



# Sailing Instructions

## Musto Performance Skiff Open

9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> June 2012

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 No national authority prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3 **The Equipment Rules of Sailing** will apply.

### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located in the wet bar downstairs.

### 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 45 minutes before the scheduled starting time of the first race on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900hrs on the day before it will take effect.

### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag mast on the south end of the club house.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 20 minutes' in the race signal AP.

### 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on Saturday is 1255 hrs, 3 races are scheduled back to back, more or less may be sailed at the discretion of the race officer.  
The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on Sunday is 0955 hrs, 4 races are scheduled back to back, more or less may be sailed at the discretion of the race officer.
- 5.3 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an AP flag may be displayed with one sound for a period of time before a warning signal is displayed.
- 5.4 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1400.

### 6 CLASS FLAGS

The Class flag will be a numeral 1 flag.

### 7 RACING AREAS

The racing will be run from Lillibet, a white committee boat.

### 8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The diagram in Attachment A (*not included*) shows the course, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The approximate course length will be 1 mile.

- 8.2 When there is a gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark.

## 9 MARKS

- 9.1 Marks of the course will be large orange cylindrical inflatable marks..
- 9.3 The starting and finishing marks will be small orange pillar buoys.
- 9.5 Race Committee Boats may be stationed beyond each mark and the finish line, identified as per SI 21. When displaying this signal, she shall have right of way at all times. Hindrance by such boats shall not be grounds for redress. Failure of a boat to be on station or to display her signal shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1a.

## 10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

The following areas are designated as obstructions: large concrete towers.

## 11 THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started by using rule 26.
- 11.2 The starting line will be a line between a flag mast on the committee boat flying an orange or yellow flag and a starting mark..
- 11.3 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.

## 12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

If a committee boat displaying flag F and making repetitive sound signals is on station near the leeward gate 3S/P, boats shall round mark 3P and proceed directly to the finish. T12.3 When a race committee boat, that is positioned as one end of the intended full-race finishing line, displays flag S (with two sound signals) as the leading boat is approaching the leeward rounding mark, the course is shortened and boats shall leave the rounding mark on its required side and finish on the intended full-race finish line. This changes rule 32 and flag S in Race Signals.

## 13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between a staffs displaying a blue flag on the committee boat and the finishing mark, which will be an orange pillar buoy similar to the start buoy.
- 13.2 Lowering the blue flag when the last boat has finished the race or the time limit has expired will close the finishing line.

## 14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 Rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that the penalty is only one turn, including one tack and one gybe.
- 14.2 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under rule 31.2 or 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgment form at the race office within the protest time limit.

## 15 TIME LIMITS

- 15.1 Time limits are as follows:

<i>Time limit</i>	<i>Mark 1 time limit</i>
60 minutes	20 minutes

If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned.

**15.2** Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rules 35 and A4.

## **16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

**16.1** Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

**16.2** The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee and jury about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. The time limit may be extended under exceptional circumstances by the race officer.

**16.3** Notices will be posted within 15 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the jury room located upstairs.

**16.4** Notices of protests by the race committee or jury will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

**16.5** Breaches of instructions 11.3, 14.2, 18, 19.2, 23 and 24 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches and class rule breaches may be less than disqualification if the jury so decides.

**16.6** On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered

- (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
- (b) no later than 10 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes rule 66.

**16.7** Decisions of the jury will be final as provided in rule 70.4.

**16.8** The jury boats may be positioned anywhere on the course area. Their position at any time shall not be grounds for redress.

## **17 SCORING**

**17.1** The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.

**17.2** 2 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

- 17.3**
- (a) When fewer than 2 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
  - (b) When from 3 to 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
  - (c) When from 10 to 12 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her 2 worst scores.

**17.4** The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under instruction 16.5 will be DPI.

## **18 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

**19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

**20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

**21 OFFICIAL BOATS**

All powered craft on the queen mother reservoir shall be considered race official boats.

**24 PRIZES**

Prizes will be given to the boats finishing 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> .

**25 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

**26 INSURANCE**

The boat is required to hold adequate third-party insurance, and it is the owner or owner's representative's responsibility to ensure that the insurance is in place and is adequate.

**29 RUBBISH DISPOSAL**

Boats shall not put rubbish in the water. Rubbish may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.