



POOLE YACHT CLUB DINGHY REGATTA



Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 July 2021

WHITE COURSE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

These Sailing Instructions compliment the official Regatta Sailing Instructions but are specifically tailored for those sailors competing on the White Course.

1. RULES

- 1.1. Everyone must have fun, that's the whole point of going sailing. Anyone seen not having fun may be reported to the Organizing Authority!!!!!!
- 1.2. The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.3. The Organising Authority (PYC) and in particular the White Course Race Officer, may amend these rules as he sees fit, depending on e.g. weather conditions, sailing area, course being raced, etc, and his decision is final.
- 1.4. The penalty for breaking Rule 1.1, is at the discretion of the protest committee and may be less than disqualification.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at outside the entrance to the Sailing Office.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change to these sailing instructions will be advised to the competitors either during the Competitors Briefing, or at an otherwise convenient point in the Regatta.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. If you see or hear a signal made ashore, and you don't know what it means – go and ask!
- 4.2. Important signals will be described in the competitors briefing.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. The 1st Warning Signal will be not before:

1100 on Saturday the 10 July 2021

1030 on Sunday the 11 July 2021

- 5.2. The number and type of race / courses to be used will be advised at the competitors briefing.
- 5.3. On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 14.55 hrs.

6. CLASS FLAGS & Starting Sequence

- 6.1. Class Flags will be advised during the Competitors Briefing.

7. RACING AREAS

- 7.1. Racing will take part in the vicinity of Ham Bay. This will be shown to all competitors during the competitors briefing.

8. THE COURSES

- 8.1. The courses will be advised during the Competitors Briefing or at an otherwise convenient point in the Regatta.

9. MARKS

- 9.1. Race marks, starting and finishing marks will be advised during the competitors briefing.

10. THE START AND FINISH

10.1. The start and finish will be advised during the competitors briefing.

11. SCORING

11.1. The scoring system shall be announced at the Competitors Briefing.

12. SAFETY REGULATIONS

12.1. All competitors shall wear a personal flotation device when afloat, except briefly when changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not considered personal flotation devices.

12.2. Safety Tally System - A Safety Tally Number will be allocated to each boat when Registering.

12.3. The Tally Board will be situated near the Official Notice Board or at the top of the beach slipway. Each competitor intending to race shall be provided with a rubber wrist band bearing their tally number which must be worn at all times whilst afloat. Immediately on reaching shore each helm shall report to the Tally Board and surrender their wrist band.

A competitor failing to complete this procedure within 60 minutes of the last boat to finish in the last race of the day will be dealt with accordingly.

12.4. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

13. PRIZES

13.1. Prizes will be awarded in the Club House as soon as possible after racing has finished on Sunday 11 July 2021.

14. RISK STATEMENT

14.1. Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states; "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone."

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

14.2.1. They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew, their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;

14.2.2. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and other property whether afloat or ashore;

14.2.3. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;

14.2.4. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;

14.2.5. The provision of a race management team, safety boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organising does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;

14.2.6. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

15. INSURANCE

15.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.