



HIGHCLIFFE SAILING CLUB

Inter Club Sea Series 2017

BETWEEN HIGHCLIFFE, CHRISTCHURCH AND
MUDEFORD SAILING CLUBS

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1.0 RULES

- 1.1 All club racing will take place under the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA, these sailing instructions and the appropriate class rules.

2.0 CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

2.1 GENERAL

- 2.1.1 The safety of a yacht and her entire management, including insurance to cover third party risk to a minimum of **£2,000,000**, shall be the sole responsibility of the owner / competitor racing the yacht who must ensure that the yacht and her crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise during the course of the race.
- 2.1.2 Neither the establishment of these sailing instructions nor the inspection of the yacht under these conditions in any way limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner / competitor for his crew, the yacht and the management thereof.
- 2.1.3 The race organisers shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/competitor, skipper or crew as a result of their taking part in the race or races. Moreover, every owner/competitor warrants the suitability of the yacht for the race or races.

2.2 ELIGIBILITY

- 2.2.1 Each competitor shall be a member of a competing club. A competing club is defined as Highcliffe Sailing Club, Mundeford Sailing Club or Christchurch Sailing Club.
- 2.2.2 Boats with a Portsmouth Yardstick Number in excess of 1300 must be approved by the Race Officer/Club Representative to compete in the



series. This decision will be based upon prevailing weather conditions and available safety cover.

3.0 SIGNING ON

- 3.1 To lodge their entry, all competitors are to complete the signing on sheet at their own clubs. Failure to do so may exclude them from the result in that race or races and they shall score DNC (discretion is given to the Race Officer).
- 3.2 Completed signing on sheets are to be given to the Race Officer on the committee boat as soon as possible on the day.
- 3.3 By signing on for the race, each competitor confirms that he/she and any other person on that boat or supporting that boat will comply with the RYA Racing Charter. Competitors are expected to:
 - 3.3.1.1 show courtesy and respect to other competitors, officials, and other users of the water
 - 3.3.1.2 comply with the rules, and take a penalty when required by the rules
 - 3.3.1.3 use the provided services to resolve any disputes. (See SI 13)

4.0 EQUIPMENT AND CLASSES

- 4.1 Races will be for a single handicap fleet for monohull and catamaran classes.
- 4.2 One-design boats may use replica sails.
- 4.3 A Laser or RS Aero can be sailed with differing rigs during the series, however all results in the series will be based on the handicap of the fastest rig sailed. (see SI 14.2)
- 4.4 All boats must carry a properly displayed sail number.
- 4.5 Competitors shall wear adequate personal buoyancy at all times while afloat to include whilst racing. Neither a wetsuit, nor a dry suit constitutes adequate personal buoyancy.

5.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Flag signals made ashore, for sea racing will be hoisted on a flagpole visible above the HSC clubhouse roof and for harbour racing will be hoisted on a flagpole situated.



6.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES

Racing will take place over a series between Christchurch, Highcliffe, and Mundeford Sailing Clubs, with primary organisation by Highcliffe SC.

30th April 2017 Race 1 & 2 Start 1030

14th May 2017 Race 3 & 4 Start 1030

28th May 2017 Race 5 & 6 Start 1030

The 2nd race will follow without a break.

7.0 THE COURSE

- 7.1 The course configuration (either Triangle/Sausage or Square) shall be determined by the Race Officer on the day of racing. Details of its shape and the number of rounds will be displayed on the chalk board on the support boat.
- 7.2 The Race Officer may shorten a race giving competitors differing numbers of laps. In these circumstances the Race Officer shall add time to those competitors who have completed less laps. The amount of time to be added shall be equal to the number of laps that that competitor failed to complete multiplied his/ her average lap time.

8.0 MARKS

- 8.1 The marks will be yellow inflatable marks although a Dan buoy with a flag may be used as a start / leeward mark.

9.0 START

- 9.1 The start line is defined as the line between the mast on the starting boat flying an orange flag and a starting buoy/yellow mark
- 9.2 STARTING PROCEDURE

The normal starting procedure shall be used in accordance with the RRS. –

5 min.... 4min.... 1 min.... Go!

10.0 PROHIBITED AREA PENALTIES

- 10.1 All boats are prohibited from passing between the outer post mark of Clarendon rocks and Mundeford Sandbank.

11.0 FINISHING

- 11.1 The finishing line shall be between the mast displaying a blue flag aboard the finishing boat and the finishing mark which shall be the nearby rounding mark.



12.0 TIME LIMITS

12.1 RRS 35 shall not apply.

12.2 The time limit for any particular race is to be determined by the Race Officer but will typically be 30-45 minutes for the first finishing boat.

13.0 PROTESTS

This is a friendly Inter Club event, which attracts novice as well as expert sailors, it is hoped that competitors will bear this in mind when racing. A competitor intending to protest shall make every effort to inform the committee boat after he finishes the race in question. On-going ashore, they must complete a protest form at his/her home Club and hand it to a Club Officer by the end of that day, who is to forward it to the Sailing Secretary of the organising Club. Protests are to heard as soon as possible.

14.0 SCORING SYSTEM

14.1 The low points scoring system, Rule A2 will apply, with 1 discard if all 6 races are completed. Club results will be based on the addition of their competitor's scores for each race. The number of boats making up a Club team will be 8.

14.2 A competitor racing a Laser, Laser Radial or Laser 4.7 shall be scored for all races in the series based upon the handicap for the faster boat if he or she uses differing rigs within the series.

14.3 Race officials and their assistants may claim average points, providing they take part in all the other races in the series. Average points will be the sum of all the other races divided by the number of races.

The average points are then re-entered into the scores profile and the total score finally computed.

14.4 Series Tie

If, after discard, two or more boats have the same points total the tie will be broken in accordance with RRS Appendix A8.

14.5 Handicap numbers

Generally, the RYA published Portsmouth Yardstick numbers are used. Discretion is however given to the Sailing Committee to make minor amendment if there is a reasonable case to do so.