



**Shanklin Sailing Club – Dart 15 Open Meeting  
Saturday 18th - Sunday 19th May 2024  
Sailing Instructions**

**1. RULES**

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 - 2024*.
- 1.2. Entrants and authorised guests are temporary members of Shanklin Sailing Club during the period of the event and shall comply with Club Rules and Bylaws. *Failure to observe these may result in exclusion from the club premises.*
- 1.3. [DP] before a rule indicates that penalty other than disqualification may be applied by the Race Committee.
- 1.4. A boat shall not race with an incorrect sail number unless she has notified the Race Committee at registration.

**2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than 45 minutes before the start of any race affected.

**3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS**

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Shanklin Sailing Club clubhouse.
- 3.2. From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

**4. CODE OF CONDUCT**

- 4.1. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

**5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from or near the race box at Shanklin Sailing Club.
- 5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 10 minutes' in the Race Signal AP.

**6. SCHEDULE**

Day	Race Schedule	Start
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Race 1 Race 2 (back to back) Race 3 (back to back)	No earlier than 12 noon After Race 1 After Race 2
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Race 4 Race 5 (back to back) Race 6 (back to back)	No earlier than 10:00 After Race 4 After Race 5

No warning signal will be made after 14:30 on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

**7. CLASS FLAG**

- 7.1 The class flag will be Flag F.

**8 RACE AREA**

- 8.1 The race area will be in Sandown Bay

**9. COURSE**

- Courses will be advised at the briefing and will be posted on the regatta noticeboard.

## **10 MARKS**

10.1 See Addendum A

## **11. THE START**

11.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal 5 minutes before the start.

11.2 The starting line is a transit extending out to sea of a triangle on the race box and a red and white telegraph pole by South East Beach Café. The outer mark and inner mark (if used) may not be on this line.

11.3 Boats must pass inside the outer mark after each lap.

## **12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

12.1 Legs of the course will not be changed after the preparatory signal.

## **13. THE FINISH**

13.1. The finishing line will be between the triangle on the race box and either the outer mark or the next mark of the course after a race is shortened.

13.2. Each race will be approximately 45-55 minutes duration, at the discretion of the race committee. When a race is to finish, the Race Committee will signal a shortened course in accordance with RRS 32.2. The first boat to be finished may not necessarily be the leading boat. The results will be calculated on an average lap time basis where the result of each race will be calculated on the number of laps sailed against elapsed time for each boat.

13.3. At the discretion of the Race Officer boats still racing in a single class fleet race may be scored as their observed position on the course. When a boat is scored in accordance with this instruction, she shall be given a score for a place after all boats that have sailed the course and finished. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

Boats may be finished by shortening course at the defined finish line. Positions will be decided taking the number of completed laps into account.

Boats that are still racing and ahead of boats finished early and have not retired from the race, but subsequently fail to finish, shall be awarded the average of the points for places available to them had they finished. This changes RRS A5.2.

## **14. PENALTY SYSTEM**

14.1. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

## **15. TIME LIMITS**

15.1 The time limit for a race is 75 minutes. All finishers must cross the line within 30 minutes of the time of the lead boat and within 90 minutes of the start of the race.

15.2 The race will be abandoned if the lead boat does not get to the first mark within 35 minutes.

15.3 Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress.

## **16. RECALLS**

16.1. In the event of an individual recall, in addition to the X-ray flag and extra horn signal, two lights will show on the race box. This changes RRS 29.1.

16.2. In the event of a general recall, in addition to the extra two horn signals, four lights will show on the race box. The First Substitute flag may not necessarily be displayed. This changes RRS 29.2.

## **17. HEARING REQUESTS**

17.1. The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official notice board.

17.2. Hearing request forms are available from the race office.

17.3. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses and the location of the hearings. Alternatively hearings may be held remotely and may be after the event, the parties involved will be advised by email of the arrangements.

17.4. Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under Rule 61.1(b).

17.5. RYA Arbitration

17.5.1. The exoneration Penalty and the RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. Decisions from RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee but cannot be reopened or appealed.

## **18. SCORING**

18.1. The scoring system is APPENDIX A 5.3

18.2. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

18.3. When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

18.4. When four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.

## **19. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

19.1. [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **20. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

20.1. For the series of races comprising this event only the helm and crew named on the entry form will be eligible.

20.2. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

## **21. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

21.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the relevant class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.

21.2. [DP] When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

## **22. (DP) SUPPORT VESSELS**

24.1. Support teams vessels are not allowed.

## **23. RUBBISH DISPOSAL**

23.1. Rubbish may not be placed aboard official vessels. It must correctly be disposed of ashore.

## **29. PRIZES**

29.1. Prizes will awarded dependent on size of entry.

29.2 The winner will keep the Sandwich Bay Cup until the following year's Southern Championship.

## **30. RISK STATEMENT**

Rule 3 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 its 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 organizer 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;
- (g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

### 31. INSURANCE

31.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3 million per incident or the equivalent.

### 32. OTHER INFORMATION

32.1 All enquiries should be via Liam Thom on 07780 667831.

### ADDENDUM A

The course will comprise of circular, semi-permanent marks in Sandown Bay as well as large yellow cylindrical marks that may be laid on the day. The yellow 200m/10 knot markers shown in yellow will not be used as part of the course.

