

Pennine Sailing Club

Sailing Instructions 2011

1. Rules

1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012*.

1.2 Sailing Instruction Appendix P attached will apply and replaces RRS Appendix P.

2. Notices to competitors will be displayed on the sailing committee notice board in the club-house.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions will be posted at least one hour before the scheduled start of the race at which the change applies.

4. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag pole outside the Sailing Club.

5. Schedule of races will be as advertised in the NOR

6. The class flag will be identified on the sailing committee notice board.

7. Racing area is displayed on the map in front of the clubhouse. Restricted areas are also displayed and constitute an obstruction to searoom.

8. The course and marks will be determined by the Race Officer no later than the warning signal, and displayed on the side of the Committee Boat.

9. Starting

9.1 The start line will be between the mast on the Committee boat indicated by an orange flag and an orange outer limit mark.

9.2 Flag Z will not be used. This changes Rule 30.

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

9.3 A boat starting later than eight minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes Rule A4 and A5.

10. Finishing

10.1 The finish line will be as near as possible to the start line.

11. Time limits

11.1 If no boat has passed the first mark of the course within 20 minutes of the start, the race will be abandoned.

11.2 If racing has not commenced by 1500 hours the day's racing will be cancelled

12. Protests and requests for redress

12.1 The intention to protest must be drawn to the attention of the finisher on the Committee Boat immediately as the boat finishes the race in question. This changes Rule 61

12.2 Protest forms will be available from the Race Officer ashore

12.3 A completed protest form shall be submitted to the Race Officer within 30 minutes of the last finisher coming ashore. If races are sailed back-to-back, protests must be submitted within the time-limit after the last race.

12.4 Before moving to a formal protest hearing both parties can opt for Arbitration in accordance with "RYA RACING BEST PRACTICES – RULES DISPUTES – Version 2009/12". The outcome of arbitration can be accepted or rejected. If rejected a full protest hearing will follow.

12.5 Notices of protests by the race committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

12.6 Any anomaly between the Notice of Race and these sailing instructions will be resolved in accordance with these sailing instructions

13.1 Scoring will be in accordance with RRS Appendix A4 and race points will be accrued by the helm

13.2 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

13.3 When two races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

13.3 When three or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores for half the total series races sailed + 1 (rounded to nearest whole number).

14. Replacement of Crew or Equipment

The helm may change boat during the series within the same class of boat.

Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will be allowed.

15. Equipment and Measurement Checks

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

16.1 Radio Communication

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communication. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

17. Disclaimer of liability

Competitors participate in club sailing entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. Pennine SC will not accept any liability for material damage, or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after any regatta.

18. Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of at least three million pounds or the equivalent.

Additional Information

Pennine Sailing Club has adopted the RYA's Racing Charter, a copy of which can be found in the current Racing Rules of Sailing. Sailors are expected to comply with the responsibilities that the Charter requires and any sailor found by a protest committee to be in breach of the Charter may be reported to the Committee for investigation which may result in disciplinary action and/or a report to the Royal Yachting Association.