



Lee-on-the-Solent Sailing Club
RS AERO 'End of Seasons' Event
11 November 2017

Sailing Instructions

1 Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, the RYA prescriptions, the RS Aero Class Rules and the Notice to Race. Where there is a conflict between the NOR and the SI the SI will prevail.
- 1.2. Racing Rules 31,40,44.1 & 63.1 will be changed as follows or as described in these Sailing Instructions:
 - 1.2.1. Rule 31 - Marks other than the starting & finishing marks may be touched without penalty.
 - 1.2.2. Rule 40 - Personal Floatation Devices must be worn at all times when afloat. Neither a wetsuit nor a drysuit constitute adequate personal buoyancy.
 - 1.2.3. Rule 44.1 - Only a One-Turn Penalty is required for breaking one or more rules of part 2 in one incident whilst racing.
 - 1.2.4. Rule 44.1 - Incorporates 1.2.1 above with respect to Rule 31
 - 1.2.5. Rule 44.1 - Excludes the use of a Scoring Penalty
 - 1.2.6. Rule 44.2 - Notwithstanding the changes to Rule 44.1 Rule 44.2 still applies

2 Notices to Competitors

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice board located in the Signal Station.

3 Changes in Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 Any changes in the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice board at least 40 minutes before the advertised starting time of the first race.

4 Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Signal Station mast or the Signal Board
- 4.2 When flag W is displayed ashore, all boats will remain ashore.

5 Schedule

Registration Saturday 11 November from 0900

Top Tips 1000

Briefing 1030

Racing

There will be 2 back-to-back races with the warning signal for the first race not before 1125. After race 2 there will be a lunch break with the start of race 3 to be advised. There will be no warning signal after 1515. The Race Committee may alter this programme if, in its opinion, conditions require it.

6 Class Flags

6.1 The class flag will be a RED signal board.

7 Racing Area

- 7.1 Races will be run from the shore and be within approximately a 3 miles' radius of the Signal Station.
- 7.2 Competitors should be aware that the southwestern edge of the racing area is bounded by a busy shipping channel marked by the East Brambles buoy. Boats should at all times give way and keep clear of commercial vessels.
- 7.3 Competitors should be aware of area of shallows commencing approximately 50m to the south east of red spherical racing mark.
- 7.4 Competitors should be aware that not all of the rock groynes have marker posts on their seaward extent and are hard to locate at various states of the tide.

8 Courses

- 8.1 The diagram of the course(s), the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left will be displayed in the signal station at least 30 minutes before the warning signal of the first race.

9 Marks

- 9.1 The description of the course marks will be advised at the briefing.

10 The Start

Races will be started using rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal. i.e.

Minutes before starting signal	Visual Signal	Sound Signal	Means
5	Red Board	One	Warning Signal
4	P (Blue Peter) Board	One	Preparatory Signal
1	P Board Removed	One	One Minute
0	Red Board Removed	One	Starting Signal

If after a General Recall the Black Flag Rule is invoked then the sequence will be modified as follows:

Minutes before starting signal	Visual Signal	Sound Signal	Means
5	Red Board	One	Warning Signal
4	Black Board	One	Black Flag Rule Applies to this Start Sequence
1	P Board Removed	One	One Minute
0	Red Board Removed	One	Starting Signal

- 10.1 The start line will be formed by a transit between two orange marker posts positioned on the shore.
- 10.2 The start line's outer extent will be limited by a yellow inflatable stick buoy (ODM1). ODM1 may not be aligned with the start line transit.
- 10.3 The start line's inner extent may be limited by a spherical buoy (IDM1). Boats are not to pass between this mark and the shore after the One Minute Signal.
- 10.4 It is anticipated that the 5, 7 and 9 fleets will start together and sail the same course. However if the number of entrants justifies, in the opinion of the Race Committee, for the fleet starts to be separated, an amendment to these sailing instructions will be displayed on the Official Notice Board and noted in the briefing.
- 12.4 Signal boards (rather than flags) will be used for the start sequence and displayed from the Race Officer's (RO) position at the signal station.

11 Change of the next leg of the course

- 11.1 After a race has started there will be no change or movement of marks. If there is a substantial wind shift such that the Race Committee judges that the race is unfair, the race will be abandoned. It may be restarted depending on the conditions.

12 The Finish

- 12.1 The finishing line will be between an orange marker post on the shore adjacent to the RO's position at the Signal Station and the fixed yellow ODM (ODM 2).
- 12.2 The finishing line inner extent may be limited by an inflatable yellow pillar buoy (IDM2).

13 Time Limits

- 13.1 The Race Officer will finish the race by signalling a shorten course. This will not be more than 40 minutes after the start of the race. The Race Officer will then record the finishing time and the number of completed rounds for each boat as it next passes through the finishing line.
- 13.2 Where no boat has completed a round after 60 minutes the race will be abandoned.
- 13.3 The race will be ended no more than 20 minutes after the first boat completes a round following the shorten course signal. This will be signalled by the removal of all signal boards & 3 hoots of the horn. Boats still racing will be given a place according to their time at their last completed lap.

14 Protests

- 14.1 Protest forms are available from the Signal Station. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 14.2 The time limit for lodging protests will be one hour after the last boat crosses the finish line after the last race of the day. The time and place of hearings and a list informing competitors of hearings in which they are parties, or named as witnesses, will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 14.3 Protests and requests for redress will be heard in approximately the order of receipt and as soon as possible after the race(s)

15 Scoring

- 1.1 Places will be determined by applying the relevant Portsmouth Yardstick to the boats average lap time.
- 1.2 The scoring will be in accordance with RRS Appendix A4, Low Points System.
- 15.1 When three races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.
- 1.3 A minimum of one race is required for a valid series

16 Safety Regulations

- 16.1 The priority of patrol boats is the safety of competitors and neither the race committee nor the club accepts any responsibility for damage to boats or equipment.
- 16.2 A boat, which interferes with or tries to pass between a patrol boat and a boat that is capsized or otherwise needing assistance, or persons in the water, may be disqualified without a hearing. This changes rule 63.1
- 16.3 Competitors contravening this requirement may be subject to protest by the race committee.
NOTE – race committee includes patrol boat personnel.

17 Equipment and Measurement Checks

- 17.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.
- 17.2 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones

18 Risk Statement – Addendum A (RYA) Appendix J

- Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."
- Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
 - (a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
 - (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
 - (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;

- (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- (g) The fact that the race committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in these Sailing Instructions.

19 RYA Charter

19.1 Competitors should note that Lee-on-the-Solent Sailing Club implements the RYA Racing Charter and competitors will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter. This can be found at <http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/Pages/racingcharter.aspx>

20 General Information

- 20.1 The follow Portsmouth Yardsticks will be used for this meeting:
 - RS Aero 9 – 1024
 - RS Aero 7 – 1071
 - RS Aero 5 – 1120
- 20.2 Entrants and authorised guests are temporary members of Lee on the Solent Sailing Club during the period of the event and shall comply with Club Rules and Bylaws. Failure to observe these may result in exclusion from the Club premises.