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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 2019

These sailing instructions are for use in Club racing only.
Separate sailing instructions will be published for all Open Events.

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1	16/02/2009	B M Twist	BSC USE ONLY. 2008 BSC Sailing Instructions revised to include 3.4 avg. points for non sailors, 2009 and Racing Rules 2009-2012. Laser fleet removed from 7.2
2	15/02/2011	Ashley Taylor	BSC USE ONLY 2009 SI's revised 1.5 to include all non-members. 3.2 to include Bank Holidays. 6.4 change WILL to MAY. 15.1 change <i>squarehead</i> to <i>Race officer</i> .
3	27/06/2012	Ben Twist	BSC USE ONLY Amended to include clause concerning allowing limited coaching whilst racing
4	18/12/2012	Doug Spooner	BSC USE ONLY Revised to bring SI's in line with RYA guide and to include new courses
5	08/01/2014	Doug Spooner	BSC USE ONLY Revised to clarify average points and non-member issues
6	22/01/2015	Doug Spooner	BSC USE ONLY Annual update
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9	21/03/2019	Doug Spooner	BSC USE ONLY Annual update and changes to average points

BSC Sailing Instructions

All Club races will be run in accordance with RRS 2017 – 2020 and these Sailing Instructions

1 Conditions of Entry

- 1.1 Members should note that the Club will implement the RYA Racing Charter and that members will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book (Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020) or at <http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/Pages/racingcharter.aspx>.
- 1.2 All races will be organised by the BSC Sailing Sub-Committee and governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and RYA Prescriptions except when stated herein.
- 1.3 The safety of a boat and its entire management, including, as a minimum, £2,000,000 third party liability insurance, shall be the sole responsibility of the owner or competitor at all times. The establishment of these sailing instructions in no way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the owner or competitor.
- 1.4 Members whose subscriptions or dinghy park fees are in arrears may not take part in Club races
- 1.5 Non-members may only sail on three scheduled Club race days per calendar year and must complete a Temporary Membership form or EKYA Concession form. Forms are available in the Race Office or Clubhouse
- 1.6 The Race Officer will display flag 'D' from the squarehead when he feels that the combination of wind and sea conditions are such that it would be unsuitable for members with limited experience of such conditions to go afloat. When flag 'D' is displayed, junior members must seek the approval of the Race Officer before going afloat. Senior members with limited experience should discuss the conditions with the Race Officer and seek his advice. In all situations, the Race Officer's decision is final. This changes Rule 4 (RRS).

2 Onshore Signals and Notices

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board in the Squarehead.
- 2.2 Any change to these sailing instructions will be posted at least 30 minutes before the scheduled start of the first race of the day.
- 2.3 When Flag 'B', with one sound signal, is flown from the Squarehead, no boat is to launch. Boats already afloat should return to the shore. When Flag 'B' is flown over a class flag, or flags, the class, or classes, indicated should not launch or, if afloat, should return to the shore. Failure to comply may result in disqualification.

3 Schedule of Races

- 3.1 The sailing programme will be published annually in the Club Handbook and on the Club web site.
- 3.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on any day will be 5 minutes before the start time as published in the Club Handbook unless changed by an official notice.
- 3.3 When more than one race will be held on the same day, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable.

3.4 Class Flags

The Class Flag for Handicap racing will be **Flag 'G'**. Any additional Class Flags will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

4 Safety

- 4.1 No race may take place, or continue if already started, without the provision and maintenance of adequate patrol boat facilities.

- 4.2 During any race when multiple audible sound signals (air horn or whistle) are made from a patrol boat it signals '**patrol boat in need of assistance**'. Any competent sailor within the vicinity should go to assist the patrol boat. Average points or redress to their position in the race at the time of going to help, will be awarded to any such sailor. All other sailors should continue to race unless indicated otherwise by signals from the Squarehead or another patrol boat.

5 Helmsman and Crew

- 5.1 After the start of a series a change of helm will be deemed as another entry in that series for the purpose of the scoring system. At the discretion of the Race Officer a temporary change of helm may be recorded as 'Guest Helm'.
- 5.2 A change of crew will be permitted where a boat has no regular crew or where the regular crew is unavailable.
- 5.3 Any changes to helm or crew should be notified to the Race Officer before the start of the race.

6 Signing On and Declaration

- 6.1 All competitors must sign on at the Squarehead at least fifteen minutes before the scheduled warning signal, to declare their intention to race. Any boat taking part in a race without signing on may be scored DNE.
- 6.2 Races may be cancelled, at the discretion of the Race Officer, if by fifteen minutes before the scheduled warning signal there are insufficient members present to safely launch and recover the patrol boats required for the race. In all situations, the Race Officer's decision is final.
- 6.3 All boats must sail under their registered sail number. In exceptional circumstances, permission to sail with a different sail number may be granted by the Race Officer and the change should be recorded on the signing on sheet prior to the race. Failure to comply will result in disqualification.
- 6.4 Competitors will not be able to sign off until all Patrol Boats have been recovered after the last race of the day.
- 6.5 Within 15 minutes of the Patrol Boat(s) being recovered, all competitors must sign off at the Squarehead to declare that all rules have been obeyed during the race and that the boat and crew are ashore. Any boat not signed off within the time limit may be scored DNE. Competitors who retire during a race must sign off as soon as possible after coming ashore.

7 Handicap Racing, Class Racing and Starting Order

- 7.1 In any class or fleet, a minimum of two boats will constitute a race. If only one boat in any class or fleet starts, they may complete the course but no points will be awarded.
- 7.2 Races in all series will be run as General Handicap. There will be one start. Fleet results may be extracted, if appropriate, for calculating overall series results.
- 7.3 The Sailing Sub-Committee will decide the division of classes by Portsmouth Yardstick for Handicap racing at the start of the season. The Sailing Sub-Committee may also determine class or personal handicaps if appropriate.

8 Course to be Sailed

- 8.1 The diagrams in Appendix C show the standard BSC race courses. The number and plan of the course will be displayed at the Squarehead. A Squarehead or Committee boat start will be indicated from the Squarehead. For 'Course 1', a plan of the course will be displayed at least 30 minutes before the start of the race.
- 8.2 The course direction will be indicated from the Squarehead
- 8.3 If a boat sails outside the distance mark (DM) at the end of a lap, one lap will be deducted from the total laps sailed and average laps will be applied if appropriate.

9 Oral Changes

- 9.1 The Race Officer, through his/her representatives, may pass race changes orally to competitors when on the water.

10 The Start

- 10.1 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 10.2 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal may be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes rule A4.2.
- 10.3 Squarehead Start – The start line shall be an imaginary line between the signal mast in the centre of the Squarehead and the course side of the distance mark. Multiple sound signals will be made at least one minute before the warning signal.
- 10.4 Committee Boat Start - The start line shall be an imaginary line between the signal mast of the Committee Boat displaying an orange flag and the course side of an orange buoy or the mast of a boat flying an Orange flag. When on station the Committee Boat will fly an orange flag, this changes RRS Racing Signals.
- 10.5 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with multiple sound signals at least one minute before a warning signal is made.
- 10.6 For back to back races, the orange signal will be made as soon as practicable after the end of the previous race. Where more than one fleet will be sailing on the race area, the orange flag will be displayed throughout the start sequence for all fleets but will be removed if an extended postponement is anticipated.
- 10.7 Limit Marks - An inner mark may be laid adjacent to the Committee boat and boats shall pass between it and the outer mark. Boats passing between the inner mark and the Committee Boat after the preparatory signal will be disqualified.

11 The Finish

- 11.1 Boats that have finished should sail clear of the finish line as soon as possible.
- 11.2 Squarehead Finish - The finish line is defined as that between the signal mast in the centre of the Squarehead and the course side of the distance mark.
- 11.3 Committee Boat Finish - The finish line is defined as that between the signal mast of the Committee Boat and the course side of the nearest mark to the Committee Boat.

12 Race Duration

- 12.1 Races will be scheduled to last for approximately 1 hour for the leading boat, except where more than one race is to be held when the scheduled time will be approximately 45 minutes.
- 12.2 Races will be abandoned, at the discretion of the Race Officer, if it is deemed unlikely that any boat will complete the 1st lap of the course within one hour.

13 Time Limit

- 13.1 For individual class racing, the time limit is thirty minutes after the first boat has finished.
- 13.2 For handicap racing, boats should complete one lap within thirty minutes of the first boat finishing.

14 Outside Help

- 14.1 Coaching from a patrol boat or fellow competitor is allowed during club racing at the discretion of the Race Officer. Such coaching should be brief; and designed to instil confidence and encourage the delivery of expertise & knowledge and not significantly affect the outcome of the race. This changes Rule 41.

15 Scoring System

- 15.1 The scoring system will be the low point system of Appendix A of the RRS.
- 15.2 Average lap times will be used where appropriate

16 Protests and Requests for Redress

16.1 Protest forms are available at the Squarehead. Protests should be delivered to the Race Officer within 1 hour after the last boat finishes in the last race of the day. Protests will be heard as soon as reasonably possible on the day or scheduled for the earliest opportunity thereafter.

16.2 Rules Disputes

The Exoneration Penalty (and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration) of the RYA Rules Dispute Procedures will be available. See official notice board for details. The full Hearing text can also be found at rya.org.uk/racing/charter.

Risk Statement

17 Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone”

Sailing is by nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- (a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- (e) The provision of a Race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS ~ APPENDIX A

1 General

- 1.1 All competitors are expected to assist with the launching and recovery of patrol boats before and after racing.
- 1.2 Members taking to the water during Club racing but not participating in the race should sign on and off at the Squarehead in accordance with SI 6 and inform the Race Officer of their intentions. Members should be aware that patrol boats will give priority to boats that are racing and will not remain afloat after the end of racing or training session. If members are going afloat for recreational sailing and do not expect to return until after racing or training has finished, they should inform the Race Officer or Officer of the Day.
- 1.3 Unless approved by the Race Officer on the day, a member who enters a race who should be on duty may be scored DNE.

2 Safety

- 2.1 Due care and attention should be exercised at all times when launching, recovering and washing down dinghies and patrol boats for the safety of Club members and the general public. Boats should be removed from the pier area as soon as possible before the start and at the end of racing.
- 2.2 At all times when ashore sails must be stowed or secured to prevent flapping.
- 2.3 At all times when ashore boat owners and competitors should show due regard for the safety and wellbeing of others in public areas.
- 2.4 Members are advised that the Club is only able to provide patrol boat facilities for those participating in organised Club events. At all times parents and guardians have sole responsibility for their children and wards.

3 Average Points

- 3.1 Members may claim Average Points if rostered or called upon to perform Squarehead or Patrol Boat duties. The Race Officer must be satisfied that the boat and crew were in all respects ready to sail and able to sail. The helm or crew must sign out as usual and state 'Average Points Claimed - Squarehead / Safety Boat Duties'.
- 3.2 Average points may also be claimed if representing the club at an event elsewhere. The Sailing Secretary must be advised beforehand in writing stating for which race and event average points are being claimed.
- 3.3 Average points will be calculated on the performance of that particular boat throughout that particular series where average points have not been claimed.
- 3.4 Requests for average points under 3.2 will only be accepted on the appropriate form which will be available in the Squarehead and on the Club web site, this will be filed until the end of the series for which average points are being claimed. Average points will only be awarded if the boat for which average points are requested has competed in at least 50% of the races sailed in that series. Average points should be requested as soon as possible after the race(s) in question
- 3.5 Average points will be awarded for any sailor performing Race Management or Patrol Boat duties. If this duty is at short notice and allows racing to continue a score of Average Points – 2 may be awarded.
- 3.6 All claims for average points will be assessed and verified by the Sailing Sub Committee at the end of each series.

4 Protests

- 4.1 The Race Officer on the day will be responsible, in all respects, for the conduct of the protest hearing.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS ~ APPENDIX B

B1

Series Qualification

- B1.1 All boats must register at the start of the season (or by their first race) to qualify for series results.

B2 Score Sheet Designation

First Place		1 point
Second and subsequent places		Points equal to finishing position
DNS	Did not start	Number of boats raced + 1 point
DNF	Did not finish	Number of boats raced + 1 point
RAF	Retired after finishing	Number of boats raced + 1 point
DSQ	Disqualification	Number of boats raced + 1 point
DNE	Disqualification, not excludable	Number of boats raced + 1 point
DNC	Did not compete	Number of boats raced + 3 points

B3 The number of races to count in a series will be as follows:

No. of Races	Races to Count	No. of Races	Races to Count
1	1	11	8
2	2	12	8
3	2	13	9
4	3	14	10
5	4	15	11
6	4	16	11
7	5	17	12
8	6	18	13
9	6	19	13
10	7	20	14

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS ~ APPENDIX C

RACING COURSES

C1 The number and direction the courses will be displayed at the Squarehead

Course 1 Special Course: Details will be displayed at the squarehead

Course 2 North DM: N: S: DM All to Starboard

South DM: S: N: DM All to Port

Course 3 North DM: N: E: S: DM All to Starboard

South DM: S: E: N: DM All to Port

Course 4 North DM: N: NE: SE: S: DM All to Starboard

South DM: S: SE: NE: N: DM All to Port

Course 5 North DM: N(stb): NE(stb): H(pt): SE(stb): S(stb): DM

South DM: S(pt): SE(pt): H(stb): NE(pt): N(pt): DM

C2 The course will be displayed in the squarehead at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start time.

C3	Abbreviations for Marks		
Mark	Name	Mark	Name
DM	Distance Mark	H	Hook
N	North	L	Longnose
NE	North East	K	Knoll
S	South	D	Winterstoke Dolphin
SE	South East	St.	Starboard
E	East	Pt.	Port



