

# RBSC ~ Sailing Instructions ~ Oct 2022

## 1 Rules

- 1.1 RBSC's Regatta's and Series will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and as amended by these Sailing Instructions

## 2 Entries

- 2.1 Boats must be entered by **completing entry forms** in the clubhouse, before the first preparatory signal in a race start sequence.
- 2.2 Visitors may enter Club races, with permission of a committee member or the race officer, **but are not** eligible for Club Trophies
- 2.3 Boats not signed in by the boat's representative need not be entered by the OOD
- 2.4 Adequate personal buoyancy **must** be worn afloat.

## 3 Notices to competitors

Extraordinary notices to competitors will be posted on the Race notice board located in the clubhouse

## 4 Changes in Sailing Instructions

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before **10.30am** (or at the briefing) on the day it will take effect and attention will be drawn to them.

## 5 Signals made ashore

- 5.1 Flag signals will be displayed in front of the Race Box
- 5.2 Flag Q with one sound signal means a **secondary start line** will be used.
- 5.3 Flag AP with two sound signals (one when lowered) means: - The race is postponed. The warning signal will be made not less than 1 minute after the AP is lowered.
- 5.4 If a race is postponed for more than 30 minutes it may be abandoned to allow the next programmed race to start on time.
- 5.5 Flag S with 2 sound signals means the race is shortened to the finish line (see 12). On hearing the sound signal, the lead boat should round the next mark – thereby completing the leg of the course they are currently sailing – and then return directly to the finish line (see 12) which may be passed in either direction. (This changes RRS rule 32.2). Flag S plus class flag means the race is shortened for that class only. The OOD will endeavour to ensure that the leading boat is aware of the change of course.
- 5.6 General recall – the start recalled will restart **after** all other scheduled starts.
- 5.7 In the event of a start repeatedly needing general recalls the use of a black flag (in place of preparatory flag) may be used.

## 6 Schedule of Races

- 6.1 Regattas - As printed in a Notice of Race, or as stated at the Pre Race Briefing
- 6.2 Club Series - As printed in the RBSC Programme

## 7 Class Flags

Class flags will be the International Code Flags

Numeral 9                      Allcomers A                      Numeral 6      Allcomers B

## 8 Racing Area

The racing area will be Rollesby Broad and Eels Foot Broad .

## 9 The Course

- 9.1 White numbers on red or green backgrounds will indicate the course. The numbers to be read from left to right, background colours indicate whether the mark should be left to port or starboard.
- 9.2 A black & white number on the right-hand side of the board shall indicate the number of rounds.
- 9.3 For multi-fleet/multi-start series races which are scored separately, then separate courses may be set for each start. These will be displayed on the course board on separate rows.

## 10 Marks

### 10.1 Rollesby Broad - Open Regattas and Club Events

Marks 2-6 shall be placed in a clockwise order with No 2 to the left of the Clubhouse and No 6 in the by the bridge.

No 1 is an extra mark which may be placed anywhere within the race area.

### 10.2 Eels Foot Broad - Club Events only

Mark Letter **C** shall be placed by the Café, mark **M** in the middle of the broad and mark **P** by the Boathouse (Eels Foot) PH. A small mark shall be placed at each end of the Eels Foot cut, and the use of a paddle or paddles is allowed between these. Boats sailing shall have right of way over boats paddling within reason.

## 11 The Start

- 11.1 Races will be started using rule 26, with classes starting at 5 minute intervals except that Allcomers A & B **may** be started together when 4 or fewer of either fleet have entered – all competitors to be given **sufficient notice** to altered start arrangement.
- 11.2 2 long sound signals indicate that the starting procedure will begin in 5 minutes
- 11.3 **The primary start line shall be between the yellow and red post on the clubhouse race box and an outer distance mark.** An inner distance mark with a blue flag will also be used and boats are required to pass between the inner and outer distance marks.

- 11.4 If a secondary start line is used, it shall be between two marks - an outer and inner distance mark - placed anywhere on the course **within the sound range of the Race Box**. A mark of the course may be used as one of the distance marks if necessary. A committee boat may be placed at either end of the line to provide a recall facility but does not form part of the start line. All signals will continue to be made ashore.
- 11.5 Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and all boats whose preparatory signal has been made.
- 11.6 RSS Rule 45 does not apply.
- 11.7 A boat shall not start more than 5 minutes after her starting signal.

## 12 The Finish

The finishing line will be the line used in 11.3.

## 13 Time Limit

Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat finishes - the “Finishing Window”- may be scored DNF. (This changes RRS Rule 35)

## 14 Average Lap

At the OOD’s discretion, a boat deemed unlikely to finish within the time limit (see 13) may be given a position calculated using their average lap time. If any boat has been given a position using their average lap time, then no “Time Limit” shall be applied and all boats in their start will be allowed to finish. Average Lap calculations cannot be used if a secondary start line (see 11.4) is used.

## 15 Protests

- 15.1 Protests will be written on forms available at the race office and delivered within 30 minutes after the time of the last boat’s finish.
- 15.2 Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible. All practical measures to resolve protests through arbitration should be entered into before a formal protest hearing.

## 16 Scoring

- 16.1 Regattas
  - 16.1.2 The boat will be scored when the crew is as named on the entry sheet
  - 16.1.3 The low point system rule A4 will apply, **with discards included in the countback process before the score from the last race**. Each boat’s score will be the total of her race scores with her worst score discarded when 3 or more races are completed.

## 16.2 Club Series

16.2.1 The helm, not the boat, will be scored

16.2.2 The low point system rule A4 will apply, **with discards included in the countback process before the score from the last race.** The number of races to count for a series will be half the total number of completed plus one rounded down to the nearest whole number. *(For Wednesday it will be half the number completed races rounded down to the nearest whole number)*

## 17 Prizes

17.1 Series prizes will be awarded provided a minimum of 3 races have been sailed

17.2 Prizes will be awarded as follows:-

Three or less competitors – 1st place only

Four or Five Competitors – 1st and 2nd place only

Six competitors or more – 1st, 2nd and 3rd place only

*17.2 (subject to trophy officer's / race officer's discretion given sailing conditions)*

# RBSC Sailing Areas

Indicates the general area in which the marks will be placed

