



# Penarth Yacht Club

## Enterprise Severnside Area Championships

Hosted by Penarth Yacht Club

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> June 2014

### Sailing Instructions

#### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The Championship will be governed by the rules as defined in *The ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing, 2013-16*, except where amended by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 Competitors must have relevant Class Association documentation for entry into the event and must produce it if requested by the race committee or at registration.
- 1.3 Competitors shall complete the entry form and pay the necessary dues in order to be eligible to race.
- 1.4 Competitors shall be covered by third party insurance to a minimum value of £3,000,000

#### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the club main boathouse external doors located on the ground floor of Penarth Yacht Club.

#### 3 AMENDMENTS TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Amendments to sailing instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board no less than one hour before the advertised start time of the race or races concerned. Such amendments will be indicated by the flying of flag 'L' at the Penarth Yacht Club balcony accompanied by one sound signal.

#### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made on board the committee boat "*Soleil D'Or*" will be displayed at the flag staff and accompanied by one sound signal.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed (with two sound signals; one sound signal when lowered) '1 minute', in 'Race Signals' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes'. This adds to the meaning of AP in RRS Race Signals.

#### 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES & EVENTS

- 5.1 The event will comprise of a maximum of 6 points races for the Enterprise Class.

##### 5.2 Times of racing:

##### Saturday

7 <sup>th</sup> June 2014	0900 hrs onwards	Registration (in the Clubhouse)
7 <sup>th</sup> June 2014	1100 hrs	Briefing (in the Clubhouse)
7 <sup>th</sup> June 2014	1200 hrs	Race 1
7 <sup>th</sup> June 2014	asap	Race 2 (ASAP following race 1)
7 <sup>th</sup> June 2014	asap	Race 3 (ASAP following race 2)

##### Sunday

8 <sup>th</sup> June 2014	0900 hrs onwards	Registration (in the Clubhouse)
8 <sup>th</sup> June 2014	1000 hrs	Briefing (in the Clubhouse)
8 <sup>th</sup> June 2014	1100 hrs	Race 4
8 <sup>th</sup> June 2014	asap	Race 5 (ASAP following race 4)
8 <sup>th</sup> June 2014	asap	Race 6 (ASAP following race 5)

## **6 CLASS FLAGS**

**6.1** The Enterprise Class flag will be IC Flag 'E'

## **7 RACING AREA**

**7.1** The approximate area of racing will be in the Penarth Roads to the East of the North-South shipping lane, unless otherwise indicated on the official notice board.

## **8 THE COURSE**

**8.1** Marks must be passed to port.

**8.2** **All boats must pass through the Start/Finish Line on each leg from Mark 3 to Mark 1.** Any boat hitting the Committee boat must complete a Two-Turns Penalty or retire from that race.

**8.3** The number of laps will be written on a board which will be displayed on the committee boat.

## **9 MARKS**

**9.1** Marks 1, 2, and 3 will be orange cylindrical buoys.

**9.2** The starting and finishing mark will be a round white buoy.

**9.3** If deployed, the inner limit mark on the start/finish line will be a small mooring type buoy.

## **10 WARNINGS FOR COMPETITORS**

**10.1** Penarth Pier is an obstruction to sea-room and competitors are warned to keep well clear.

**10.2** Competitors must keep clear of all merchant vessels in the vicinity of Penarth Roads. Any means of propulsion may be used to achieve this as long as no advantage is gained.

**10.3** Competitors must respond to all instructions made by an official rescue boat. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.

## **11 THE START**

**11.1** Races will be started by using Rule 26 (i.e. signals will be made at 5, 4, 1 minute and start).

**11.2** The start line will be between the mast flying an orange flag on the committee boat and an adjacent white round buoy located between marks 3 & 1.

**11.3** Limit marks may be laid adjacent to the Committee Boat and boats shall not pass between these marks and the committee boat.

**11.4** A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.

### **11.5 One Minute & Black Flag Rule**

**11.5.1** At the discretion of the Race Officer the One Minute or the Black Flag Rule can be used in accordance with the RRS.

**11.5.2** If a start using a black flag is subject to a general recall, the sail numbers of the boats identified as infringing this instruction may be displayed on the Committee Boat prior to the next preparatory signal for a minimum of three minutes. A long sound signal will be made when the numbers are displayed.

**11.5.3** Boats so identified shall immediately retire and remain well clear of all boats racing. A boat that fails to observe this instruction will be disqualified from all races in the series without a hearing.

**11.5.4** It is the sole responsibility of each competitor to find out if their sail number is or is not displayed and then to act in accordance with this instruction.

**11.6** In the event of a general recall the '1<sup>st</sup>' Substitute Flag will be broken out and TWO sound signals made (this will be additional to the start signal). The lowering of the first substitute will occur no less than six minutes before the re-start.

## **12 CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START**

**12.1** When after a race has started there is a substantial wind shift; the Race Committee may move one or more marks.

**12.2** When the course to be made good is significantly changed by such an alteration, a boat will be stationed near the mark at the start of the leg affected. She will draw attention to this change by making intermittent sound signals. When the leg affected is to windward, the approximate magnetic bearing of the new direction to the next mark will, when possible, be displayed near the start of that leg.

## **13 THE FINISH**

**13.1** The finish line will be between the mast on the committee boat flying a blue flag and an adjacent white round buoy approximately 1/3 of the way up the leg between marks 3 & 1.

**13.2** A boat that has finished shall then pass completely through the finishing line, and no part of her shall thereafter again cross the finishing line from either direction while the finishing vessel is on station. A

- boat that infringes this Sailing Instruction will be scored DNF in the race she has just finished.
- 13.3** When code Flag 'S' and the relevant Class flag is broken out and two signals made by the committee boat the race will be finished when the leading boats pass through the start/finish line.
- 13.4** When code Flag 'S' is broken out and two signals are made by an official boat, the finish line will be between the mid-point of the boat flying Flag 'S' and the mark of the course the leading dinghies will next round.
- 14** **PENALTY SYSTEM**
- 14.1** The One-Turn and Two-Turns Penalties as described in the RRS 44.1 & RRS 44.2 shall apply. RRS 44.3 shall not apply.
- 15** **TIME LIMITS**
- 15.1** The time limit shall be 70 minutes from the starting signal for the first boat. If no boat has passed Mark 1 within 30 minutes the race will be abandoned.
- 15.2** Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish.
- 15.3** If a race is not completed but one or more laps have been sailed, the result may be determined by the positions at the end of the last lap completed at the discretion of the race officer.
- 16** **PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**
- 16.1** Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 16.2** The protest time limit is 30 minutes once the Race Committee has arrived back at Club House.
- 16.3** Protests will be heard in the clubhouse as soon as possible. It is the responsibility of competitors who are party to the protest to ensure that they and their witnesses are available for the hearing.
- 16.4** If a protest committee awards average points for a series, it should be for the whole series, not races sailed so far.
- 17.** **SCORING SYSTEM**
- 17.1** The Low Points scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 17.2** The class series will comprise a minimum of two races. If 4 or more races are completed, one result shall be discarded.
- 17.3** Series ties will be broken in accordance with RRS Appendix A8.
- 18.** **SAFETY REGULATIONS**
- 18.1** Adequate personal buoyancy for crewmembers shall be worn at all times whilst racing. Neither a wetsuit nor a drysuit constitute adequate personal buoyancy. (Alters RRS 40).
- 18.2** All competitors shall notify a member of the Beachmaster team of their intention to race prior to launching, and of their return to the shore after racing. They shall also declare any penalties taken and any intention to protest immediately on their return from the racing area.
- 18.3** A boat that retires from a race shall indicate this fact to the nearest safety vessel.
- 19.** **REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**
- 19.1** For the points races only the helm named on the entry form will be eligible. If a different helm completes a race in the same boat then they will be considered a separate entry and their results cannot be combined with another helm's results. Crews may only be changed during the event from the person named on entry form with permission in advance from the Race Committee. If it is known at start of the event that you will have to change crew during the event then both crews should be registered on entry form along with which day(s) they will be sailing. Permission will only be given to change crew as long as there is no performance gain from change of crew.
- 20.** **EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**
- 20.1** A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.
- 20.2** Every boat shall comply with the current relevant class rules. Failure to do so may result in disqualification without a hearing.
- 21.** **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**
- 21.1** The race organisers shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/competitor or crew as a result of their taking part in the race or races. Moreover, every owner/competitor warrants the suitability of his boat for the race or races.

**21.2** The safety of a boat and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/competitor racing the boat, who shall ensure that the boat is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by a crew sufficient in number and experience who are physically fit to face bad weather. The owner/competitor shall be satisfied as to the soundness of the hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. He/she shall ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and that all crew know where it is kept and how it is to be used.

**22. COURSE DETAILS**

**Windward-Leeward-Triangle**

**Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – Start/Finish (1 lap) - 1 – 3 – Start/Finish (2 laps)**

