

Appendix to Racing Rules of Sailing and MYA SSIs



Applicable only to Club sailing at Poole Radio Yacht Club

All racing will take place using The Racing Rules of Sailing in force at the time, and the current MYA Standard Sailing Instructions (SSIs).

Fair Sailing – this is one of the Fundamental Rules – A boat and her owner shall compete in compliance with recognised principles of sportsmanship and fair play. A boat may be penalised under this rule only if it is clearly established that these principles have been violated. The penalty shall be either disqualification or disqualification that is not excludable.

Rule E3.8 (c) and SSI 2.5 are amended to – The course may be shortened whilst a race is in progress as long as it is done before the leading boat reaches what will then be the next mark of the course. The OOD will tell all helms where the finish line is to be.

Rule 32 and SSI 2.5 are amended to – The race officer may abandon a race as required.

Rule 35 and SSI 2.6 are amended to – The time limit for the first boat to cross the finish line is 20 minutes from the start of the race. If no boat has finished within the time limit, the race shall be abandoned.

Rule 60 and SSI 8.1 are amended to – A protest shall be made verbally to the Race Officer (No form is required) as soon as possible. The protest should be dealt with before the start of the next race.

All boats racing must conform to their class rules.

The start sequence will commence one minute before the start.

No helming from the walkway.

If a helm misses a race or does not finish a race because they are assisting another person who has fallen in or has had an accident, or they have gone afloat in the dinghy to collect another boat they shall be awarded their average points for that race.

To comply with ruling E3.9 re giving equal opportunity to the disabled. Helms should avoid, where possible, congregating and walking on the concrete edge of the lake and stick to the gravel. This will allow those who cannot shift their position a better view of their boats and the course. There will always be a problem at the park gate end of the lake but please be aware of the problem and try not to obstruct their line of sight.

Racing will start as per the Club Racing Programme Timings or as soon as possible after this time. Evening start timings may be altered at the start of evening series sailing and end of evening series sailing due to lack of light. This will be posted on the club website.

The ideal number of races shall be eight with the OOD adjusting the length of the races so that the races last a total of around two hours. If less than 8 races are completed by the end

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of two hours, a reduced number of races will be sailed. If more than 8 races are completed only the first 8 will be used for the results.

All helms should check the finishing sheet for errors at the end of racing. Please bring any errors to the OODs or scorer's attention. If you retired from a race, please make sure you are recorded as such.

Please be aware that we sail in an area frequented by the general public and must not obstruct the area around the lake with boat stands and spare sails. Frank exchanges of views over on the water incidents should also be avoided so as not to give offence. It is also against the rules, see Section C Misconduct, and can result in disqualification or a greater penalty (rule 69.2 h 1-4) Please also watch where you are walking so as not to collide with others helms and members of the public.

All helms will be expected to help with racing by acting as the race officer for one race within each session if 8 or more competitors are present. If less than eight boats are signed up, the helm of the first boat over the line will record the finishers. Help from members to run open meetings is also much appreciated by both the visitors and the race officer.

Scoring will be as in Appendix A. Low points system. There will be 1 discard if 4 races are completed 2 discards if 8 races are completed and 3 discards if 10 or more races are completed. The third discard only applies to series results. For a session's racing to be scored at least 3 boats must complete the first 3 races.

IOM sailors must register their boat type, reg. number and sail number to be used in a series on the first opportunity it is sailed in that series. If there are any changes to the above, please consult with the Sailing Secretary, club official or class captain before substituting a boat.

Only authorised members are permitted to use the dinghies at Poole and Longham as per the current list.

Specific to Longham

No sailing at Longham may take place without an authorised responsible person present, as per current list.

Only 3 people are permitted on the floating pontoon at any given time.

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