

AVON SAILING CLUB

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR OPEN MEETINGS

1. RULES

Races shall be sailed in accordance with the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing, R.Y.A. prescriptions and appropriate class rules except as varied by these sailing instructions.

2. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

The safety of a yacht and its entire management including insurance shall be the solo and inescapable responsibility of the owner/competitor racing it. The establishment of these Sailing Instructions in no way limits or reduces this complete and unlimited responsibility. The race organisers shall not be responsible for any loss, damage or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/competitor as a result of their taking part in the racing. Moreover every owner/competitor warrants the suitability of his boat for the race.

3. CERTIFICATE OF MEASUREMENT

Each competing yacht shall have a valid certificate of measurement which must be shown before the first race. In the event of a competitor being unable to produce a certificate, an undertaking in accordance with RRS Rule 78.2 must be accompanied by a deposit of £1.00 which will be forfeited if a previously issued certificate or true copy is not submitted within 14 days of the date of the race.

4. RACES

Approximate Race start times will be indicated on a board near the race officers box. The best two out of three races shall count unless there is a tie. Ties will be broken according to Rule A2.3. If less than three races are completed all results shall stand. where there is a large number of entrants races shall be sailed in a group system. In the event of ties under the group system, the yacht placed higher in the race in which they sailed against each other shall be given the higher placing. If three or more yachts tie, the tie shall be broken by taking the third race into account. If both methods are ineffective the tie shall stand.

5. THE COURSE

The course shall consist of an upstream and a down-stream buoy or of these buoys supplemented by intermediate marks. The marks used, their colour and approximate location will be displayed on C board near the Race Officer's box together with the complete course including the order in which the marks are to be rounded or passed and the number of laps. Any change of course prior to the warning signal shall be signified by two sound signals and flying Flag 'A'.

6. PROHIBITED AREA

A prohibited area may be declared and denoted by marker buoys laid off the shore. In this event no yacht may cross, or sail inshore of, the imaginary lines joining adjacent buoys. Boats approaching these lines may call for water. The existence and approximate location of the prohibited area, if any, will be notified on the board adjacent to the Race Officer's box.

7. STARTING PROCEDURE

The starting and finishing line is an extension of the line through the Flagstaff and a post. For Committee boat Starts the line will be between the mainmast of the Committee boat and a buoy, or a post on the opposite shore. Races will be started according to Rule 26 system 1. If a group System is employed, subsequent starts shall be made at intervals of not less than 10 minutes.

8. PREMATURE STARTERS

Rule 29 applies. The Race Officer will attempt to notify the premature starter by hail but the responsibility for returning shall rest with the yacht concerned.

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9. GENERAL RECALL

The hoisting of the First Substitute and two sound signals will indicate a general recall. A new five minute preparatory signal will be made one minute after the First Substitute is lowered, with an accompanying sound signal. Subsequent starts in a group system will be 10 minutes after the fresh start.

10. ONE MINUTE RULE

The breaking out of international Code Flag 'V' shall mean that the one minute rule shall apply to all yachts in the next Start. when any part of a yacht's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line or its extensions during the minute before the starting signal is made, she shall be disqualified.

11. TOUCHING A MARK

Rule 31.2 shall NOT apply. when a yacht touches a mark surrounded by navigable water She may exonerate herself by completing the rounding of the mark, leaving it On the required side and thereafter re-rounding it or re-passing it without touching it, as required to sail the course in accordance with Rule 2S.1 (Sailing the Course), and the sailing instructions.

12. INFRINGEMENT OF A RULE IN RRS PART 2

Rule 44.2, the 720 penalty shall apply. A yacht infringing sailing instructions No. 5 above (prohibited area) may also exonerate herself in accordance with this rule.

13. SHORTENING COURSE

International Code Flag 'S' and if necessary an identifying flag, shall be broken out accompanied by two sound signals: it shall mean that the leading yacht shall finish on the completion of the round she is sailing. Other yachts shall sail the same course. International Code Flag 'F' shall be broken out, accompanied by two sound signals if the leading yacht is to finish the next time she crosses the finishing line from either direction. Other yachts shall sail the ease course.

14. DECLARATIONS

Are required; the time limit is 30 minutes from when the yacht Completes the race.

15. PROTESTS

Protests shall be lodged with the OOD within 30 minutes Of retiring or completing the course.

16. SCORING

The low point System of Appendix A of RRS applies except where indicated. The unit that accumulates points is one and the same yacht with the same helmsman. The first yacht shall score 1 point, the second yacht 2 points etc. A yacht retiring shall score points equal to the number of Starters. Non starters shall score points equal to the number of starters plus 1. A yacht disqualified shall score points equal to the number of starters plus 4. N.B. The number of starters shall be the greatest number of starters in any race of the series.

17. TIME LIMIT

A yacht which fails to finish within 30 minutes of the leading yacht will be deemed to have retired.