



**Datchet Water
Sailing Club**



Sailing Instructions

Topper Traveller

1st April 2012

1 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS AND BRIEFING

- 1.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Notice board situated in the ground floor wet bar area
- 1.2 The competitors briefing will take place in the wet bar area on the morning of Saturday August 13th

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change(s) to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than 45 minutes before the first start on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 18:00 on the day before it will take effect.

3 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 3.1 Signals ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located at the south end of the clubhouse.
- 3.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 20 minutes' in the RRS Race Signals AP.

4 SCHEDULE OF RACES

The intended schedule of races is as follows:

<i>Day</i>	<i>First Warning</i>	<i>No of Races</i>
Saturday 31st March	Training	
Sunday 1st April	10.55Hrs	4 Races back to back

The race officer may at his discretion run more or less races.

5 RACING AREA

The racing area will be notified at the competitors briefing. Competitors will not pass under the pier.

6 COURSES

- 6.1 The course will be as per the diagram in Appendix 1, including the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left. They do not indicate the angle or distance between legs.

7 MARKS

The shape and colour of the marks will be notified at the briefing.

8 THE START

- 8.1 The starting line will be between the mast displaying an orange or yellow flag on the Committee Vessel and an upright orange pillar buoy which may or may not have an orange flag on it.
- 8.2 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal may be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

9 FINISHING LINE

- 9.1 The finishing line will be between the mast displaying a Blue flag on the committee vessel and an orange upright pillar buoy which may or may not have a blue flag on it.
- 9.2 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.
- 9.3 The race committee may still finish the race at marks 1 or 2 as per the usual method as described in rule 32 and flag S in race Signals.

10 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS.

- 10.1 Protest forms are available from the Club Office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 10.2 The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The actual Time Limit will be posted on the Notice Board at the conclusion of racing.
- 10.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the expiry of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be heard by the jury in the Protest Room. Parties to each protest are requested to remain in the vicinity.
- 10.4 Protests will be heard as soon as possible, in approximately the order of receipt. It is the responsibility of the Protestor, Protestee and Witnesses to make themselves available for the hearing.

11 SCORING

- 11.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

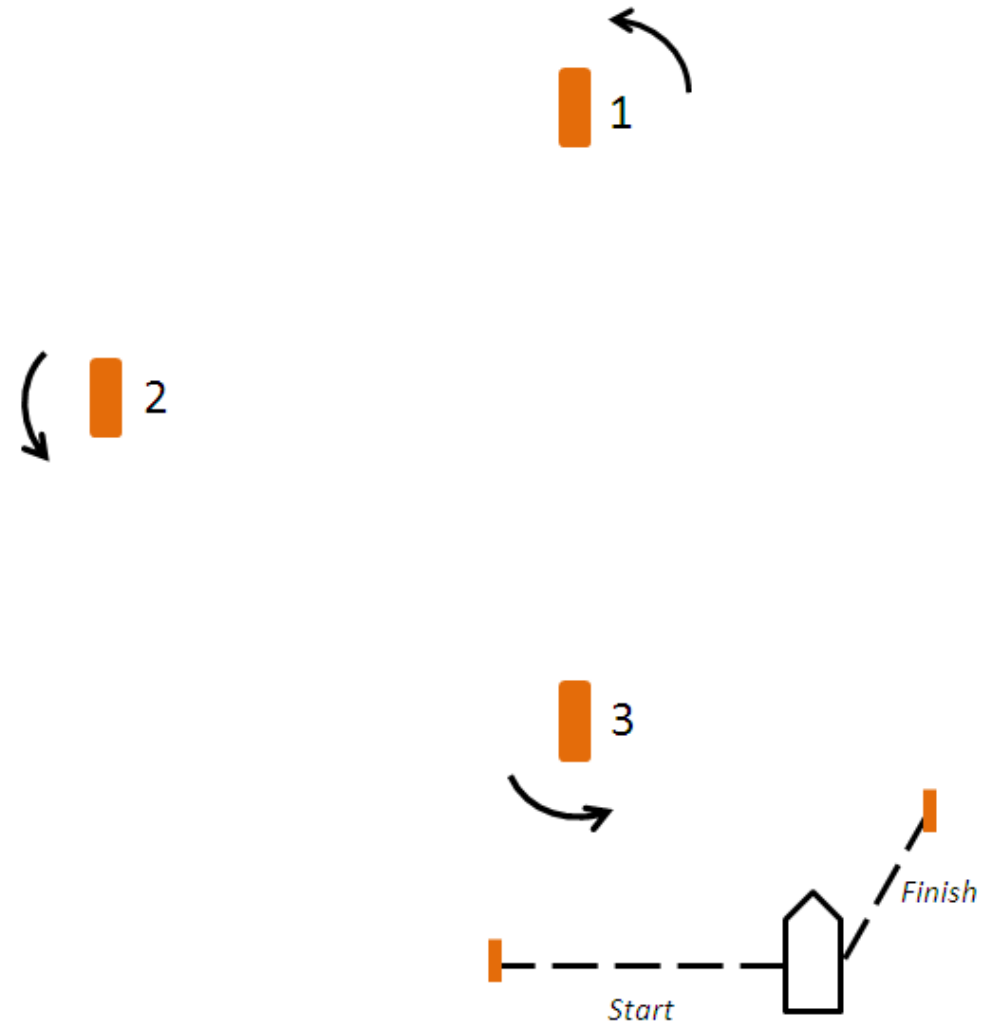
12 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 12.1 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.
- 12.2 Competitors are entirely responsible for their own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing reduces this responsibility. It is for competitors to decide whether their boat and its helm and crew are fit to sail in the conditions that they might find. By launching or going to sea competitors confirm their boat is fit for those conditions and that they are competent to sail and compete in them. Nothing done by the organizers can reduce the responsibility of the owners and/or competitors, nor will it make the organizers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organizers encompass everyone helping to run the event and include the organizing authority, race committee, race officer, safety officer, safety boat personnel and beach masters. The provision of safety boats does not relieve owners and competitors of their responsibilities.

13 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

Appendix 1 – The Course



The Course:

The number of laps will be displayed on the back of the committee boat no later than the warning signal.

The marks shall be rounded in the following order

1 Lap: Start 1 2 3 Finish

2 Laps: Start 1 2 3 1 3 Finish

3 Laps: Start 1 2 3 1 3 1 2 3 Finish

All marks to port