

Sailing Instructions 2024

1. Rules

1.1. Racing will take place under the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021 – 2024 unless modified by a Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions for any specific event. In the event of a conflict with class rules these Sailing Instructions shall prevail (see RRS 86.1).

Liability

2.1. The race organisers shall not be liable for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/competitor, their skipper or crew, as a result of their taking part in the race or races whether afloat or ashore. Moreover every competitor warrants the suitability of their boat for the race or races. The term organisers encompasses everyone helping to run the race and the event, and includes the organising authority, the Race Committee, the Race Officer, safety boats, patrol boats and beachmasters.

2.2 The safety of a boat and its entire management, including insurance, shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/competitor who must ensure that the boat is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy, and manned by a crew sufficient in number and experience who are physically fit to face bad weather. The owner/competitor must be satisfied as to the soundness of the hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. They must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and that the crew know where it is kept and how it is to be used. 3.

Conditions of Entry

3.1. The competitor is required to hold adequate insurance

3.2. The provision of safety or patrol boats does not relieve the competitor of their responsibilities.

3.3. The fact that the Race Committee may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of the competitor set out in these instructions.

3.4. The race committee may reject or cancel the entry of a boat which in its view is unseaworthy.

3.5. At least one member of the crew shall be a member of Cove Sailing Club or shall have submitted an application form and appropriate fees. This alters RRS 75.

3.6. All boats shall carry a distinguishing number on the mainsail. The Dinghy or Cruiser Committee (as appropriate) may permit the use of sails carrying a distinguishing number other than that required by RRS 77 and RRS Appendix G

4. Notice to Competitors

4.1. Signals made ashore will be posted on the whatsapp group no later than 17:45.

4.2. Changes to Sailing Instructions will be posted at least 24 hours before the advertised starting time on the Cove Sailing Club Website , Dinghy sailing Section,

4.3. Schedules of races and start times will be as in Appendix 1. Additional events and changes to the scheduled events will be posted on the Cove Sailing Club Website prior to the start time of the event.

5. Signals

5.1. 5,4,2,1 sequence will be used.

6. Postponements

6.1. A postponement may be signalled by two sound signals and the raising of the appropriate flag.

7. Recalls

7.1. Individual Recalls. will be displayed by IC flag 'X'.

7.2. General Recall. Will be by IC Flag "First Substitute"

8. Starting

8.1. The OOD will indicate before launching the starting area

8.2. The default starting area is defined as The Spit Bank unless otherwise altered

8.3. The start line will be between the OOD Boat (Rescue Boat and or a members private Boat and the Outer Distance Mark or dinghy ODM) which will be a laid mark or a permanent harbour mark.

9. Finishing

9.1. The finish line shall be stated on the course board.

9.2. The cut-off time for racing is 20:45 and boat finishing after this race will be scored DNF (Did not finish)

10. Protests

10.1. Protests shall be lodged with the Race Officer or a Sailing Committee member within 60 minutes of the last boat finishing in its class.

10.2. Protest forms are available from the Club House.

11. Scoring System

11.1 To be conformed in Appendix 2

12. Handicaps

12.1. All races will be sailed under the PY handicap system.

13. Local Variations

13.2. All boats shall keep clear of any large commercial vessels on their approach or exit from the harbour. Any boat failing to keep clear shall be subject to instant disqualification by the Race Officer without hearing. This alters RRS 63.1

14. Dinghy Conditions of Entry

14.1. All competitors must wear adequate personal buoyancy at all times when afloat, except briefly while adjusting or changing clothing or personal equipment. Neither a wet suit nor a dry suit constitutes adequate personal buoyancy. Inflatable type buoyancy aids will not be considered adequate unless fully inflated. Failure to comply will result in automatic disqualification. This alters RRS 40.

14.2. All competitors must ensure that their boat has adequate built-in buoyancy and may be asked to demonstrate this at any time.

14.3 All competitors must enter online.

15. Course Setting

15.1. The course will be displayed on a board from the OOd Boat and may be displayed from the rescue Boats

15.2. Course marks for dinghies will be a mixture of Harbour marks and laid club marks and map of which will be posted under appendix 3

16. Prizes

16.1 Listed in appendix 4