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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 2024

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

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BSC Sailing Instructions

1. Conditions of Entry

The establishment of these sailing instructions in no way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the owner or competitor.

Members whose subscriptions or dinghy park fees are in arrears may not take part in Club races

Non-members may only sail on three scheduled Club race days per calendar year and must complete a Temporary Membership form. Forms are available in the RaceOffice or Clubhouse

The Race Officer will display flag 'D' from the squarehead when it is felt 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 advice. In all situations, the Race Officer's decision is final. This changes RRS 3.

2. Onshore Signals and Notices

Any change to these sailing instructions will be posted at least 30 minutes before the scheduled start of the first race of the day.

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.

Class Flags will be as follows:

Handicap Fleet

Gold Fleet

Flag 'G'

Numeral Pennant 1

Silver Fleet

Numeral Pennant 2

When a signal flag is displayed over a Class or Fleet flag(s), the signal applies only to the Class(es) or Fleet(s) indicated

3. Schedule of Races

The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on any day will be 5 minutes before the published start time unless changed by an official notice.

4. Safety

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

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

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'.

A change of crew will be permitted where a boat has no regular crew or where the regular crew is unavailable.

Any changes to helm or crew should be notified to the Race Officer before the start of the race.

6. Signing On and Declaration

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.

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.

Sailors must advise the Race Officer prior to the start of the race if they are sailing under a different sail number from that registered. Failure to do so may result in being scored DNE.

Competitors will not be able to sign off until all Patrol Boats have been recovered after the last race of the day.

Within 15 minutes of the Patrol Boat(s) being recovered, all competitors must sign off to declare that all rules have been obeyed during the race and that the boat and crew are ashore, please see the Official Notice Board for current guidance. 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

In any class or fleet if only one boat starts a race they will be awarded points for first place they complete the course.

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.

The Sailing Committee may determine Class, Fleet or Personal handicaps if appropriate.

8. Boats with more than one rig / sail numbers

If a boat has the availability of more than one rig, it should be registered for a series as using the larger rig for the whole of that series unless the smaller rig only will be used for the whole series.

All boats must ensure that they have sails with the correct sail number that has been registered for the series.

9. Courses to be sailed

The diagrams in Appendix C show the standard BSC race courses. The number and plan of the course will be displayed at the Squarehead. For 'Course 1', a plan of the course will be displayed at least 30 minutes before the start of the race.

The course direction will be indicated from the Squarehead

If a boat fails to sail the correct course, she will be scored NSC (*did not sail the course*). If a boat sails the correct course but 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. The Race Officer, through his/her representatives, may pass race changes orally to competitors when on the water.

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10. Oral changes

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 and flashing lights will be made within one minute of the warning signal for races that do not have a published start time. The Orange Flag will not be displayed, this changes RRS Race Signals.

In addition to flag signals there will be light signals comprising of five white lights positioned horizontally above the squarehead window. Five lights will be shown when the warning signal is displayed. At the preparatory signal one light will be turned off leaving four lights. The remaining lights will be turned off at one minute intervals. At the start all lights will have been extinguished. In the event of an Individual Recall one light will be flashing and remain so until the OCS boat(s) has / have returned behind the starting line. In the event of a General Recall all five lights will flash and remain so until the normal race sequence is resumed.

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

A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal may be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing.

For back to back races, multiple sound signals will be made as soon as practicable after the end of the previous race to indicate that a warning signal is imminent. Five lights will be flashed at the same time.

11. The 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. The Blue Flag will not be displayed, this changes RRS Race Signals.

Boats that have finished should sail clear of the finish line as soon as possible.

12. Race Duration

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.

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

For class racing, the time limit is thirty minutes after the first boat has finished.

For handicap racing, boats should complete one lap within thirty minutes of the first boat finishing.

14. Outside Help

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 RRS 41.

15. Scoring System

The scoring system will be the low point system of Appendix A of the RRS.

Average lap times will be used where appropriate.

16. Protests and Requests for Redress

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.

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

BSC SAILING INSTRUCTIONS ~ APPENDIX A

1. General

All competitors are expected to assist with the launching and recovery of patrol boats before and after racing.

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 the 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.

Unless approved by the Race Officer on the day, a member who enters a race who should be on duty may be scored DNE.

A sailing member will be appointed by the Duty Race Officer to ensure that all the equipment, stores, containers and boat park have been secured prior to leaving the harbour.

2. Safety

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.

RNLI Beach Lifeguards buoys and flags: When racing the safe bathing area marked by the two yellow buoys in Viking bay is out of bounds. This area is bounded by the beach to West and a line extended across Viking Bay through the two yellow buoys to the East. When launching and recovering all boats should make every effort to do so from and to the area indicated by the black and white beach flags and to clear the safe bathing area as quickly as possible.

At all times when ashore sails must be stowed or secured to prevent flapping.

At all times when ashore boat owners and competitors should show due regard for the safety and wellbeing of others in public areas.

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

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'. If this duty is at short notice and allows racing to continue a score of Average Points – 2 may be awarded.

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.

Average points will be calculated on the performance of that particular boat in races throughout that particular series where average points have not been claimed.

All claims for average points will be assessed and verified by the Sailing Committee at the end of each series.

BSC SAILING INSTRUCTIONS ~ APPENDIX B

B1 Series Qualification

B1.1 Members should register their boat details on Web Collect at the start of the season (or by their first race) to qualify for series results. Any changes to these details during the season should be updated as soon as possible.

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
OCS On course side of the start line	Number of boats raced + 1 point
DNF Did not finish	Number of boats raced + 1 point
NSC Did not sail the course	Number of boats raced + 1 point
RTD Retired	Number of boats raced + 1 point

No. of Races	Races to Count	No. of Races	Races to Count	No. of Races	Races to Count
1	1	11	8	21	15
2	2	12	8	22	15
3	2	13	9	23	16
4	3	14	10	24	17
5	4	15	11	25	18
6	4	16	11	26	18
7	5	17	12	27	19
8	6	18	13	28	20
9	6	19	13	29	20
10	7	20	14	30	21

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
+ 12 points

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

BSC SAILING INSTRUCTIONS ~ APPENDIX C

C1 RACING COURSES

	The number and direction of the course will be displayed at the squarehead atleast 30 minutes prior to the scheduled warning signal.		
Course 1	Special Course: Details will be displayed at the squarehead		
Course 2	N o r t h	DM: N: S: DM	All to Starboard
	S o u t h	DM: S: N: DM	All to Port
Course 3	N o r t h	DM: N: E: S: DM	All to Starboard
	S o u t h	DM: S: E: N: DM	All to Port
Course 4	N o r t h	DM: N: NE: SE: S: DM	All to Starboard
	S o u t h	DM: S: SE: NE: N: DM	All to Port
Course 5	N o r t h	DM: N(stb): NE(stb): H(pt): SE(stb): S(stb): DM	
	S o u t h	DM: S(pt): SE(pt): H(stb): NE(pt): N(pt): DM	

C3**ABBREVIATIONS FOR MARKS**

M a r k	N a m e	Ma rk	N a m e
D M	Distance Mark	H	Hook
N	North	L	Longnose
N E	North East	K	Knoll
S	South	D	Winterstoke Dolphin
S E	South East	St b.	Starboard
E	East	P t .	Port
K D	Kent Decking (Dumpton)		