



# RIPON SAILING CLUB

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### Rules Disputes

#### X Exoneration Penalty

X.1 A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2, or rule 31 or 42, may, after finishing the race concerned and before the start of a related protest hearing, notify the race committee that she accepts a 20% scoring penalty as stated in rule 44.3(c), (except that the minimum penalty is two places if that does not result in a score worse than DNF). This penalty does not reverse an OCS score, a disqualification under rule 30.3 or a penalty under Appendix P. It is not available for a breach of rule 2 or of class rules or for gross misconduct under rule 69. Nor is it available to a boat that caused injury or serious damage, or gained a significant advantage by her breach: in these circumstances, her penalty is to retire.

X.2 When an Exoneration Penalty is accepted,

(a) Neither the boat nor a protest committee may then revoke or remove the penalty.

(b) The boat shall not be penalized further in a protest hearing when the protest committee decides that it was appropriate to the facts found and the applicable rules.

#### Y Advisory Hearing

When there is an incident that will not result in the lodging of a protest or a request for redress, a boat, protest committee or race committee may request an advisory hearing with the race office, and notify any boat involved in the incident. An adviser will then call a hearing to learn what may have happened and will state whether any rule appears to have been broken, and by which boat. A boat may as a result notify the race office that she accepts an Exoneration Penalty when it applies to the incident, or choose to retire.

#### Z RYA Arbitration

Z.1 When a protest or request for redress is lodged, a boat may at the same time request RYA Arbitration, or the protest committee or race committee may offer it.

Z.2 If the parties and a member of the protest or race committee agree that RYA Arbitration is suitable, an arbitrator (who may be that member of the protest committee) will call a hearing conforming to Section B of Part 5 of the Racing Rules of Sailing, except that rule 64.1(a) will not apply. Instead, when the arbitrator decides that a boat that is a party to the arbitration hearing has broken a rule for which the Exoneration Penalty is available, the party will be invited to accept that penalty, and, if it is accepted by a protested boat, the protesting boat will be allowed to withdraw the protest, changing rule 63.1.

Z.3 When there is not an agreement to use RYA Arbitration, or when, after RYA Arbitration, a protest is not withdrawn or the Exoneration Penalty is not applicable to the facts, there will be a normal protest hearing, at which the arbitrator may be a member of the protest committee. Rule 66 will not apply to the arbitration decision. A boat may still accept an Exoneration Penalty at any time before the start of a protest hearing and receive its protection from further penalization. She may also retire.

Z.4 When redress is offered and accepted at the RYA Arbitration, the protest committee or race committee may seek to have this reviewed by asking for a full hearing. When redress is offered and not accepted, or not offered at all, the boat may have her request heard before a protest committee.

### Rules

Racing will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA, the class rules.

#### 1. Notices to competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board(s) located outside the race office or in the Clubhouse.

#### General

The safety of a boat and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/person in charge who must ensure that the boat and crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of the race.

Neither these sailing instructions nor any inspection of the boat reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner/person in charge for the crew, the boat and her management.

The race organisers shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/person in charge, or crew, as a result of their taking part in the race or races.

The owner/person in charge warrants the suitability of the boat for the race or races.

#### Identification – Sail Numbers

No boat shall sail with the same sail number as another in the same class, except with the express permission of the PRO. All boats racing shall display sail numbers as prescribed by the Class Association.

#### Personal Buoyancy

Adequate Personal buoyancy must be worn at all times when afloat. Wet suits/Dry suits do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy. This alters RRS 40

#### Declarations

Registration for the event will be taken as 'signing on' for each race within the event. Helms are required to sign off after each race. Intended changes to craft or crew combinations for particular races (eg the pursuit race) are to be advised via the entry form.

#### Insurance

All owners shall warrant that their craft is covered by a minimum of £2,000,000 third party liability insurance.

#### 3 Changes to Sailing Instructions

Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than 30 minutes before the first race on the day it will take effect and will be signaled by displaying flag "L" accompanied by one sound signal.

#### 4 Signals Made Ashore

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole adjacent to the Race Office.

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### 4.2 Schedule of Races: Open Events

The schedule of races will be as published in the Notice of Race for the event or on the official notice board or by the event organisers.

### 8 Racing Area

The racing area will be Farnham Lake (see also rule 17 local variations)

### 9 The Course

The course to be sailed will be displayed at the Race Office or on the Committee Boat. Where possible a lead boat will be provided for the first lap of each race.

#### The required side of a mark will be indicated by:

Red background, mark to be left to Port, Green Background mark to be left to Starboard.

### 9.1 Number of Rounds

The number of rounds to be sailed will be displayed on the course board.

### 9.2 Marks

Course marks are numbered 1 to 9 inclusive:

Even numbered marks are Yellow in colour,

Odd numbered marks are Red in colour,

There are six additional marks C,F,M,P,S & T which are blue in colour.

### 9.3 Course marks may be supplemented by temporary marks which may be either:

White, Green or Yellow in colour.

### 10 The Start

#### 10.1 Flag Signals

Races will be started using RRS 26

#### 10.2 Individual Recalls

Individual recalls will be dealt with in accordance with RRS 29.1

#### 10.3 General Recalls

General recalls will be dealt with in accordance with RRS 29.2

#### 10.4 Starting lines

The start line and it's location will be described on the course board

#### 10.6 Limit Marks (IDM)

Limit marks may be laid adjacent to the ends of a start line, they are marks of the course and must be passed on the same side as the starting mark they guard, and boats shall not pass between the limit mark and the mark it guards.

### 11 Change of Course after the start

The course will not be changed after the start.

### 12 The Finish

The finishing line will be as described on the course board.

### 13 Penalty System

Touching a mark RRS rule 31 shall apply. Penalty for breaking a rule of Part II RRS rule 44.1 shall apply.

### 14 Time Limits

The time limit for each race will be 90 minutes.

### 15 Protests

Protest forms will be available from the Race committee, completed protest forms must be returned to the Race committee within 30 minutes of the time of the last boat to finish in the race concerned.

#### 15.2 Protests will be heard as soon as possible.

#### 15.3 The Exoneration Penalty [and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration] of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available.

### 16 Scoring System

The number of races to count will be published in the notice of race.

#### 16.3 Scoring shall be in accordance with Appendices Section 1 Appendix A "Scoring" using the low points system A4.1.

#### 16.4 Ties shall be broken in accordance with Appendix A, A8.1 to A 8.3 inclusive.

### 17 Local Variations

Farnham Lake is also used by an angling club; boats must remain at least 15 meters from any angler, for the purposes of RRS 19 anglers must be treated as an obstruction.

Boats must not pass between the limit mark and the west shore of the lake. The limit mark and water to the west of it are to be considered as a continuous obstruction for the purpose of RRS 19.

For the purposes of racing this mark has a required side but does not carry a penalty for hitting it, boats passing between the mark and the west shore will be disqualified from the race.

### 18 Safety

A boat that retires shall inform the Race Committee as soon as possible.

### 19 Disclaimer of liability

Competitors participate in racing entirely at their own risk. See RRS rule 4 "Decision to Race". Ripon Sailing Club will accept no liability for material damage, or injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, or during, or after racing.