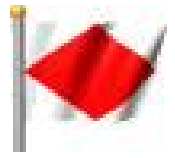




Hamble River Sailing Club Firefly Open Meeting

Saturday 13th/ Sunday 14th 2009
Sailing Instructions



1 - Rules

1.1 - The Regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

2 - Communications

2.1 - Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board in the HRSC entrance lobby.

2.2 - Signals made ashore will be displayed on the main flagstaff of the Hamble River Sailing Club.

2.3 - Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board before 09:00 on the day it takes effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted before 20:00 on the day before it takes effect.

2.4 - When Flag AP is displayed ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after flag AP is lowered. This changes RRS Postponement Signals.

3 - Schedule of Races

3.1 - Schedule

Date	1st Warning	No. Races
Sat 13 th	12:00	3
Sun 14 th	10:30	3

3.2 - Subsequent races on each day will start as soon as possible after the finish of the previous race.

3.3 - After a long postponement, to alert boats that a race will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound for at least four minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

3.4 - On Sat 13th, no initial warning signal will be made after 16:30

3.5 - On Sun 14th, no initial warning signal will be made after 15:00

4 - Class Flag

4.1 - The Class Flag will be Flag 'F'

5 - Race Area

5.1 - Racing will take place in Southampton Water up to 2½ miles SE of the Hamble River Entrance. Competitors should be aware that it may take up to 1 hour to reach the racing area.

6 - Course

6.1 - The course and the no. rounds to be sailed will be indicated by displaying on the Race Committee Boat a single letter (A, B, C or D) and a single number. The courses are shown below.

7 - Marks

7.1 - Marks 1, 2, 3, 4 will be inflatable buoys.

7.2 - The Start Line Outer Distance mark will be a yellow inflatable tetrahedral buoy.

7.3 - The Finish line mark will be a dan buoy with a blue flag.

8 - Start

8.1 - When flag 'G' is displayed on the Race Committee Boat, a Gate Start will be used.

8.1.(a) - A starting mark will be laid at the leeward end of the gate.

8.1.(b) - The gate launch will display flag 'G' and the guard launch will display flag 'U'. Starting signals will be made on the Race Committee Boat.

8.1.(c) - The pathfinder for the first race will be nominated by the race committee. Subsequently, the pathfinder will be the tenth boat in the preceding race. When she is unable to race or has been the pathfinder previously in the event, the pathfinder will be the eleventh boat in the preceding race and so on. Her number will be displayed on a board on the race committee boat prior to the warning signal, and may be displayed on the official notice board. The pathfinder shall report to the gate launch ten minutes before the warning signal.

8.1.(d) - At or around the starting signal, the pathfinder will sail from the starting mark on a close hauled port tack. During the start, the pathfinder will be followed by the gate launch and the guard launch will keep station off the pathfinder's starboard bow.

8.1.(e) - The starting line will be between the starting mark and the stern of the gate launch.

8.1.(f) - The pathfinder shall maintain her course until released by the race officer.

8.2 - When a Line Start is being used, the starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat and the start line Outer Distance Mark (ODM). The start line ODM will be as described in 7.2 - above.

8.3 - A boat shall not start later than 5 minutes after her starting signal.

9 - The Finish

9.1 - The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and an outer distance mark as described in 7.3 - above.

9.2 - Alternative Finishing Line

9.2.(a) - After the first boat has finished, the Race Committee may finish other boats at any mark of the course.

9.2.(b) - When a committee boat displays flag 'W' with two sound signals, boats which have not yet rounded the nearby mark shall finish between this mark and the staff on the boat displaying flag 'W'.

9.2.(c) - When a boat finishes in accordance with this SI, she shall be awarded a finishing place after all boats that have completed more legs of the course and then finished.

10 - Time Limit

10.1 - The time limit will be 30 minutes after the first boat finishes. This changes RRS 35.

10.2 - Boats not finishing within the time limit will be scored the average of the points available to those boats still racing had such boats finished. This changes RRS A4.2

10.3 - If no boat has rounded the first mark within 30 minutes after a valid start, the race will be abandoned.

11 - Protests

11.1 - Protests and requests for redress shall be lodged in the Race Office no later than 2 hours after the last boat finishes, or retires from, the last race of the day.

11.2 - An approximate timetable of protests will be posted on the Official Notice Board 30 mins after the end of Protest Time. This is the notice under RRS 63.2.

11.3 - The notification of a protest by the Race Committee against a competitor as required by RRS 61.1(b) shall consist of a notice on the official notice board within the time limit required by the rule.

11.4 - On the last day of scheduled racing, a party to a hearing may ask for a re-opening no later than one hour of being informed of the decision. This changes RRS 66.

12 - Scoring

12.1 - The scoring system is the RRS default system. (*Low Points, 1 discard*)

13 - Safety

13.1 - A protest under this SI may be brought only by the Race Committee and not by a competitor. This changes RRS 60.1.

13.2 - Personal Flotation Devices shall be worn by all competitors at all times while afloat. Flag 'Y' will not be displayed. This changes RRS 40.

13.3 - Tallies.

13.3.(a) - Every boat is given a number at registration which is its tally number

13.3.(b) - A beach master is in charge of the issue and return of tallies in the launching area

13.3.(c) - Tallies are in the form of thick numbered plastic bands

- 13.3.(d) - Tallies are kept on a numbered hook, one colour for helm and one for crew
- 13.3.(e) - Tallies are to be worn around the wrist at all times until returned.
- 13.3.(f) - On returning to shore the Tallies must be returned to the beach master as soon as possible
- 13.3.(g) - A boat will take a 20% scoring penalty for each race completed while infringing this Sl. This scoring penalty (defined in RRS 44.3(c)) will be imposed by the race committee without a hearing

- 13.3.(h) - The race committee may choose not to impose this penalty if a donation of £10 is made to the "Hamble Inshore Rescue".
- 13.4 - A boat that retires from a race shall when possible notify a race committee boat before leaving the racing area and shall notify the beachmaster immediately upon returning ashore.

13.5 - A boat may receive unsolicited assistance from a race committee vessel such as a safety boat without penalty, provided that no significant advantage has been gained, and a report has been made to the jury

14 - Equipment & Measurement

14.1 - Permission may be given by the Race Committee to use a distinguishing number other than that shown on a boats certificate.

