



Hampton Pier Yacht Club

Sailing Bye - Laws

| Existing Bye-law | Proposal |
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| <p>RACE OFFICER:</p> <p>1. No race will be held if the Race Officer, Sailing Secretary or other Senior Officer considers the conditions to be unsuitable.</p> | Add to Sailing Instructions. 'Senior Officer' changed to 'Executive Officer'. |
| <p>2. All members intending to enter a race must sign the Safety Log at least 45 minutes before the published start time of the race and unless five helms have signified their intention to sail by this time the race will not be run. A sound signal shall be given 50 minutes before the start time of the race to remind members of this requirement. The only exception to this will be for Wednesday's Evening Series races when members should sign the Safety Log as soon as possible before the start of the race.</p> | Add to Sailing Instructions with some updating. |
| <p>3. Members should not advise or try to influence the Race Officer in setting courses. The Race Officer should seek advice from the Sailing Secretary or Senior Officer present. Either of these has the authority to require a course to be altered.</p> | Add to Sailing Instructions. 'Senior Officer' changed to 'Executive Officer'. |
| <p>4. No race may be held unless at least one rescue boat is afloat.</p> | Add to Sailing Instructions. 'Rescue boat' changed to 'safety boat'. |
| <p>5. The Race Officer's Duty does not end until he has seen the rescue boat(s) ashore, checked the Safety Log and accounted for all the boats that have been sailing.</p> | To be added to the Race Officer's Handbook. |
| <p>6. Races should be planned to last 90 minutes for the first boat in each class.</p> | This is guidance and should not appear in the bye-laws. Delete. |
| <p>7. The Race Officer, in consultation with a Club Officer shall decide whether a second rescue boat is not required. (NB: The RYA recommends one rescue boat for every fifteen boats, including boats that are not racing.)</p> | To be added to the Race Officer's Handbook. |
| <p>8. Periodically, the Race Officer, or someone delegated by him, should inspect the paddles, anchors and warps and disqualify any boat not complying with Club Sailing Instruction 15.2.</p> | Not a bye-law. Delete. |
| <p>9. Whenever possible the Fast and Medium Classes should have separate starts. The Slow boats should always start by themselves.</p> | Not a bye-law. Delete. |
| <p>10. The Race Officer should always bear in mind that the Slow and possibly the Medium Classes may well need a different course from that set for the Fast handicap to provide satisfactory racing for all classes.</p> | Not a bye-law. Delete. |
| <p>11. Race Officials must be present at least one hour before the start of the race. The Rescue Boat must be afloat 20 minutes before the Starting Signal.</p> | Out of date and contradicted by other guidance. Delete. |

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| <p>RESCUE BOAT CREWS:</p> <p>12. Crews must ensure that they are not affected by alcohol and there must be no alcoholic drinks in the boat. For safety reasons there must be no smoking in the boat.</p> | <p>Add to Sailing Instructions. 'Rescue boat' changed to 'safety boat'.</p> |
| <p>13. The Rear Commodore should be informed of any holiday dates and given adequate notice (i.e. as soon as a problem is known and at least a week unless there is an emergency) if a crew member cannot carry out a duty.</p> | <p>True, but not really a bye-law. Delete or add to the Sailing and Social programme card.</p> |
| <p>14. Only experienced members of the Club who are over 18 years of age may act as rescue boat skippers. Competent members over 16 may act as crew providing there is an experienced adult skipper.</p> | <p>Add to Sailing Instructions. 'Experienced' changed to 'competent' and 'rescue boat' changed to 'safety boat'.</p> |
| <p>15. Thermos flasks are available if required on request at the canteen.</p> | <p>True, but not really a bye-law. Delete.</p> |
| <p>16. Crews should wash and tidy the boat after use.</p> | <p>True, but not really a bye-law. Delete.</p> |
| <p>17. If a crew member does not arrive, the deficiency shall be filled by taking the names of all those sailing and picking one at random, unless there is a volunteer.</p> | <p>To be re-written to provide for the non-arrival of any duty holder and to be added to the Race Officer's Handbook.</p> |
| <p>18. Crews should ensure that the boat contains: radio (which must be tested), tool box (with first aid kit, knife and space blanket), ladder, 3 anchors and 2 throwing lines.</p> | <p>To be added to the Race Officer's Handbook.</p> |
| <p>GENERAL:</p> <p>19. Only Club Members may race as helms or crews.</p> | <p>Delete. It does not apply to open meetings or nationals and is contradicted by our rules. Rule 16.4 allows visitors to take part in racing, though the results do not count if the visitor is the helm.</p> |
| <p>20. Boats not participating in a particular start must stay clear of boats that are starting (I.Y.R.U. Rule 30.1 'Hindering Another Yacht'). This also applies to the finish when all boats should stay clear of the line so that they do not obstruct the Race Officer's view. This includes boats on the beach.</p> | <p>Already in the Sailing Instructions. Delete.</p> |
| <p>21. Members should attend courses to fit them for their Rescue Boat and Race Tower duties.</p> | <p>True, but not really a bye-law. Delete.</p> |
| <p>22. The Club cannot provide rescue facilities for members sailing at times other than those of scheduled events on the Sailing Programme. In such cases 'Buddy Sailing' is recommended.</p> | <p>True, but not really a bye-law. Delete.</p> |
| <p>23. Only adult members who have been instructed in the management of the winch may use it, observing the guidelines that have been posted.</p> | <p>Add to Sailing Instructions</p> |