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1 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (CLUB POINTS RACING)

1.1 Definitions

- 1.1.1 Throughout these sailing instructions and the Club safety rules, the word 'boat' applies to dinghies, catamarans, sailboards and keelboats.

1.2 Competitors Obligations

- 1.2.1 All competitors must adhere to these sailing instructions and to the Club safety rules as laid down by the Committee, a copy of which will be displayed on the Club notice board and in the Club year book.
- 1.2.2 All boats must have a valid class and buoyancy certificate and insurance to cover third party claims to a minimum of £3,000,000. Certificates must be produced at the demand of a Club official.
- 1.2.3 The safety of the boat and her entire management, including insurance, shall be the sole responsibility of the owner or person in charge of the boat, who must ensure that the boat and crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of the race. Neither these sailing instructions nor any inspection of the boat limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner/ person in charge, for the crew, the boat and her management. The race organisers shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/person in charge or crew, as a result of their taking part in the race or races. Moreover, every owner/person in charge warrants the suitability of the boat for the race or races.

1.3 Notice to Competitors and Change in Sailing Instructions

- 1.3.1 Notices to competitors and any changes in sailing instructions will be posted on the notice board in the Clubhouse at least one hour before the start of the race(s) to which it applies.
- 1.3.2 When IC Flag 'L' is flown from the mast of the committee boat, together with one sound signal, it indicates "Come within hail" or "Follow me"

1.4 Signals Made Ashore

- 1.4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag pole situated in the dinghy compound outside the Clubhouse.



1.5 Conditions

- 1.5.1 Races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA, the rules of the relevant Class Associations and these sailing instructions.
- 1.5.2 Two boats of the same class or two boats competing on handicap basis who cross the start line after their start signal will constitute a valid race.
- 1.5.3 Points will be awarded to the helmsman not the boat.
- 1.5.4 It is the responsibility of the helmsman to ensure that results are correctly accredited to him/her on the results sheet. All helms wishing to take part in a Club series race must 'sign on', on the sheet provided for that purpose posted in the Club foyer before going on the water. Any helm failing to sign on under his/her correct sail number before a race will receive DNF, which if necessary may be counted towards their qualifying percentage.
- 1.5.5 Duty Race Officers will not cancel racing for the day, before 13.00. hrs. on Sundays or 18.30.hrs. on Wednesday. On days when joint racing between Tynemouth Sailing Club and South Shields Sailing Club is scheduled then racing will not be cancelled without consultation with Tynemouth Sailing Club.

1.6 Schedule of Races

- 1.6.1 The format of Sunday races will be advertised on the Duty Rota. Except for 'special event weekends', four races are scheduled to be sailed each Sunday during the sailing season. Start times are as follows:

- Sunday 1st race 11.00. start of first race.
- Sunday 2nd race A.S.A.P. after 1st race finish (back to back)
- Lunch
- Sunday 3rd race 14.00. start of first race.
- Sunday 4th race A.S.A.P. after 3rd race finish (back to back)

The season will be split in two with the second half starting on the last weekend in July. In each half of the season the two morning races will form one series and the two afternoon races will form another. Results for "special event weekends" are counted separately.



1.6.2 An evening race is scheduled each Wednesday. The series normally running from the last Wednesday in April until the last Wednesday in August. Start time as follows:

- Wednesday evening 19.00. start of first race.

1.6.3 All races on Sundays will be run as average lap time handicap, from which results for Handicap, and Class points racing may be extracted.

1.6.4 For all races the start/finish line will form a 'gate' on the windward leg of the course, or at the leeward mark. In each case, all boats must pass through the 'gate' on each circuit when sailing this leg of the course to enable their lap time to be recorded.

1.7 Racing Area

1.7.1 The racing area will normally be within the harbour, as shown in Figure 1 of these sailing instructions, or when conditions permit, a course outside the harbour may be laid.

1.7.2 The outfall pipe at Littlehaven marked by a yellow cross is considered an obstruction at all states of tide. Competitors may not pass between the yellow cross and the beach

1.8 Marks

1.8.1 The approximate position of the fixed marks inside the harbour and their identification symbols are shown in illustration 'A' of these instructions. Mark 'X' is a mark which may be dropped at the discretion of the OOD.

1.8.2 In the absence of 'fixed marks', a substitute mark may be dropped in the designated area of the missing fixed mark.

1.8.3 For courses set outside the harbour, large, orange, cylindrical marks may be used.



1.9 The Start

- 1.9.1 The start line will be between the mast of the Committee Boat and the line mark or buoy. The identification symbol for this mark or buoy will be the letter 'L'.
- 1.9.2 Sequence of visual signals

| Sunday Racing | | |
|---------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1st Start | Under the Number 8 pennant | General Start |
| 2nd Start | Under IC flag T | Optional - Beginner's Start |

| Wednesday Evening Racing | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1st Start | Under Laser & Enterprise Class flags | Lasers & Enterprises |
| 2nd Start | Under Number 8 pennant | Handicap |

- 1.9.3 A boat whose preparatory signal has not been made must keep clear of the start line and of boats whose preparatory signal has been made.

1.10 Recalls

- 1.10.1 When at her starting signal a yacht must comply with Rule 29.1 or Rule 30.1. The Race Committee shall hold the offending boat's warning signal at the 'dip' until all such boats are completely on the pre-start side of the starting line or its extensions and have complied with rule 30.1 if it applies, but not later than two minutes after the starting signal. This modifies Rule 29.1.
- 1.10.2 A general recall will be indicated by the hoisting of the 'first substitute flag' accompanied by two sound signals. If there are other classes still to start, the starting sequence will continue and the recalled class(es) will restart three minutes after the last class in the sequence. If there are no other classes to start, the Preparatory signal for a new start of the recalled class shall be made one minute after the first substitute flag is lowered. This modifies Rule 29.3.



1.11 Changing Position Of The Next Mark

- 1.11.1 The Race Committee may signal a change of direction of the next leg of the course by deploying a rescue boat displaying IC flag 'M', laying another mark in the desired location, or indicating the symbol of the next mark to be rounded. A change of position of the next mark will be signalled near the mark beginning the leg being changed, by the Committee Boat or a rescue boat displaying IC flag 'C', making repeated sound signals and indicating the general direction or the symbol of the next mark. The change will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the new leg, although the next mark may not yet be in position. This changes Rule 33.

1.12 Finishing

- 1.12.1 The finish line will normally be between the mast on the Committee Boat and an adjacent mark and will be crossed from the direction of the previous mark of the course. If for some reason the Committee Boat cannot be at the finish line, the Race Officer may deputise a rescue boat to record finishing positions.
- 1.12.2 The intention to finish a race will be indicated by the flying of flag "S" from the committee boat. All boats crossing the line when flag "S" is flying will be given a finish at that time.
- 1.12.3 In the case of a race having to be abandoned or the Race Officer losing track of the race (due to carrying out rescue or some other unforeseen duty). Provided that an accurate lap chart has been recorded during the race, at the discretion of the sailing committee, the results for that race may stand as they were up to the point that was last recorded on the lap chart.

1.13 Time Limit

- 1.13.1 The time limit for the first boat in each class will be 90 minutes. Boats finishing more than thirty minutes after the first boat in its class will be scored 'Did not finish'. This changes Rule 35.

1.14 Penalties

- 1.14.1 For an infringement of Part 2 of the Racing Rules, Rule 44.1 & 44.2 shall apply, except that for catamarans the penalty will be 360 degrees.



1.15 Protests

- 1.15.1 Protests shall be written on forms available from the race office and delivered to the Race Officer or Sailing Secretary within 1 hour of the Committee Boat coming ashore. The protest committee shall extend this period if there is a good reason to do so. The hearing by a protest committee will normally take place later that day.
- 1.15.2 A boat intending to protest shall inform the other boat at the first reasonable opportunity. When her protest concerns an incident in the racing area that she is involved in or sees, she shall hail 'Protest'. However, if the other boat is beyond hailing distance, the protesting boat need not hail but she shall inform the other boat at the first reasonable opportunity.

1.16 Scoring

- 1.16.1 To qualify in a Club series, a helm must have results for 40% of the total number of races provided by the Club towards that series. No more than three of the qualifying results may be 'Rota Results'.
- 1.16.2 A helm carrying out a duty on behalf of the race organisation, (Race Officer, Rescue or Kitchen), will be awarded a ROTA RESULT for each of the races he/she is unable to compete in due to doing that duty. This result may be counted towards qualifying for the relevant series within the stipulations of 1.16.1). The value of a 'Rota Result' will be points equal to the average of all of that helm's results for that series, calculated after the final race of that series.
- 1.16.3 The low point scoring system, Rule A2 will apply. Each boat starting and finishing in a race, and not thereafter retiring or being disqualified will be awarded points as follows :

| | |
|-------------|---------------------------------|
| First | 1 |
| Second | 2 |
| Third | 3 and so on |
| Rota Result | Average points for that series. |



- 1.16.4 Boats not so scored that came to the starting area, will be scored points for the finishing place equivalent to one more than the number of boats in his class that came to the starting area.
- 1.16.5 Boats that did not come to the starting area will be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in *that* Series.
- 1.16.6 A boat *Disqualified* for an infringement of The Racing Rules of Sailing or these Sailing Instructions will be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in *that* series.
- 1.16.7 A boat disqualified for an infringement of the Club safety rules will be scored DND.

1.17 TIES

- 1.17.1 Ties will be decided in accordance with Appendix A8 of the RRS. If the tie remains unbroken discard results will be taken into account.

2 ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR PURSUIT RACES

2.1 Rules

- 2.1.1 Boats are not required to be afloat and off moorings at the preparatory signal. This changes RRS 45.
- 2.1.2 Class flags - the warning signal will be Number 8 pennant. The start (changes RRS 26, 29.1, 29.2 and Race Signals)
- 2.1.3 The race will be started using RRS 26 except as amended below. Starting procedure: The race is a pursuit race with classes starting according to start times allocated to each class. The start times allocated to classes will be on display on the notice board throughout the day.
- 2.1.4 A starting sound signal will be made for each class as per the list of starts on the official notice board.



2.2 Recalls:

- 2.2.1 Individual recalls will be signalled in accordance with RRS 29.1 except that flag X will be flown for no longer than 30 seconds. This changes RRS 29.1.
- 2.2.2 General recalls will be signalled in accordance with RRS 29.2 except that flag First Substitute will only be flown for 30 seconds and will be lowered without a sound signal. All boats subject to a general recall start will restart by sailing outside one end or the other of the start line and recross the start line from the non course side, avoiding all boats participating in any other start. This changes RRS 29.2 and Race Signals.

2.3 The finish

- 2.3.1 The finish time will be 90 minutes after the first start.
- 2.3.2 An imaginary finishing line will be set up as near as practical on, and at right angles to, the line between the marks bounding the leg on which the leading boat is sailing. It will be set up ahead of the leading boat as near as is practical to the finish time.
- 2.3.3 Having made the sound signal at the appropriate time to indicate the finish of the Race, and finished the first boat, the Race Officer will move through the fleet recording the finishing positions of the remaining competing boats.
- 2.3.4 Each competitor should note his/her position at the finish gun and not change position until the Race Officer has signified recording his/her position.

2.4 Scoring

- 2.4.1 Boats will be placed in the order in which the Race Officer records them as he/she passes through the fleet.

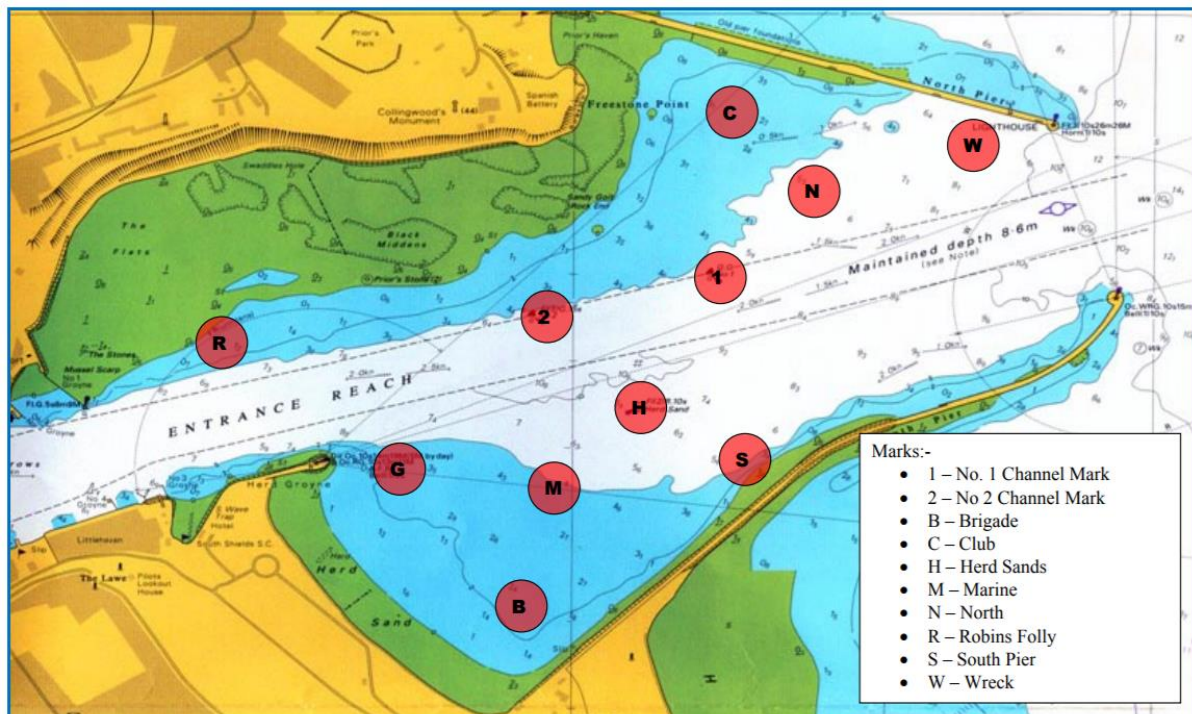


Figure 1- Sailing Area