

# 2016 Combined Harbour Regatta Dinghy Racing Instructions

## 1] Rules

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Rules of Sailing 2013 - 2016*

## 2] Eligibility and Entry

2.1 The Regatta is open to all Interclub Dinghies

2.2 Boats must sign ON & OFF for each race using the *Dinghy Racing Declaration Form*.

## 3] Notice To Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Mast Store Course Notice Board at least 30 minutes before the start on the day it will take effect.

## 4] Changes To The Sailing Instructions

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Mast Store Course Notice Board at least 30 minutes before the start on the day it will take effect.

## 5] Signals Made Ashore

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Mast Store Course Notice Board.

5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than five minutes' in the race signal AP.

## 6] Schedule

Race 1 will start at 12.45, Race two start time will be displayed on the Mast Store Course Notice Board.

## 7] Class Flag

Class Flag will be **Class Flag 'D'** for both classes.

## 8] The Racing Area

Racing will be in Portsmouth Harbour.

## **9] The Course**

9.1 The course to be sailed by each class will be displayed on the Mast Store Course Notice Board.

9.2 Portchester / Bomb Ketch / Spider Lake entrances: Except when used as a turning mark, ALL THESE ENTRY PILES shall be passed on the CHANNEL side.

9.3 ODM is a buoy on the east side of the fairway, approximately in line with the club start line transit. It shall be passed on its western side at all times unless otherwise prescribed in the description of the course.

9.4 IDM is the northern most club safety boat buoy off the end of HSC pontoon. It shall be passed on the eastern side at all times unless otherwise prescribed in the description of a course.

## **10] Start & Starting Sequence**

10.1 Races will be started in accordance with rule 26.

10.2 Rule 29.1 Individual Recall is changed as follows: To signal an individual recall the race committee will display **The Class Flag** with one sound.

10.3 A dinghy starting later than 15 minutes after her starting signal will be scored as Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 & A5.

## **11] Club Line**

11.1 Unless otherwise stated in the description of a course, races will START & FINISH on the following club lines: The club start line is a transit of a RED TRIANGLE on the race box and a RED TRIANGLE on the outer DERRICK. The club FINISHING LINE is between the ODM and the RED TRIANGLE on the outer DERRICK.

11.2 In addition to the requirement in SI 9.3 for dinghies to pass on the western side of ODM at all times, unless stated otherwise in the description of a course, dinghies shall, when starting and finishing, pass to the eastern side of IDM – a buoy laid off the end off the club pontoon.

## **12] Shorten Course**

Course may be shortened in accordance with rule 32.

### **13} Time Limits**

13.1 If no dinghy sails the course and finishes within 1 hour and 45 minutes of the start, the race committee shall abandon the race.

13.2 Dinghies failing to finish within 45 minutes after the first boat in there class sails the course and finishes will be scored **Did Not Finish** without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5

### **14] Protests & Requests for Redress**

14.1 Protest forms are available at the Hardway Club Office. Protests & requests for redress shall be delivered to there within the appropriate time limit.

14.2 The Protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last dinghy in there class has finished.

14.3 Notices will be posted, no later than 45 minutes after the protest time limit, to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

### **15] Scoring**

15.1 Races will be scored in accordance with the RYA Portsmouth Yardstick System.

15.2 Each Boats PY handicap will be set by the Dinghy Race Officer and the Dinghy Captains of Portchester and Hardway SC.

15.3 The Dinghy Race Officer and the Dinghy Captains of Portchester and Hardway SC may change the PY handicap allocated to a boat if they consider the previously allocated handicap to be inequitable.

15.4 A dinghy whose PY handicap is based on the use of a spinnaker will have there PY increased by 4% for a race in which they do not make use of there spinnaker, provided that they have advised the race officer of their intention not to use their spinnaker before the race.

15.5 A race will only be scored for each class (Fast & Slow) if at least two boats in the relevant class start the race, this changes rule 90.3(a)

## **16} Safety Regulations**

16.1 All competitors shall wear adequate personal buoyancy at all times when afloat, except briefly when changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits alone are not adequate personal buoyancy.

16.2 All dinghies shall comply with World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Appendix C: Special Regulations for inshore dinghy racing. With regard to carrying safety equipment this will not be grounds for a protest by a competitor, but maybe protested by the race committee, this changes rule 60.1(a).

16.3 A dinghy retiring shall notify the race committee and safety boat as soon as possible.

## **17] Trash Disposal**

Trash may be placed aboard support boats.

## **18] Risk Statement**

Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boats 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 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, support boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;

F, The provision of support boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can practically provided in the circumstances.

**19] Insurance**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.