

Preliminary
The Yachting World Dayboat Association
National Championships 2008
The Poole Yacht Club
Saturday 16th to Friday 22nd August 2008

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (2005 – 2008)*.
- 1.2** The prescriptions of the RYA national authority will apply.
- 1.3** The Class Rules of The Yachting World Dayboat Association shall apply.
- 1.4** In the event of conflict between these Sailing Instructions and any supplementary Instructions, these instructions shall apply.
- 1.5** Racing rule 40.1: When flag Y is displayed with one sound before, or with the warning signal, competitors shall wear lifejackets or other adequate personal buoyancy. Wet suits and dry suits are not adequate personal buoyancy.
- 1.6** References to Sailing Instruction numbers below refer to these Sailing Instructions only.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in Colin's Cabin.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 45 minutes before the start of the race in which it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20.00 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Club flagstaff.
- 4.2** When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes.'

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1** Registration: 9am to 4pm Saturday 16th August 2008 – Colin's Cabin; then from 6.30pm in the Club House.
- 5.2** Dates of racing: Sunday 17th to Friday 22nd August (inclusive).
- 5.3** Number of races: Five points races are scheduled to be sailed during the regatta, plus the following races: Lady Helm, Cadet, Long Distance and Crews.
- 5.4** For details of timings, including Competitors' briefing, please refer to Appendix.
- 5.5** On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 15.00 hrs.

6 CLASS FLAG

Class flag will be: D (blue with yellow at top and bottom edges.)

7 RACING AREA

The racing area will be in the area of Poole Harbour immediately to the South of Poole YC., known as "the top triangle." (except for The Long Distance Race which may be out of Poole Harbour.)

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1** The Appendix shows a selection of courses, from which one may be selected; please note the angles are approximate between legs; they show order in which marks are to be

passed and the side on which each mark is to be left. The chosen course will be posted on the Dayboat Notice Board at least 60 minutes before the race start time and the reference number will be displayed from a board on the Committee Boat.

9 MARKS

9.1 Marks will be cylindrical orange inflatable buoys.

10 THE START

10.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.

Warning	Class Flag	1 Sound	5 minutes before starting signal
Preparatory		1 Sound	4 minutes before starting signal
One-minute Starting	Removal of Prep Class Flag	1 long Sound	1 minute before starting signal
	Class Flag Removed	1 Sound	0

10.2 The starting line will be between a mast displaying an orange flag on the Committee Boat and a buoy with an orange flag. An inner distance mark may be laid; this will be a small dan buoy.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee may move the original mark (or move the finishing line) to a new position. See RRS 33.

12 THE FINISH

12.1 The finishing line will be between a mast displaying a blue flag on the Committee Boat and a buoy with an orange flag.

12.2 After the first boat has finished, the Race Committee may finish other boats at any mark of the course.

a) When the Committee Boat (or a RIB) displays flag W with two sound signals, boats which have not yet rounded the nearby mark shall finish between this mark and the staff on the boat displaying W.

b) When a boat finishes in accordance with this SI, she shall be awarded a finishing place after all boats that have completed more legs of the course and then finished.

c) After flag W has been displayed any boat that fails to complete the leg she is sailing within the time limit for a valid race shall be awarded the place she is judged by the race committee to be occupying at the end of the time limit for that race.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 The Two Turns penalty, rule 44.2 will apply.

13.2 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under rule 31.2 or 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgment form at the race office within the protest time limit.

13.3 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 Time limits are as follows: For each race 90 minutes. If no boat has passed Mark 1 within 30 minutes, the race will be abandoned.

14.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rules 35 and A4.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1** Protest forms are available from the Race Office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 15.3** The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee and protest committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2. The time limit may be extended at the discretion of The Race committee.
- 15.4** Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 15.5** Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 15.6** A list of boats that, under instruction 14.3, have acknowledged breaking rule 42 or have been disqualified by the protest committee will be posted before the protest time limit.
- 15.7** Breaches of instructions 14.3 and 18 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 15.8** On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
- (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.
- This changes rule 66.
- 15.9** The RYA Rules Rules Dispute Mediation Hearing is available at this event.
- 15.10** A boat, The Racing Committee or Protest Committee may, when submitting a protest, request it is first heard at a pre-protest mediation hearing.
- 15.11** If a boat is identified as having broken a rule at a mediation hearing, she may exonerate herself by taking the exoneration penalty below prior to the start of the protest hearing.
- 15.12** The mediator may allow a protest to be withdrawn. This changes rule 63.1
- 15.13** The exoneration penalty is 20% of the boats ranking as starters, to a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 5 points. However, if a boat caused injury or serious damage, or gained a significant advantage in the race, or series, by her breach, her exoneration penalty shall be to retire.

16 SCORING

- 16.1** The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A of the RYA Racing Rules (2005 – 2008) will apply.
- 16.2** 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.3** (a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 17.2** All competitors should be aware of the commercial shipping that operates in Poole Harbour. In particular, the ferry turning circle to the East of the haven entrance. Details of known shipping movements will be posted on the official notice board daily.
- 17.3** Each person in a competing boat shall wear a wrist safety tally at all times whilst afloat and it shall be visible over the top of any clothing. Failure to comply will incur a penalty of £5 donation to the RNLi from each crew member for each infringement.
- 17.4** The tallies shall be collected from the tally board prior to going afloat each day and be returned to the tally board immediately on arrival back at Poole Yacht Club each day.
- 17.5** The tally board will be located near to Colin's Cabin.
- 17.6** A crewmember that has failed to tally out shall inform a patrol boat or the committee boat at the earliest opportunity. The Race Committee may grant permission to sail the race (or races taking part that day) without the requirement to return ashore and tally out correctly.
- 17.7** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the committee boat, patrol boat or report to the Race Office as soon as possible and by signature on a declaration sheet at the Race Office.

18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW

- 18.1** All Helmsmen must be Members of the Yachting World Dayboat Association. A substitute helm may take over for one or more races, but only races helmed by the person entered as helmsman will count in the point series and The Championship. Where races are helmed by a substitute, the boat will be awarded points equivalent to the number of starters for the race in question for the calculation of position in the point series. The Race Officer is to be advised, in writing, before the start of the race if a substitute helm is racing.
- 18.2** The registered crew may take over the helm for a very short period in exceptional circumstances. Crew may be changed during the event without reference to the Race Committee as long as it is not to achieve a performance gain.
- 18.3** Please note that only crew that have raced all points races will be eligible for the Crew Trophy. Long Distance Race: Helms and Crews may change.

19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

20 PRIZES

Prize giving: Details of times are shown in the Appendix to these Sailing Instructions.

21 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

22 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2 million per event or the equivalent.

23 TIDES

As detailed in the Appendix.