

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 2016

RULES

Racing will be governed by the prescriptions of the RYA & the Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 (RRS) and the relevant class rules except as amended by these Sailing Instructions (SIs).

ELIGIBILITY

No boat shall rank as a starter until all fees have been paid.

SAFETY/RESCUE

All competitors shall wear personal flotation device (PFD) except briefly to adjust clothing, when using Club launches and when racing. Wet / Dry suits do not constitute PFDs. All competitors **please note**, there will be no racing if rescue cover is not available.

VHF

Safety and other information may be transmitted on VHF Ch.37. Boats may monitor this channel for racing purposes but failure of the Officer of the Day (OOD) to transmit or receive such information will not be grounds for redress.

INSURANCE

It is the responsibility of the owners, or helmsperson, to ensure that they have adequate insurance against all claims arising. RNIYC does not accept any liability for loss of property, personal injury, death or damage to property howsoever caused.

COURSES

(a) Courses will be as per **Course Card 2016**. First round course details will be displayed on the battery at the preparatory signal for the first class.

(b) The course for subsequent rounds will be displayed as in (a) above while boats are on the final leg of the round then being sailed, before they reach the club lines. When no more rounds are to be sailed the course boards will be removed.

STARTING

Starboard hand courses shall start on the East line and Port hand courses shall start on the West line. Starting lines are formed by the short mast above the starter's box and the East (E) or West (W) line mark as appropriate. Each line is limited by an orange inner limit buoy, which may or may not be on the starting line, and which is a starting mark when starting and a mark of the relevant courses otherwise. When approaching the line to start, boats must pass between the appropriate line mark (E or W) and the inner limit mark. If the inner limit mark is more than one boat length on the pre-start side of the line, boats must sail to the nearest approachable part of the line having passed it on the

correct side. All Classes must cross **both** lines on all relevant subsequent rounds of the course (E-W or W-E). Starting Signals will be in accordance with RRS 26. General Recalls will be in accordance with RRS 29.2, except that the start time for the recalled class shall be five minutes after the last start on that day.

FINISHING

Starboard hand courses shall finish on the West line and Port hand courses shall finish on the East line. The finish line shall be between the short mast on the starter's box and the relevant outer limit mark. Boats must pass between the limit marks when finishing. If the inner limit buoy is on the post finish side of the line, the inner limit is that point of the line nearest to the buoy. Provided that one complete round has already been sailed, the course may be shortened in accordance with RRS 32.2 to finish between a boat displaying the 'S' flag and a nearby mark.

TIME LIMITS

Evening races 2100 - Saturday races 1715. If the first boat in any class fails to finish within the time limit, points shall be awarded to that class on the basis of the last completed round. When any boat in a class finishes within the time limit, boats in that class finishing up to fifteen minutes after the time limit will be recorded.

	Weekday	Saturday
Warning Signal	1855	1445
RS Elite	1900	1450
Squib Class	1905	1455
Fairy Class	1910	1500
Fast Dinghy H/cap	1915	1505
Slow Dinghy H/cap	1920	1510

PROTESTS

Protests shall be in accordance with RRS 61.1 except as amended below. A boat intending to protest shall also fly a protest flag at the time of the incident until she is no longer racing. Protests must be lodged with the OOD or a member of the sailing committee before 2200 (evening races) or 1815 (Saturday races). Protests will normally be held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. Interested Club members may attend protest meetings as spectators only, subject to agreement of the parties and the committee chairman.