

# MERSEA WEEK 2018 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

## PART C



### Additional Sailing Instructions Applicable to Competitors in Dinghy Classes & MFOBs Events 10 - 15 only

#### C1 RULES

In addition to the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions, Events 11 - 15 (class dinghies) will be governed by respective dinghy class rules.

Event 10 MFOBs will also be governed by the class rules and safety regulations of the Mersea Fisherman's Open Boat Association. For details please contact: - **David Cope (Chairman) – Tel 07764559380**

#### C2 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag mast at the head of the causeway.

#### C3 CLASSES AND START TIMES

Event No	Class	Start Time	Warning Signal
10	Mersea Fisherman's Open Boats	12.30	J
11	Slow	12.35	K
12	Medium & Laser 4.7	12.40	R
13	Lasers Standard & Radial	12.45	T
14	Medium Fast	12.50	U
15	Fast	12.55	V

- i. If any start is subject to a General Recall, subsequent starts will be delayed.
- ii. If races are not sailed on their scheduled day, the Committee reserves the right to re-schedule such races on later days. However no more than three races per event will be sailed on any day.

#### C4 RACE AREA

The race area situated to the north east of the Nass beacon is shown in the diagram in the competitors' race packs. The Committee Vessel and start line will be located within the Race Area.

**Competitors are strongly advised to go afloat in adequate time to reach the start area.**

#### C5 START LINE

The Start Line for all races will be between the signal mast displaying an orange flag aboard the Committee Vessel and the outer limit mark which will be a yellow inflatable buoy laid for the purpose.

Competitors will start in the direction of the first mark of the course.

#### C6 COURSES

- i. No later than the Preparatory (4 minute) signal for each class, the Committee Vessel will display the course to be sailed by that class, which will be taken from the courses listed in the competitors' race packs.
- ii. If more than one lap is set, the Committee Vessel will also display the number of laps to be sailed, INCLUDING THE FIRST WINDWARD MARK.  
**NOTE: The course and number of laps displayed at the Warning (5 minute) signal for each class will relate to the preceding class.**
- iii. First Mark
  - The first mark of all laps of all courses will be a yellow inflatable buoy laid approximately to windward of the start line.
  - The Committee Vessel will display a letter 'W'; if the letter 'W' is red then the first mark is to be rounded or passed to Port, if the letter 'W' is green the first mark is to be rounded or passed to Starboard.

- iv After passing or rounding the first mark, the course to be sailed will be that displayed by the Committee Vessel
- v After starting competitors must NOT pass through the start/finish line at any other time than when completing a lap or finishing a race. The penalty for breaching this Sailing Instruction will be disqualification without a hearing. This amends RRS 63.
- vi Competitors must pass through the finish line at the end of each lap and when finishing.
- vii If flag 'L' is displayed on the flag mast at the head of the causeway then the start times, start line and courses for the day will be displayed at the tally station.

#### **C7 FINISH LINE**

- i The finish line will be the same as the start line. Competitors will cross the line in the direction from the last mark of the course.
- ii Competitors are reminded that the sound signal usually given on finishing a race is not required by the Racing Rules and may be omitted, particularly when such a signal could cause confusion with another classes' start sequence.

#### **C8 TIME LIMITS**

RRS 35 is changed. The time limit for each race shall be three hours. For any race to be valid the first boat must finish within three hours of the start time. In a valid race any boat that has not finished 45 minutes after the time limit has expired shall be scored DNF.

#### **C9 SIGNING ON AND OFF**

- i All competitors in events 11 -15 (dinghies) are required to tally on before going afloat and to tally off immediately on coming ashore. The Tally Station will be situated onshore at the launching slip.
- ii Competitors in event 10, MFOBs, are required to tally on before leaving their mooring and to tally off as soon as possible on regaining their mooring. Tallying for MFOBs is to be by text message to **07951571723**
- iii These are vital safety measures and failure to comply with this Sailing Instruction WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION without a hearing. This changes RRSs 63.1, 64 & A5.

#### **C10 IDENTIFICATION STREAMERS**

All competitors in classes 11,12,13,14 & 15 (dinghies) are required to carry a coloured streamer tied to the head of their mainsail. Streamers will be available from the Race Office prior to racing. Failure to display the correct streamer whilst racing may incur a discretionary penalty without a hearing. This changes RRSs 63.1,64 & A5

#### **C11 SAFETY BOAT DUTY**

The race committee may request that competitors assist with safety boat duties. Any boat prevented from sailing any race or races by such a request will be awarded average points for any such race or races, calculated at the end of the series.

#### **C12 CLASSES AND HANDICAPS**

- i Handicaps for all competitors will be allocated on the basis of information available.
- ii For event 10 the MFOB Association will allocate the division between Fast and Slow classes.
- iii The division between classes 11,12,14 & 15 will be determined by the Race Committee.

#### **C13 MARKS**

The marks to be used are as follow:-

- Orange Race Marks - Numbers 8 & 11.
- Orange Inflatable tetrahedron buoys laid for the week - T1, T2, T3 & T4.
- Yellow Inflatable buoy laid each day - First Mark
- Yellow Inflatable buoy laid each day - Outer limit Mark.

Note: All marks are shown in their approximate positions on the diagram supplied with the competitors' race packs.