

**GRAVESEND SAILING CLUB**  
**YWDB OPEN MEETING**  
**21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2012**

**Sailing Instructions**

**I     RULES**

Racing will take place under the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009-2012 the prescriptions of the RYA, these Sailing Instructions and the class rules of the YW 14ft Dayboat Association.

**2     CONDITIONS OF ENTRY**

**2.1   General**

The safety of a boat and the entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/competitor racing the boat, 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 limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner/competitor for the crew, the boat and the management thereof. The race organisers shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/competitor, his skipper or crew as a result of their taking part in the race or races. Moreover, every owner/competitor warrants the suitability of his boat for the race or races.

**2.2   Measurement**

Yacht may be measured before or after any race at the discretion of the race committee.

**2.3   Registration**

All entrants shall register for each race in which they compete by signing the entry declaration on the day of the race not less than 20 minutes before the start.

**3     SAFETY RULES FOR ALL YACHTS**

**3.1   Enforcement**

Competitors may be disqualified for failing to observe these safety rules. The onus of proof of compliance shall be on the competing yacht.

**3.2   Commercial Traffic**

Competitors are reminded of their obligations to other vessels under the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea and in particular to large commercial vessels in the main channel under Rules 8 and 9. Any yacht, which finds herself on a collision or near collision course with such vessels, shall alter course to pass astern of them. Where this is not possible a yacht may use any available means of propulsion to avoid collision without being deemed to have infringed this rule, provided that the yacht returns to the point at which use of such propulsion commenced before continuing to race.

**3.3   Jetties and Obstructions**

All yachts shall pass to seawards of any jetty or similar structure projecting from the shore, and shall under no circumstances sail beneath such structures.

4 SAFETY RULES FOR DINGHY

4.1 Personal Buoyancy

Personal buoyancy aids will be worn at all times when racing. Neither a wetsuit nor drysuit constitutes adequate buoyancy.

4.3 Equipment

All dinghies shall carry oars, anchors and warps, and bailing equipment.

5 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the race notice board located in the main clubhouse.

6 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any supplementary sailing instructions shall be displayed on the Race Notice Board before the Warning Signal. Sailing Instructions may be changed as in RRS 88.2(c). On the water, such changes may be communicated by the giving of oral instructions ONLY if exceptional circumstances apply, and ONLY from a vessel flying code flag 'L'

7 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be White lights on Race Box or Flags hoisted on the Mast located in front of the clubhouse.

8 SCHEDULE OF RACES

8.1 Briefing A briefing for all competitors will be held in the main clubhouse at 11.00 on Saturday

8.2 Schedule of Races

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2012 start time 12:00

Second following as soon as possible

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2012 race starts 12:00

9 CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be the I.C. Flag "Y".

10 THE COURSE

Courses will be available in the clubhouse at or directly after the briefing each day.

11 MARKS

Marks shall be mooring/navigation buoys or club laid marks. If a mooring buoy is used as a Mark any vessel attached to it is deemed part of that Mark.

12 THE START

12.1 Starting Procedure

The races will be started with the following signal:

5 min before start	Three White Lights	1 sound
4 min before start	Two White Lights	1 sound
1 min before start	One White Light	1 long sound
START	No white Lights	1 sound

This replaces RRS Rule 26.1. Times shall be taken from the visual signals.

12.2 THE START LINE

The start line will be either a line between the mast of a committee boat and a laid outer distance mark (an inner distance mark may be laid on the course side of the line close by the committee boat) or Gravesend Sailing Club's Line which is the transit of two posts with orange top marks at the western end of the club house. The outer limit mark will be as specified in the appropriate course sheet unless otherwise specified by the Race Officer.

13 CHANGE OF COURSE

A change of course after the start will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the leg affected, although the new mark may not be in position. Any mark rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration.

14 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be the GSC club line (as defined previously) or between the mast aboard a finishing boat flying a blue flag and a laid finishing mark.

15 TIME LIMITS

The time limit for Saturday races will be 2 hours.

The time limit for Sunday race will be 4 hours.

16 PROTESTS

Protests shall be written on forms available at the race office and delivered there within one hour of the last race of the day. The time and place of the protest hearing will be posted on the race notice board.

17 SCORING SYSTEM

The 'Low Point Scoring System', RRS Appendix A2 shall be used. If 3 races are sailed there will be one discard, if less than 3 races are sailed there will be no discard.

**Tidal Information (BST)**

Saturday 21<sup>th</sup> July 2012

HW 15:30

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2012

HW 16:06