with lowering all signal flags.

14. Time Limit AND TARGET TIMES

- a) The time limit for Class and General Handicap Racing will be 1 hour 45 minutes. Boats failing to finish within the time limit, will be scored "Did Not Finish". This changes rule 35 and A4
- b) Under normal conditions, the target minimum race duration for all boats will be 50 minutes. Failure to meet this target time will not be grounds for redress under rule 62.1(a).

15. Declaration

- a) A declaration shall be made by competitors that the boat has returned to shore within 20 minutes of the last boat finishing the race, by completing the correct entry sheet. A boat that Did Not Start, Compete, Finish or Retired After Finishing (including Rule 31.2) shall complete the correct entry sheet.

16. Protests

- a) Protests shall be written on forms available in the clubhouse and delivered to the OOD within 1 hour of the last boats finish.
- b) Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt if possible on the same day.
- c) An appeal may be made to the Sailing Committee upon the deposit of £10.00 to be forfeited at the discretion of the Sailing Committee if the appeal is lost unless subsequently reversed by the RYA.

17. Scoring

- a) When boats of the same class and RYA Portsmouth Yardstick number complete a different number of laps in General Handicap Racing, the corrected times of those sailing fewer laps will be adjusted upwards (where necessary) to a corrected time which is 1 second or more greater than the slowest boat completing an additional lap.
- b) Points shall be awarded to helms as opposed to yachts. If a helm sails in more than one class of boat in the same series, the results will not be combined for an overall series score.
- c) The number of races to count for a series score and qualification for trophies will be as below:

For General Handicap, Class racing and Saturday Pursuit Racing -	
6 scheduled races	4 races to qualify
7-10 scheduled races	5 races to qualify
11-15 scheduled races	6 races to qualify
16-20 scheduled races	7 races to qualify
21 or more scheduled races	8 races to qualify
For Wednesday Pursuit Racing -	
8-9 Scheduled races	4 races to qualify
For Hoggard trophy -	
5 scheduled races	3 races to qualify
For Day Light Dash -	
3 scheduled races	2 races to qualify
- d) A competitor who 'signs on' in accordance with instructions 2.2d) and is given a non-scoring code of OCS, BFD, DNF and RAF, will be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in that race. This amends rule A4.2
- e) Where less than two races are completed (except for one race events) the series shall be abandoned or postponed as determined by the Sailing Committee.
- f) A race is constituted by one or more boats ranking as starters.
- g) In the event of a series tie between 2 or more boats, each boat's scores (including discards) will be listed in the order of best to worst and at the point where there is a difference, the tie will be broken in favour of the boat with the best score e.g. 2 firsts & 2 seconds beats 2 firsts, 1 second & 1 third. This amends rule A8. Except Regatta Bowl, Presidents Trophy, Commodores Firkin and Open Meetings where rule A8.1, A8.2 will apply.

18. LOCAL VARIATIONS

- a) For Handicap Racing, RYA Portsmouth Yardstick Numbers (PY's) shall apply with such variations as the Sailing Committee shall deem appropriate.
- b) Sailboards shall be given a PY which shall be reviewed annually by the Sailing Committee
- c) The Sailing Committee shall review PY's at least annually and make adjustments in line with the RYA Portsmouth Yardstick Scheme and local conditions. The list of PY's as published from time to time will be part of these sailing instructions.
- d) The Sailing Committee will publish every year, details of all race series to be sailed during the year, the structure of fleets and all the trophies to be awarded.

APPENDIX A - SPECIAL REGATTAS

a1. general

- a) The regattas detailed below are designated "Special Regattas" Where applicable, this Appendix changes the preceding sailing instructions.
- b) When the required number of races to constitute a series are not completed, the series shall be abandoned or postponed as determined by the Sailing Committee.
- c) Rule 42 Propulsion - Appendix P of the RRS will apply.
- d) Rule P2.3 will not apply and rule P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one.
- e) Rule 67 - Rule 42 And Hearing Requirement: The penalty of a 720 turn will be given without the need for a hearing.
- f) The OOD or nominated safety boat crew member will be the designated observers.

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A2. FLEETEST OF FLEET

- a) The series consists of 6 races – 2 General Handicap, 2 Pursuit, 2 General Handicap which will take place over two days, as indicated in the sailing calendar. 2 races shall be completed to constitute a series. The first race of the day shall not start before 11:00 subsequent start times to be advised by the OOD
- b) Each race shall be scored individually, with no limit on the number of boats that may compete
- c) The "Declared Entry" is the number of approved fleets x 5, which will be taken into account when allocating points to Retired, Disqualified, DNS etc (i.e. 26 points for 5 fleets)
- d) Scoring of the race shall be in accordance with the Racing Rules of Sailing Appendix A. When a fleet has more than 5 finishers, the positions of the non-counting boat(s) of that fleet shall be disregarded when scoring later finishers from other fleets.
- e) Fleets shall be ranked according to the lowest total from their best 5 scores. Ties in a race shall be broken by taking the position of the best placed boat.
- f) Race points awarded to each fleet shall be the number of fleets beat + 1 e.g. for 5 approved fleets 1st - 5 points, 2nd - 4, 3rd - 3 etc. Fleets which do not enter at least one boat in a race will score 0 points.
- g) The fleet with the best total points from the races completed will be awarded the Fleetest of Fleets Trophy. In the case of a series tie, the individual boat positions of the scoring boats from all the races will be added together and the fleet with the lowest total score will win.
- h) All races sailed will count there are no discards in Fleetest of Fleet.

A3. OTHER SPECIAL REGATTAS

- a) *The Regatta Bowl, Presidents Trophy & Commodore's Firkin* shall consist of 4 General Handicap races held on the same day (2 races to be completed to constitute a series). 1 discard after 3 races have been sailed. The first race of the day shall not start before 11:00 subsequent start times to be advised by the OOD
- b) *The Hoggard Trophy* shall consist of 2 General Handicap races and 3 pursuit races held on separate days (3 races to be completed to constitute a series).
- c) Fleets shall consist of Main Fleet (seniors) and Junior Fleet with separate results declared for each fleet.
- d) In order to qualify for each regatta a helmsman must rank as a starter in a minimum number of qualifying races in the same class of boat as follows: 6 races completed - 5 to qualify, 5 - 4, 4 - 3, 3 - 2, 2 - 2.