

D.R.S.C. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS for CLUB RACING 2009 – 2012
Revised Spring 2010

1. Rules.

All races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of the R.Y.A, the rules of the appropriate dinghy classes except as changed by these Sailing Instructions.

2. Entries to Races.

Members wishing to enter a club race or series of races must enter the boat by its class, sail number, name of helm, and name of crew if any, on the entry list posted in the front porch.

3. Third Party Insurance.

All boats using the club facilities, whether racing or not shall be covered by Third Party Insurance of no less than £2 000 000, two million pounds.

4. Eligibility for Members Competing.

The eligibility for competing is as follows:

The safety of a boat and its entire management, including insurance, shall be the sole responsibility of the person in charge of the boat who must ensure that the boat and its crew are adequate and competent to cope with the conditions which may arise during the course of a race or races.

Neither these Sailing Instructions, nor any inspection of the boat, limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner, or person in charge for the helm, crew, boat and its management. The boat must comply with the appropriate class rules.

Anything done by the Council cannot reduce the responsibility for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in racing. The Council encompasses everyone helping to run the race and the event, and includes the Council, race committee, Race officers and patrol boat crews.

The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the person in charge of the boat of its responsibilities.

5. Personal Flotation Devices.

Flag Y will not normally be flown but every person afloat must wear adequate personal flotation device. See Club Rules 10.4 & 10.5 and DRSC Water Safety Policy 6.1 & 6.3. [The R.Y.A. recommend a minimum of 50 Newtons positive buoyancy.] Modifies RRS 40

6. Special Flags which may be flown from the Clubhouse mast.

<i>Code Flag "R"</i>	Restricted area for sailing as detailed on the official notice board.
<i>Red Flag</i>	Inexperienced helms and crews advised not to venture on the water.
<i>Black & Red Flags</i>	Experienced windsurfers only. No dinghies.
<i>Black Flag.</i>	No Sailing.

7. Changes in Sailing Instructions.

Any change in these instructions will be posted on the official notice board, at least 30mins prior to the race they apply to.

8. Race Start Times.

Club racing will start in accordance with times in the Notice of Race published in the Club Handbook and displayed on the DRSC notice board. The times of subsequent races on any day may be shown on the official notice board, or may be announced on the club public address system.

9. Courses for Club Racing.

Courses to be sailed shall be displayed :-

- a) On a rack on the committee boat by red or green backed letters indicating fixed club marks to be taken to port or starboard. If extra marks are to be laid they will be designated "1", "2", or "3", on red or green backgrounds.
The upper row will display the longer course, and the lower row will display the short course.
Individual fleets will have decided which course they are sailing. The boats from the last scheduled start will all sail the short course.
The marks bear the first letter of their name as shown on the map of the lake.
If a change of course should be necessary after the course has been displayed and before the start sequence has begun, the Race Officer will fly a pink flag, make one sound signal and display the new course.
- b) On maps or diagrams displayed on the official notice board.

10. Start Line

May be between:-

- a) Committee Boat mast flying an orange flag and
 - 1] a fixed club mark *or*
 - 2] a temporary mark.
- b) Club Line between the centre of the Crows Nest and "Club" mark, labelled "C" on the map, or another mark as may be detailed on official notice board.
- c) The start line may be between a Committee Boat and a temporary mark, with the start line on the windward leg between windward and leeward marks of the course. This mark and the committee boat will form a "gate" which has to be sailed through on each rounding of the course and may also be the finishing line. **This line must not be crossed on the downwind leg. {See finishing below.}**

11. Starting Sequence and Order.

The starting order will be:-	<u>Class</u>	<u>Class Flag</u>
	Flying Fifteen	Naval Numeral 9
	RS-200 and Performance	RS200 Flag (Yellow)
	Laser	Laser Flag (Red with white star)
	GP14	Code Flag A
	Topper	Code Flag T
	Mirror, Oppy, Topaz & Handicap	Numeral Pennant 6

CLUB HOUSE LINE STARTS.

For Club House line starts, LIGHT SIGNALS may be made as detailed below.
Lights will go on and off at TWO MINUTE intervals.

Lights Showing			Warning Signal	Preparatory Signal	Start Signal
Red	-	-	Flying Fifteen	-	
-	Amber	-	RS-200 & Performance	Flying Fifteen	-
Red	Amber	-	Laser	RS-200 & Performance	Flying Fifteen
-	-	Green	GP-14	Laser	RS-200 & Performance
Red	-	Green	Topper	GP-14	Laser
-	Amber	Green	Mirror, Topaz, Oppy & Handicap	Topper	GP-14
Red	Amber	Green		Mirror, Topaz, Oppy & Handicap	Topper
-	-	-			Mirror, Topaz, Oppy & Handicap

This is a variation of RRS 26.

A premature starting boat (OCS) will receive one sound signal. The onus is on the offending boat to return and start correctly. No visual signal will be made.

If the Race Officer decides that a start is unfair two sound signals will be made to recall the fleet. No visual signal will be made. The recalled fleet will start two minutes after the last class scheduled to start. The recall procedures modify RRS 29.1, 29.2 .

COMMITTEE BOAT STARTS.

The Starting sequence will be:-
warning signal
after 2 minutes, preparatory signal,
after another 2 minutes, start signal.

The warning signal for subsequent starts will be flown at the preparatory signal of the previous start. The 2 minute sequence will be repeated until all classes have started. This is a variation of Rule 26.

INDIVIDUAL RECALLS for Committee Boat Starts.

Any boat, or boats on the " on course" side of the line, at the start, will be notified by the flying and/or display of Code Flag "X" with one sound signal. An attempt to hail the offending boats may be made but the onus is on the offender to return and start again.

A boat re-starting may re-start as soon as possible but must keep clear of other boats intending to start in the subsequent fleet starts. This is a variation of Rule 29.1.

GENERAL RECALLS for Committee Boat Starts.

If the Race Officer thinks that for any reason the start was unfair, a general recall will be signalled by flying the First Substitute Pennant with two sound signals.

The recalled fleet will start after all other scheduled starts have taken place.

This modifies RRS 29.2.

12. The Listed Class Flags will be used. If any variation is made the amendment will be displayed on the official notice board. If the Race Officer has to make a change of Warning flag on the water, the R.O. will attempt to advise sailors by hail from the Committee Boat and via the patrol boat.

13. Mark Missing.

When a mark is missing or out of place, the mark will, if possible, be replaced in its correct position or substituted with another buoy, or a boat flying "M", which may make repetitive sound signals.

14. Finishing Line.

The Committee Boat will fly a Blue flag, when about to finish a race.

The finish line may be:-

- a) At a course mark making a line between the mark and the mast on the Committee Boat.
- b) Between a Committee Boat and the temporary mark forming a gate.
- c) At the club line between mark "C" and centre of the Crows Nest, provided that "C" is a mark of the course.
- d) All boats from the last scheduled start should be timed through the finish line.
- e) The finish line should always be crossed from the direction of the previous mark.

15. Shortened Course.

A race may be shortened at any time at any mark of the course. The committee boat will hoist code flag "S" with two sound signals.

If shortened at the club line, code flag "S" will be flown at the club mast, with two sound signals.

If "S" flag is flown alone, all classes racing will have a shortened course.

If "S" flag plus one or more class flags are flown, then only that class, or classes, will have a shortened course.

16. Time Limits

Any boat that does not finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in its class will be deemed to have retired.

17. Penalties.

Rules 44.1 & 44.2 i.e. two turns for breaking a racing rule and Rules 31.1 & 31.2. i.e. one turn for hitting a mark shall apply. Boats needing to do penalty turns must sail well clear of other boats before beginning their penalties.

18. Mark Room and Zone for SSR Rule 18. Three hull lengths will apply. See definitions in front of RRS book & pages 9 & 10.

19. Postponement of a Race.

If there is a need to postpone a race, in accordance with Rule 27.3, Answering Pennant {A.P.} with two sound signals, will be flown on the club mast or Committee boat.

If A.P. is flown over Code flag "H" with two sound signals, the race will be postponed and further instructions will be made ashore.

A.P. over Code flag "A", with two sound signals, means that racing is abandoned for the day.

Start of a postponed race will be signalled by the lowering of A.P. with one sound signal and the start procedure will begin one minute later.

20. Protests. The Exoneration Penalty and the Advisory Hearing and Arbitration Procedures of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. See club board for further details or www.rya.org.uk/general/rulesdisputes.

Otherwise Protests are to be submitted to the Race Officer within 30 minutes of the last boat coming ashore. Protest forms are available from the race office.

Protests will be heard on the day, by an Ad Hoc Committee. If any of the parties are dissatisfied with a decision of this Committee, a request for a re-opening of a hearing shall be made within seven days of the original protest decision. The hearing may be re-opened by the Chair of the Sailing Committee who will appoint an appropriate protest committee which may be different from the original committee.

21. Scoring.

A race in any class will have a minimum of two boats which start the race. **Any boat starting on the last start (ie with the Handicap fleet) will be scored for both the handicap fleet (provided there are two boats which start in the handicap race) and their own fleet (provided there are two boats which start in their own fleet race).**

Scoring will be in accordance with Appendix A Low Points System of the RRS (2009-2012), with the exception that a boat which starts a race but does not finish (DNF) will be awarded points for the number of boats which start the race plus one. This modifies RRS A4.2.

Fleet captains will determine the number of races required to be sailed to qualify for the series.