



## Royal Southern Yacht Club

### SB20 UK OPEN & NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2017

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organising Authority is the Royal Southern Yacht Club

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, and the SB20 Class Rules, the Sailing Instructions (SI's) and the Notice of Race. In the case of conflict the SI's will prevail.
- 1.2 The RC may also shorten or abandon a race due to major wind shifts or irregular winds. This changes RRS 32.1

### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) located in the entrance lobby of the Royal Southern Yacht Club.
- 2.2 Safety and other information when afloat will be broadcast VHF Channel 8 call sign "Southern Committee"

### 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 09.00 on the day it will take effect, except that any changes to the schedule of races will be posted by 20.00 or the end of protest time whichever is the later, on the day before it will take effect.

### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Club flagstaff on the terrace.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in the race signal AP.
- 4.3 When flag "Y" is displayed ashore and/or on the Committee Boat, RRS 40 applies at all times while afloat. This changes RRS Part 4 preamble.

### 5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Ten Races are scheduled and no more than 4 races shall be raced per day.

Date	Time	Event
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	0900 - 1230 1030 1300	Launching / Registration Competitor briefing 3 Races First warning
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	1055	4 races – First warning back to back
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	1025	3 races – First warning back to back

5.2 When more than one race is held on the same day, the warning signal for the next race will be made as soon as possible after the end of the previous race.

5.3 In order to alert boats that a race will be starting soon, an orange flag will be displayed on the Committee vessel with a sound signal 5 minutes prior to the warning signal.

5.4 On the final day of the regatta, no warning signal will be after 1425

## 6 CLASS FLAG

The class flag NN 2 will be used for the event.

## 7 RACE AREA

The race area will be the Central & Eastern Solent with a start line in the area of Royal Southern Buoy – this may vary with wind direction.

## 8 COURSES

2.1 There will be 2 styles of windward/leeward courses using laid inflatable mark.

2.2 The course to be used (A or B) will be identified by the appropriate board displayed on the committee boat. The course letter will also be announced on VHF Radio Ch.8

2.3 The course layouts are shown in Appendix 1.

2.4 The mark descriptions and colours will be announced on VHF.

## 9 THE START

### PROCEDURE

9.1 The starting procedure will be as per RRS 26. (5 minute sequence).

9.2 The start line will be between an orange coloured pole flying an orange flag on the Main Committee Vessel and an Inflatable laid Outer Distance Mark (ODM).

9.3 An Inner Distance Mark (IDM) may be laid approx 15 metres from the Starting Vessel, but not necessarily on the start line, this will be an inflatable mark. The IDM (if laid) is a mark of the course.

9.4 After the 1 minute signal for each start, no yacht may pass between the Inner Distance mark and the Committee Vessel. Any yacht infringing this rule shall sail to the pre start side of the start line around either end of the line before starting.

9.5 SI 9.4 ceases to apply following a valid start to each race.

9.6 During the final minute before each start, the gap between the inner distance mark and the Committee vessel does not rank as an obstruction.

9.7 No yacht shall start later than 10 minutes after her starting signal.

## 10 RECALLS & CHANGES TO U FLAG and BLACK FLAG RULE

10.1 Sail numbers of individually recalled boats may be hailed or displayed from the CB and or broadcast on VHF as soon as practical. Failure to hail or broadcast sail numbers shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a). A boat starting later than 10 minutes after

her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

- 10.2 Rule 30.3 (U Flag Rule) and 30.4 (Black Flag Rule) are changed in that the sail numbers of defaulting boats will be notified by VHF radio and will not be physically displayed.

## **11 CHANGE OF NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 11.1 When a change of position of the windward mark 1 is necessary it will be replaced with a different coloured mark. Mark 2 will not be reset following this change until the first leg of the following race.
- 11.2 When the leeward gate is to be changed it will be replaced by a single mark and be left to Port. In the ensuing race the full gate will be replaced.
- 11.3 No change of course will be signaled if the change of wind direction is 15 degrees or less

## **12 THE FINISH**

The finish line will be between the last mark of the course and a staff flying an orange flag on an adjacent Committee Vessel.

## **13 PENALTY SYSTEM**

Rule 44.1 & P2.1 are changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe is required.

## **14 TIME LIMIT**

- 14.1 The target time for each race is 50 minutes. Failure to meet the target time shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b) and 62.1(a).
- 14.2 Boats failing to finish 20 minutes after the first valid finished shall be scored DNF
- 14.3 The time limit per race is 90 minutes.
- 14.4 If no boat has rounded the first mark after 30 minutes the race will be abandoned.

## **15 PROTESTS**

- 15.1 Boats wishing to protest should in addition to satisfying the requirements of RRS 61, radio their intentions to the Race Officer on completion of the race concerned, giving the name or sail number of the boat they intend to protest and await an acknowledgement.
- 15.2 Protest forms will be available from the reception desk in the Royal Southern Yacht Club.
- 15.3 Protests must be delivered to the Reception desk at the R.Srn YC within 1 hour of the return to the Club pontoon of the Main Committee Vessel. This time will be posted on the ONB. In exceptional circumstances this time may be varied by the Protest Committee.
- 15.4 A notice will be posted on the ONB indicating the location and time of the protest hearing, within 30 minutes of the delivery of the protest form.
- 15.5 The protest committee is empowered to award lesser penalties than prescribed in the RRS.
- 15.6 On the last day of the event
- (a) a request to re-open a hearing shall be delivered within protest time if the party requesting re-opening was informed of the decision on the previous day; or no later than 15 minutes after the party requesting re-opening was informed of the decision if that is on the last day of the event.
- (b) a request for redress from a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was notified.
- 15.7 This SI changes RRS 60.2(a), 60.3(a), 61.1(b), 61.3, 62.2, 63.2, 64.1(a) and 66.

## **16. SCORING**

- 16.1 The low point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 16.2 A minimum of 3 races shall be completed to constitute the championship.
- 16.3 When fewer than 6 races have been completed, no score shall be excluded.
- 16.4 When 6 or more from races 6 to 10 have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## **17. PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded for the first 3 places with a Trophy for the winning boat. Other prizes may be awarded – see ONB.

## **18. RISK STATEMENT**

Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- (a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;

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