

## **1.0 Rules**

1.1 Racing will take place under the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Prescriptions of the RYA, the Notice of Race, and these Sailing Instructions. If there is conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, then the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

## **2.0 Notices to competitors**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice boards or on the white board located in the wet bar.

## **3.0 Changes to Sailing Instructions**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted and conveyed verbally via a briefing not less than half an hour before the beginning of the start sequence.

## **4.0 Signals made ashore**

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag staff located at the South end of the clubhouse.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced by not less than '20 minutes'.

## **5.0 Schedule of races**

5.1 Dates of racing are: 13 & 14 March 10.

5.2 5 races are scheduled ; 3 back to back on the Saturday and 2 back to back on the Sunday, but the race committee may in its absolute discretion sail fewer or more races on any one day.

5.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race of each day is not before 12.55 hrs on the Saturday and 10.20hrs on the Sunday

## **6.0 Class/start flags**

The FF class flag Naval Numeral 6 will be the start flag.

## **7.0 The courses**

Attachment 1 describes the courses.

## **8.0 Marks**

8.1 Course marks are as indicated in the course diagrams.

8.2 The outer start and finishing marks will be upright bright orange pillar buoys without a flag.

8.3 The approximate positions of the marks and the start/finishing lines are illustrated in the attachment 3.

## **9.0 Spare**

## **10.0 The start**

10.1 Races will be started by using rule 26.

10.2 The starting line will be between a staff bearing a yellow flag (Q) on the starting vessel and the outer starting line mark.

10.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

10.4 If there is a general recall during a sequence of starts, the recalled division may be restarted at any point in the start sequence. This changes Rule 29.2.

## **11.0 Change of the next leg of the course**

11.1 To change the legs of the course, the race committee may move the original marks (or the finishing line) to a new position.

11.2 The race committee will display a rectangular green flag if the direction is changed to starboard or a rectangular red flag if the direction is changed to port. This changes Rule 33.

## **12.0 The finish**

12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag aboard the finishing vessel and the outer finishing mark.

12.2 The leeward rounding mark shall be a mark of the course on all laps including the last lap before finishing.

12.3 In the event of a shortened course, rounding marks will not be used to form one end of the finishing line. This changes Race Signals S.

12.4 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.

## **13.0 Penalty system**

13.1 As provided in rule 67, the protest committee may, without a hearing, penalize a boat that has broken rule 42.

## **14.0 Time limits**

14.1 If no boat of a start has passed Mark 1 within 30 minutes of its starting signal the race for that start may be abandoned.

14.2 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in their respective start will be scored Did Not Finish.

## **15.0 Protests and requests for redress**

15.1 Protest forms are available from the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

15.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 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 protest committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress.

15.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or names as witnesses.

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

15.5 Breaches of instructions 10.2, 17, and 21, will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 61(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

15.6 With the agreement of the parties, a mediation hearing may be conducted for all protests lodged in accordance with rule 61 which allege an infringement of a rule of Part 2 or 4. Such hearings will be held after the protest has been lodged and prior to the protest hearing. Mediation when used shall be conducted in accordance with Appendix B.

## **16.0 Scoring**

16.1 Two races shall be completed to constitute a series.

Each boats series score shall be

- The total of her race scores if three or less races are completed
- The total of her race scores less her worst score, if 4 or 5 races are completed

16.5 Points for race ties will not be divided. This changes Appendix A7.

## **17.0 Safety regulations**

17.1 All boats shall give way to patrol boats and race management craft at all times.

17.2 A boat shall not interfere with nor try to pass between a patrol boat and a boat that is capsized or otherwise needing assistance or persons in the water. Sailors racing and contravening this requirement may be disqualified without a hearing. This changes rule 63.1.

17.3 All competitors must wear adequate personal buoyancy at all times while racing. Neither a wetsuit nor a drysuit constitute adequate personal buoyancy. In addition wetsuits or drysuits shall be worn by all competitors while racing between 1st November and 30th April. This changes Rule 40.

17.4 Competitors shall at all times comply with the safety regulations which are the same as those for all sailors, are posted permanently on the club sailing notice board and are deemed to be incorporated herein.

## **18.0 Replacement of crew or equipment**

Competitors shall inform the race committee in writing if they require race results of different class & sail numbers to be combined, if appropriate, for a particular helm or helm & crew combination.

## **19.0 Equipment or 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.

## **20.0 Official boats**

Official boats will not be marked.

## **21.0 Radio communication**

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones.

## **22.0 Prizes**

Prizes will be awarded as set out in the Notice of Race.

## **23.0 Disclaimer of liability**

23.1 Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organising 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 event.

23.2 It is for competitors to decide whether their boat is fit to sail in the conditions in which it will itself. By launching competitors confirm the boat is fit for the conditions and they are competent to sail and compete in them.

23.3 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.

23.4 The provision of patrol boats does not relieve owners and/or competitors of their responsibilities.

# Sailing Instructions Attachment 1

## The Courses

Unless indicated on the official notice board, the course configuration and order of rounding marks will be one of the following.

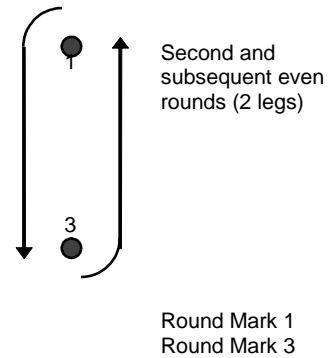
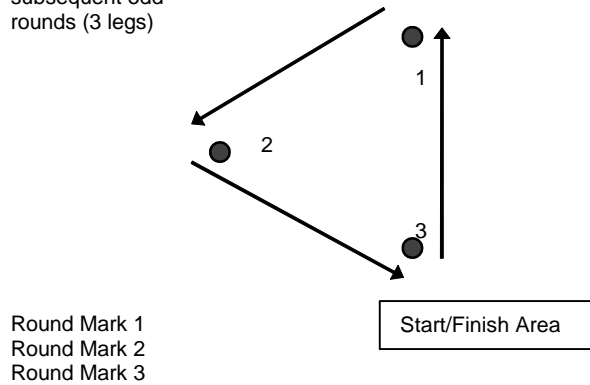
The diagrams indicate the number of legs required to complete particular rounds. They do not indicate the angles between legs.

When a RED flag is flown on committee boat leave marks to PORT.

When a GREEN flag is flown on committee boat leave marks to STARBOARD, i.e. mirror image of course diagrams 1 & 2.

### 1. Standard Course (marks to port).

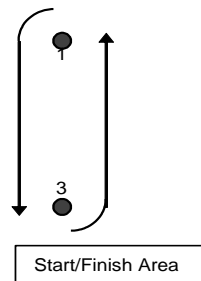
First and subsequent odd rounds (3 legs)



### 2. Windward/Leeward

All rounds (2 legs)

Round Mark 1  
Round Mark 3

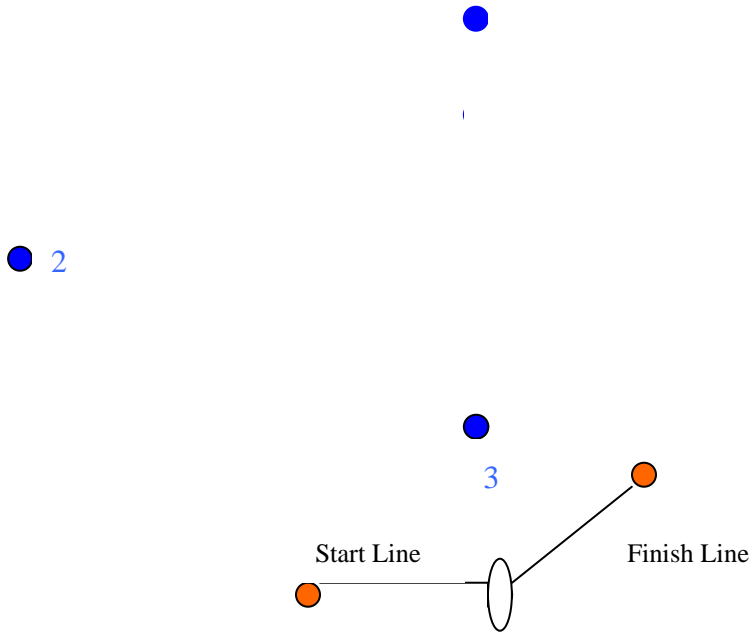


A lap is either a triangle or a sausage, i.e. 3 laps will be triangle, sausage and a triangle

Approximate Positions of Start & Finish Lines – Port Hand Course. Mirror Image for Starboard Hand Course

**Attachment 2:**

Approximate position of Marks



Approximate Positions of Start & Finish Lines – Port Hand Course  
Mirror Image for Starboard Hand Course