



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Part A applies to all competitors.

Part B applies to Smacks, Cruisers & Keelboats only. Part C applies to Dinghies & Mersea Fisherman's Open Boats only.

PART A

Applicable to All Competitors

A1 RULES OF SAILING

The 2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions and Class rules shall govern all races. Boats racing under IRC shall also be governed by the 2019 IRC Rules, Parts A, B & C.

A2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS & AMENDMENTS

Notices to Competitors & Amendments to these Sailing Instructions will be posted at the Race Centre, located in the Long Room at WMYC. The details of any amendment(s) affecting Smack, Cruiser & Keelboat events may also be announced from the Committee Boat by VHF on channel 77. Copies of any written amendments will be available from the Race Centre.

A3 CLASSES

The Committee reserves the right to place a boat in any appropriate class and to combine starts and classes where there are insufficient entries to warrant individual races. This defines the entry criteria in accordance with RRS 75.

A4 STARTING ORDER

The order of starting and start times are set out in parts B & C of these instructions, together with warning signals.

A5 COURSE INFORMATION

The requesting or receiving of information regarding the course to be sailed at any time shall not be grounds for protest or grounds for redress. This amends RRSs 41 & 62.

A6 PROTESTS

- Protest forms are available at the Race Office. Protests, Requests for Redress & Reopening must be delivered to the Race Office within the time limits defined in RRSs 61.3, 62.2 & 66.
- The Scheduled date and time of any required hearing will be posted at the Race Centre; this constitutes the notification required by RRS 63.2.
- The results of hearings will be posted as soon as practicable at the Race Centre.
- **NOTE: Hearings will normally be scheduled for the following morning starting at 08:45am**

A7 POINTS SCORING SYSTEM

- The Low point scoring system (RRS Appendix A) will apply to all classes.
- DNF or RET 1 more than the number of boats ranking as starters in that race.
- DNS or DSQ 1 more than the number of boats entered in the series.
- TLE 2 more than the number of boats which sail the course and finish.

This changes RRS A4.1, A4.2 and A5.

A8 NUMBER OF ENTRANTS

There must be at least two qualified starters for a race to commence. This defines the entry criteria in accordance with RRS 75.

A9 POINTS SERIES

The five scheduled races (Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday) comprise a series. If four or five races are sailed, boats will discard their worst score. If three or fewer races are sailed, no discard is permitted.

A10 RESULTS

These will be displayed as soon as practicable AFTER PRIZE GIVING at DSC and/or WMYC and on the event website.

A11 PRIZES

- No second prize may be awarded unless there are 4 or more qualified starters.
- No third prize may be awarded unless there are 5 or more qualified starters.

A12 COMPETITOR IDENTIFICATION

- All boats competing in Smack, Cruiser, Keelboat and MFOB events must fly a Mersea Week 2019 pennant to indicate they are part of the race fleet. This will also indicate mooring requirements to the launch men.
- Pennants are available free from the Race Office from 19.00 on Saturday 10th August and from 08.30 each race day.
- Competitors in Dinghy Classes are required to display a streamer see SI C10.

A13 SAFETY RISK & INSURANCE

Attention is drawn to the Safety, Risk and Insurance statements set out in the Notice of Race.