

# Hampton Pier Yacht Club

## Sailing Instructions for Club Racing



### 1. RULES

All racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the 'Racing Rules of Sailing for '2021-24' including the RYA Prescriptions.

### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located beside the Race Tower and/or the Course Board.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted one hour before the scheduled start of the race.

### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Race Tower.

4.2. A system of coloured lights shall be used for Warning and Preparatory signals together with the appropriate International Code flags for other signals. The colours for each class will be posted on the Course Board. In the event of a power failure, the normal I.C. flags will be used. This changes Rule 26.

### 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

The scheduled time of the starting signal for the first race of each day will be as shown in the Club Sailing Programme.

### 6. CLASS FLAGS

If required details of the class flags will be posted on the Course Board.

### 7. RACING AREAS

7.1. Appendix A shows the general location of the racing area.

7.2. No boat, other than one out of control whilst racing, is to sail in the following prohibited areas as shown in Appendix A:

- between the end of Hampton Pier and the appropriate marker (over the rocks),
- in the area south of the line of buoys marking the ski lanes at Studd Hill,
- in an area marked with dan buoys or similar marks dedicated to swimming, west of Herne Bay Pier.

### 8. THE COURSES

8.1. The Course area, configuration and number of laps, will be displayed on the Course Board.

8.2. For Club Line Starts and Finishes a boat will start and finish each lap by passing between the Inner and Outer Distance marks.

8.3. The Race Officer should seek advice on course setting from the Sailing Secretary or Executive Officer present. Either of these has the authority to require a course to be altered.

### 9. MARKS

The description of the marks will be posted on the Course Board.

### 10. THE START

10.1. For Committee Boat Starts the starting line will be between a mast bearing an orange flag or shape on the committee boat and an outer distance buoy.

10.2. For Club Line Starts, the starting line will be a continuation of the line between the Club Transit Pole (on the Race Tower) and the Inner Distance Mark, bounded by an Outer Distance Mark to seaward. A boat will start each lap by passing between the Inner and Outer Distance Marks.

10.3. In series racing, no race will be deemed to start or any points awarded unless at least 5 boats rank as starters. In cup racing, at least five boats must rank as starters for the first race of the day

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but this condition will not apply to any subsequent races held on that day for that cup. A race may involve different classes and or fleets of boats.

10.4. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

10.5. A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4.

### 11. **STARTING PENALTIES**

In any start following a General Recall, if a boat crosses the starting line in the minute before the starting signal, Rule 30.1 (I flag rule) shall apply whether flag I has been displayed or not.

### 12. **THE FINISH**

12.1. For Committee Boat Finishes the finishing line shall be between a mast bearing an orange flag or shape on the committee boat and an outer finishing mark.

12.2. For Club Line Finishes the finishing line shall be a continuation of the line between the Club Transit Pole and the Inner Distance Mark, bounded by an Outer Distance mark to seaward. A boat will finish each lap by passing between the Inner and Outer Distance Marks.

### 13. **PENALTY SYSTEM**

As provided in rule 67, the Protest Committee may, without a hearing, penalise a boat that has broken Rule 42.

### 14. **TIME LIMITS**

14.1. The time limit shall be 2 hours. If no boat has finished within this time limit, the race will be abandoned.

14.2. Boats failing to finish within 1 hour after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5. 14.3 If a race is to be run according to the 'Average Lap System' as defined in Appendix B the duration of the race will be specified on the Course Board and paragraphs 14.1 & 14.2 of these Instructions will not apply.

### 15. **PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

15.1. Protest forms are available at the Race Tower. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the Race Officer/Race Tower within the appropriate time limit.

15.2. The time limit for protests, including protests by the race committee, and requests for redress is 1 hour after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

15.3. Protests will be heard at a time and place to be advised by the Race Committee.

### 16. **SCORING**

16.1. Scoring will be in accordance with the Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing except as follows:

16.2. When a duty has been carried out per rota 3 points will be allocated for that race in series racing. A qualifying helm in a series may not claim points for more than one duty. For Ganges series, anyone doing a duty will be allocated 3 points for each race on a particular day.

16.3. A boat that did not start (DNS), did not finish (DNF), retired after finishing (RTD), was disqualified (DSQ) or did not start; on course side at starting signal but no penalty taken (OCS), shall be scored points one more than the number of starters in that race. Boats that do not come to the starting area (DNC) shall be scored points two more than the number of starters in that race. This changes rules A4.2. & A9.

16.4. For series racing the number of races to count compared to the number of races sailed will be:



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Races Sailed	Races to Count
1	1
2-3	2
4	3
5-6	4
7-8	5
9-10	7

### 17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1. No race will be held if the Race Officer, Sailing Secretary or other Executive Officer considers the conditions to be unsuitable.
- 17.2. No race may be held unless at least one safety boat is afloat. Only experienced members of the Club who are over 18 years of age may act as safety boat skippers. Competent members over 16 may act as crew providing there is an experienced skipper who is over 18 years of age.
- 17.3. Each helmsman shall sign the safety log at least 45 minutes before the start of the first race of the day. A sound signal shall be given 50 minutes before the start time of the first race of the day to remind members of this requirement. For all other races on the same day, members must sign in before the warning signal. For the Wednesday Evening Series members should sign the Safety Log as soon as possible before the start of the race. Within 30 minutes of the end of each race, the helmsman shall sign the log in the 'Declaration' column to certify that the helmsman has 'obeyed all the rules of sailing and instructions during the race', or sign in the 'Retired' column.
  - 17.3.1. Back to Back, Match Racing and Special Events Instructions 17.3 may be modified to suit the event. Instructions shall be posted on the race board prior to the start of the race.
- 17.4. Failure to sign 'out' or 'in' shall provide grounds for disqualification, without a hearing, by the Race Officer or Sailing Secretary.
- 17.5. Personal Flotation Devices must be worn at all times whilst afloat. This changes the Part 4 Preamble and Rule 40.
- 17.6. In view of tidal conditions, boats must carry an adequate anchor and at least 30 metres of suitable cable. Each boat must carry a suitable paddle or oars. This to override any class rule to the contrary.
- 17.7. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Officer as soon as possible
- 17.8. Only members over 18 years of age who have been instructed in the management of the winch may use it, observing the guidelines that have been posted.

### 18. REPLACEMENT OF CREWS

The helm and boat qualify for points in a series therefore it is possible to change crews if necessary.

### 19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Members and competitors participate in Club activities entirely at their own risk. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after such activity.

### 20. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000.

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### APPENDIX A - GENERAL LOCATION OF THE SAILING AREA



Hatched Areas: No boat, other than one out of control whilst racing, is to pass between the end of Hampton Pier and the appropriate marker (over the rocks), sail in the area south of the line of buoys marking the ski lanes at Studd Hill or sail in an area marked with dan buoys or similar marks dedicated to swimming, west of Herne Bay Pier. Instruction 7.2 refers.

### APPENDIX B AVERAGE LAP SYSTEM

1. A time limit will be established before the start of each race.
2. All boats will sail the course, completing as many laps as possible.
3. Boats that are on the last leg of a lap (excluding the 'hook mark') when the finishing sign is made, will finish in the normal way. All other boats will stop racing and come ashore. Except for the Ganges cup where racing will stop as soon as the time limit is reached and everyone will return to the start area for the 2nd race or to the shore.
4. The final time of each boat will be divided by the number of laps completed thus giving an average lap time.
5. This will then be processed in the normal way to give a corrected time.