



## **Seals Regatta**

Highcliffe Sailing Club

July 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> 2025

Mundeford Quay, Christchurch

### **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

#### **1 RULES**

- 1.1** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2** Racing rule(s) 40.1 will be changed as follows: "*Personal flotation devices (buoyancy aids) shall be worn at all times while afloat*"

#### **2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at Highcliffe Sailing Club

#### **3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

#### **4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed at Highcliffe Sailing Club.
- 4.2** When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 20 minutes' in the race signal AP.



## 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

| 5.1 | Day      | Races per day scheduled     |
|-----|----------|-----------------------------|
|     | Saturday | 3                           |
|     | Sunday   | 1 race plus Nick's Quackers |

5.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on Saturday is 10:55.

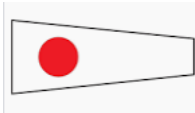
The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on Sunday is 10:25

"Warning signal" is the time we begin the start sequence. The race starts 5 minutes after the warning signal. This will be explained in the briefing

5.3 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 11:55

## 6 CLASS FLAGS

The Class flag will be numeral pennant "1": This flag will displayed as the "Warning Signal" 5 minutes before the start and remains flying until the start signal.



The flag flown 4 minutes before the start, also known as the "Preparatory" signal, will be flag "P". One minute before the start this flag is removed.

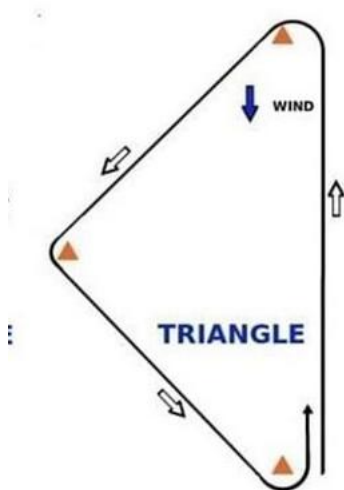




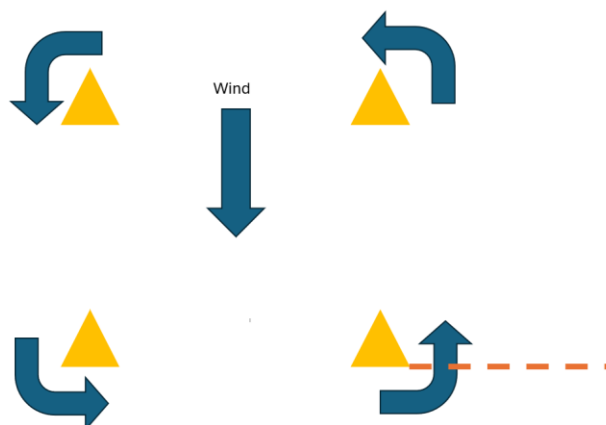
## 7 THE COURSES

**7.1** The courses will be displayed ashore before racing each day and described in further detail during the sailors' briefing. The courses are likely to be simple triangles or squares using 3 or 4 marks as shown below.

**Triangular Course:**



**Rectangular Course:**





## 7.2



The racing marks will be orange inflatable buoys similar to these.

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### **AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS**

The following areas are designated as obstructions: The yellow buoyed area around Stanpit marsh. We are prohibited from sailing between these buoys and the shore.

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### **THE START**

### 9.1

Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

### 9.2

The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RIB at one end and the course side of the starting mark.

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

### 10.1

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

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### **THE FINISH**

### 11.1

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RIB and the course side of the finishing mark.



## **12 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 12.1** RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 12.2** Post-race penalties for collisions and infringements of the rules may be given be at the discretion of the Race Team.

## **13 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

- 13.1** Target times are approximately 30 minutes for the leading boat in each race. Although there are no time limits we may finish slower boats at any part of the race course to avoid delays.

## **14 SCORING**

- The scoring system is as per Appendix A of the RRS. (Simply put this means 1 point for 1<sup>st</sup> place, 2 for 2<sup>nd</sup> and so on. Any boat that does not complete a race shall be awarded points for the number of boats that entered the regatta plus 1. The boat with the lowest points score at the end of the series is the winner)
- 14.1** 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
  - 14.2** A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

## **15 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 15.1** A Tally system will be in place. All sailors / responsible adults will be required to sign out when launching and sign back in when coming ashore. A discretionary penalty may be applied to boats that fail to Tally. This is an important safety measure.



**16 PRIZES**

Prizes will be given as follows:

1st place overall, 2nd place overall, 3rd place overall,  
Nick's Quackers Winner.

Plus Further awards may be made at the organisers' discretion.

**17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk.  
See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not  
accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or  
death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after  
the regatta.

All participants must be registered each day by a responsible  
adult. That responsible adult is accountable for the participant's  
decision to sail.