

## ***Bournville Model Yacht & Power Boat Club – 17<sup>th</sup> November 2007***

### ***Sailing Instructions***

#### **1 General**

- (a) The organising authority is the **Bournville Model Yacht & Power Boat Club**.
- (b) Sailing instruction changes are permitted, subject only to the other *rules* governing the event.

#### **2 Racing Rules**

2.1 Racing will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

2.2 The following will apply: The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2005-2008, the Equipment Rules of Sailing to the extent invoked by the class rules, and these Sailing Instructions.

2.3 In the event of the Race Officer deciding to run more than one heat, MYA Heat Management System 2007 (HMS 2007) shall apply.

2.4 RRS 31.2 is changed by adding: When a boat is wrongfully compelled by another boat to break rule 31.1, she shall be exonerated

- (a) if the other boat acknowledges breaking a rule of Part 2 by taking a penalty or retiring immediately, or
- (b) under 64.1(b), after successfully protesting another boat involved in the same incident.

2.5 The Time Limit for the completion of a heat as RRS 35 will only apply at the times set in section 5.1(b) of these sailing instructions.

2.6 Except as in 2.7, the Time Out Limit for racing after the first boat *finishes* shall be 5 minutes.

2.7 At the expiry of the Time Out Limit:

- (a) if 4 or fewer boats are still racing on the water they shall be recorded in accordance with 2.8,

or

- (b) if more than 4 boats are still racing on the water the Time Out Limit shall be extended until only 4 boats remain racing on the water, at which point they shall be recorded in accordance with 2.8.

2.8 Boats failing to *finish* within the Time Out Limit shall be recorded as DNF, OCS, DNS or DNC in that order, as appropriate. DNF boats still *racing* on the water at the end of the Time Out Limit will be recorded with finishing places according to their order on the water. These boats will be scored according to their finishing places. Sections 2.6 . 2.8 of these sailing instructions changes RRS 35, A3 and A5.

2.9 RRS E4.2 is changed by adding:

**(3) Help in the form of information freely available to all boats.**

2.10 RRS E4.4 is changed to read as follows: "Throughout RRS 44, instead of '**Two-Turns Penalty**' read '**One-Turn Penalty**', which shall include one tack and one gybe."

2.11 RRS E5.2 is changed by adding: **or words to that effect which shall include the word 'protest'** or its declensions and conjugations.

2.13 RRS E6(b) is changed:

(a) Before '**competitor's personal number**' add '**owner's or the**'.

(b) At the end of the final sentence add '**Boats with sail numbers 01,08,10,18, 80 and 81 shall display a prefix '1'**', unless the number requires changing at the event to comply with RRS E6 (b).

### **3 Class Rules**

3.1 The rules of the Footy Class will apply.

### **4 Registration**

4.1 Except in the circumstances permitted by section 4.2 of these sailing instructions, documents as follows shall be presented to the Race Committee at the time requested during the event:

- a) adequate evidence that the use of the boat during the event is covered by adequate third party insurance (the competitor or owner's current MYA card shall constitute such evidence),
- b) where a boat is registered in the United Kingdom, the Race Committee will normally be in possession of fully up-to-date class registration details. No registration certificate need be produced. In the event of a boat not appearing on the register, the Race Committee shall issue a temporary sail number and shall make an application for registration on behalf of the owner.
- c) where a boat is registered outside the United Kingdom, registration certificate issue by the relevant national registrar and, if applicable,
- d) valid Personal Sail Number certificate.

A facsimile of the valid certificate(s) will be acceptable.

4.2 On the occasions that any of the above not being available at the event, but the competitor claiming that they exist, the competitor shall sign a declaration to that effect and send a copy of the certificate(s) and/or MYA card to the Race Committee within seven days of the end of the event.

## **5 Briefings, Announcements and Changes to the Sailing Instructions**

5.1 The initial briefing will be held before the start of racing to announce:

- (a) the sound signal which will precede all subsequent briefings, announcements and changes to these sailing instructions,
- (b) any changes to the racing times set out in section 6.4 of these sailing instructions,
- (c) a description of the course, the marks, the start and finish lines, the order and sides of the marks to be passed,
- (d) the sound signal for shortening the course, the sound signals for a general recall and the warning signal for the starting sequence,
- (e) the method of sourcing observers for each heat and the limitations of the control and launching areas,
- (f) instructions to take account of local conditions, course and Official Notice Board locations, rescue facilities, frequency control, protest procedure, measurement procedures and refreshment breaks.
- (g) whether Schedule 'B' or Schedule 'C' in HMS 2007 is to be used, or neither.

5.2 Permitted changes to the sailing instructions as outlined in sections 5.1 (c), (d), (e), (f) and (g) of these sailing instructions, may be made at any time between heats.

5.3 Permitted changes to the sailing instructions will be confirmed in writing and displayed on the Official Notice Board.

5.4 The initial briefing for the event will start at approximately 09.45 hours.

## **6 Racing Times**

6.1 Racing will start as soon as possible, but not less than 15 minutes, after the briefing start times set out in section 5.4 of these sailing instructions.

6.2 As soon as practicable after a heat has been concluded, a warning signal will indicate the starting sequence for the next heat.

6.3 Unless authorised by the Race Committee, competitors shall sail during the racing times only when they are scheduled to sail. When this instruction is broken a penalty, as RRS E5.8, may be applied.

6.4 Except where an announcement is made during the initial briefing, or in exceptional circumstances and where all competitors agree, racing will continue until the following times:

- (a) During the event, no heat shall start after 18.00 hours. Any heat will be abandoned if not completed before 18.30 hours.
- (b) At the end of the event, no race will start after 17.00 hours. Any race will be abandoned if the 'A' or only heat has is not completed before 18.00 hours.

## **7 Starting**

7.1 RRS 30.1 (Round the Ends Rule) shall apply at all times without any particular signal being given.

## **8 Protests**

8.1 The Race Committee may use ISAF-RSD SYRPH, the SYstem for Reducing Protest Hearings. This will apply after the heat and before the related protest hearing that may result from this procedure.

8.2 The protest committee will consist of either:

- (a) three people, who may include competitors, competent persons, Regional, National or International Judges, or
- (b) one or more non-competing National or International Judges, with or without others.

## **9 Scoring**

9.1 The RRS A4 Low Point system, as modified by HMS 2006 and these sailing instructions, will apply.

9.2 With the exception of SCP and ZFP, the scoring abbreviations as RRS A11 will apply.

9.3 In the event of a single heat being run, RRS A4.2 is replaced by:

**(a) Boats recorded as DNF, RAF, OCS, DNS, DNC, BFD, DSQ, DNE or DGM shall score one more point than the last boat in the race would have scored if all boats competing in the race had finished correctly.**

9.4 Excluded scores (discards)

When the total score is calculated for each boat, her worst scores will be excluded as follows:

After 4 races have been completed, 1 discard

After 8 races have been completed, 2 discards

After 16 races have been completed, 3 discards

After 24 races have been completed, 4 discards

and so on for every further 8 races completed.

9.5 Breaking of Ties

The following shall apply:

(a) When boats are tied at the finishing line RRS A7 will apply.

(b) When a tie for finishing place between two or more boats is to be broken, other than at the *finishing* line, it shall be decided in favour of the boat with the most first places, and when the tie remains, the most second places and so on. When the tie still remains it shall be decided in favour of the boat with the best score in the last race in which there was no tie and, should the tie still remain, by the tossing of a coin or the drawing of lots.

This changes RRS A8, which will not apply.

## **10 Appeals**

10.1 In the event of there being more than one heat for a race, the finishing place of a boat in a heat determines the heat in which it next races. Therefore, a boat may have its finishing place or score altered by an appeal only to the extent that its transfer to the subsequent heat is not affected.

## **11 Withdrawing from Racing in a single heat event**

11.1 A withdrawn boat shall be recorded as DNC and may return to racing at any start.

## **12 Objection to an action of the Race Committee**

12.1 If a competitor believes that the Race Committee has not complied with RRS 89.1 (either by breaching these Sailing Instructions or by acting in a manner that may affect the outcome of the event) and redress under RRS 62.1(a) is not an option, he/she shall bring the matter to the attention of the Race Committee at the earliest opportunity. If the matter persists, the competitor shall submit a written complaint to the Race Committee on the day during which the matter arose, but before the end of racing as set out in section 6.4 or 5.1(b) of these sailing instructions. If the Race Committee fails to address the complaint to the satisfaction of the competitor before the end of the event then the competitor shall refer the matter to the MYA Racing Secretary.

## **Advice to competitors**

Any competitor who intends to withdraw from racing, either permanently or temporarily, is asked as a matter of courtesy to inform the Race Committee at the earliest opportunity.