



Club Race Series Sailing Instructions 2017

Eligibility – DSC Club racing is open to members who are up to date with their membership fees and dinghy park fees, if appropriate. No points will be awarded if these are in arrears and no points will be backdated.

Ferry assistance for cruisers before racing, shall not take place after 19.00 on Wednesday and 14.00 on Sunday

Registration All boat owners shall register their boat details for the race series, by completing a registration form, available from either the club house or the club website.

1. Rules

Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing (2017-20)*, the *I.S.A.F and R.Y.A.* prescriptions (as appropriate) and the rules of the Class Association of each class concerned **except as may be amended by these Sailing Instructions.**

2. Schedule of races

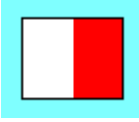


Spring Series to Start Sunday		5 th March to 30 th April (9) Sundays
Wednesday	Early Summer Series,	3rd May to 28 th June (10)
Sundays	Early Summer Series	7 th May to 9 th July (10)
Wednesday	Summer Series	12 th July to 13 th September (10)
Sunday	Summer Series	16 th July to 17 th September (10)
Sunday	Autumn/Frosty Series	1 st October to 16 th December (12)

Please note: If sailing a Club boat, the helm must complete a boat hire agreement and inform the race officer of their name and boat number immediately after the race otherwise points will not be awarded. See section 15.

3. Class Flags and Start Times

The first warning signals will be at **19.25** on Wednesdays and **14.25** on Sundays.

Race start times are: -

Class Start	Wednesday	Sunday	Flag
Cruisers	19.30	14.30	H 
Slow handicap	19.35	14.35	T 
Toppers will be considered a separate class within this start.			
Fast Handicap	19.40	14.40	F 
GP14 will be considered a separate class within this start.			

- No race shall start earlier than scheduled in these sailing instructions. Except by prior notice as posted on the official notice board and appropriate flags flown ashore from the Club flag staff.
- Any race may be postponed, re-sailed, cancelled or abandoned at any time at the discretion of the Race Officer. If such postponement, abandonment or cancellation, the appropriate flag will be flown. If there are no boats to sail in a particular fleet the flags and times will still indicate a start sequence for that fleet ie warning gun Wed 1925 and Sun 1425 there after Cruisers slow and fast handicap etc.

4. Courses

- For the **fast** and **slow** handicap the course to be sailed will be indicated by numbered boards displayed on the front of the battery. The fast handicap course will be displayed on the LHS (**south**) and the slow handicap on the RHS (**north**)
- The cruiser course will be indicated by a numeral pennant flown below their class flag.
- Courses cards are available as laminated cards from the Sailing Secretary.
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5. Starting Signals

Races shall be started by using the following signals. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

Signal	Flag and sound	Minutes before starting signal
Warning	Class flag raised; 1 sound signal	5
Preparatory	P flag raised; 1 sound signal	4
One-minute	Preparatory flag lowered 1 long sound signal	1
Starting	Class flag lowered; 1 sound signal	0

Next class flag is raised at this time giving a 5 min interval and so on

6. Start Line

- The start line is the projected line when the orange triangle on the battery and the orange triangle on the pole in front of the battery are in line. The line is limited at its outer end by an outer limit mark, which may or may not be on a transit with the start line. Boats shall start in the direction of the first mark as designated on the course card and shall pass to the shore side of the outer limit mark.
- After starting correctly any boat re-crossing the start line other than in completing a lap will be scored DSQ without a hearing. This changes rule 63.
- A boat starting later than 3 minutes after her class starting signal will be scored as “Did Not Start”.
- NEW rule 2017 Flag U Rule 30.3
If flag U has been displayed, no part of a boat’s hull, crew or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing, but not if the race is restarted or resailed.

7. Recalls

- Individual
When at a boats starting signal any part of her hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line, the race committee shall display flag X with one



sound signal. The flag shall be displayed until all such boats have sailed completely to the pre-start side of the line, but no longer than 4 minutes after the starting signal or 1 minute before the next starting signal.

(b) General

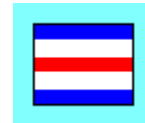


When at the starting signal the race committee is unable to identify boats that are on the course side of the starting line, or there has been an error in the starting procedure, the race committee may signal a general recall by displaying the 1st Substitute and two sound signals. The warning signal for a new start shall be made 1 minute after the 1st Sub is removed with 1 sound signal.

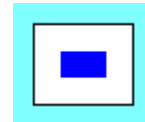
When a class is the subject of a general recall, the class shall take as its warning signal the starting signal of the last class scheduled to race and the re-raising of its class flag.

8. Course Changes

- (a) A change of course will be indicated by code flag 'C' and the appropriate
- (b) class flag(s) being displayed at the battery or a safety boat. A sound
- (c) signal will accompany code flag 'C'.



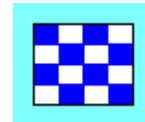
- (d) A race may be shortened at any mark of the course provided no competing



boat

- (e) The battery or safety boat will display code flag 'S' , the appropriate
- (f) class flags and two sound signals will be given. Boats will then pass through the finishing line between a mark of the course and a safety boat from the direction of the previous mark. The finishing time will be taken when the bow of the boat crosses the imaginary line.

- (g) After the starting signal the race officer may abandon the race for whatever



reason

9. Finishing Line

- (a) The finishing line will be between the orange triangle on the battery and the outer limit mark. the Boats shall finish on the shore side of the outer limit mark. Or a safety boat displaying a Blue flag the finish will be between the safety boat and a mark of the course.
- (b) Boats having finished shall not re-cross the line, but will go around the outer limit mark. Any boat re-crossing the start / finish line will be disqualified
- (c) The finishing signal will be a plain blue code flag, displayed with the appropriate class flags
- (d) One sound signal will denote each boat crossing the finish line, after successful completion of the course.



(10) Time Limit

- (a)The time limit for club races will be 1 ½ hours from the start of the class. If any boat finishes within the time limit it will be extended by 30 minutes.

- (b),If a boat fails to finish within the time limit, the results will be calculated from the finishing time on the previous lap. Any boat, which has not completed one lap, will be deemed to have retired and awarded retirement points.

(11) Scoring

Race results will be calculated using Sailwave.

NHC will be used for cruisers and PY personal handicaps for all other classes

- (a) Points will be awarded for each race. The boat with the lowest accumulated points for a series will be the winner. In the event of a tie, the order in the last race of the series shall determine the results. (or the second last on a count back basis)
- (b) The points in for each start will be awarded as follows: -

Place		Points
1 st	1	
2 nd	2	
3 rd	3	
Each place thereafter		add1 point

- (c) Points will be awarded for each race. The boat with the lowest accumulated points for the series will be the winner. In the event of a tie, the order in the last race of the series shall determine the results. (or the second last on a count back basis) Dinghy Classes a minimum of three boats must start to qualify as a points Race.
- (d) A boat that does not register on a particular race day and does not compete, shall be scored points equal to the total number of starting boats in the race plus 2.
- (e) A boat that retires or is disqualified from a race shall be scored the points equal to the total number of starting boats in that race plus 1.
- (f) Results for each boat will be calculated on the basis Sailwave personal handicaps and the NHS keelboat handicap for cruisers.
- (g) Where 7 or more days are sailed in a series, there will be one discard.
- (h) In the event that a boat cannot race due to its crew performing battery or rescue duty, the boat will be awarded their average points for the series to date, before discards. An individual boat will be awarded these points a maximum of twice during the race series.
- (i) A boat or Club member may be disqualified from a race or series of races if any Club member on board has failed to fulfil their battery or rescue duties without providing reasonable excuse in advance to the Sailing Secretary.
- (j) A boat will be scored as a single boat in a series only if her helmsman and/or crew is present in the boat for all races.
- (k) Anyone changing boat class during a series, shall be treated as a new entry.

(12) Penalties and Protests

- (a) All penalties shall be as per Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). One exception to the rules – The penalty for hitting a mark of the course shall be to re-round it. This changes rule 44.1”
A boat re-rounding a mark shall not impede any other competing boats.
- (b) Any protests must be lodged with the Race Officer within one hour of the finishing time of the last boat. Protest forms are available in the clubhouse. *The Exoneration Penalty and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available (for information on the procedures go to www.rya.org.uk/go/rulesdisputes).*

(13) Safety

- (a) In amendment to RRS40, all persons sailing in centreboard boats and multi-hull dinghies shall wear adequate personal buoyancy at all times (CE 50 Newton or higher). Wet and dry suits are not acceptable as substitutes.

- (b) All keelboats shall carry sufficient buoyancy for each crewmember. Each competitor is individually responsible for wearing a personal flotation device adequate for the conditions
- (c) All centreboard boats shall carry a towrope of at least 5 metres in length, have adequate means of bailing and are recommended to carry a paddle.
- (d) All Cruisers shall, carry an anchor with a 30m + warp, an outboard engine and a working marine radio.
- (e) Each boat must have valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000.

(14) Risk Statement

Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone". Sailing by its nature is an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:-

- (a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizers does not relieve the boat of their own responsibilities.
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions

(15)Use of Club boats

- (a) Anyone using a Club boat must firstly satisfy the Club of their ability to sail safely before going afloat. You must complete an application (on first occasion only) for use of Club boats prior to use. By completing this form you are also acknowledging that you will be liable for any damage or loss while using the Club Boat.
- (b) A list of all Club members who have completed an application form for use of a Club Boat, which has been approved by the RYA Sailing Principal, will be displayed on the Club Notice Board.
- (c) **Over 18s (excluding those in full time education under the age of 23) shall complete a hire agreement form and make a donation of £5 per day, for use of a Club Boat to be inserted in an "honesty" box on the day of use.**
- (d) All Club GP14s must be sailed with an inflated mast head float at all times.
- (e) The boat number and user's identity will be evident from the race record sheet. Anyone not making a donation will be excluded from the race results. Club Boats are available on a first come basis with no pre-booking.

DSC Sailing Committee