

# **HARDWAY SC - DINGHY SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 2019**

## **1 RULES**

1.1 The races will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

## **2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board.

2.2 Supplementary sailing instructions (called 'the **Supplement**' below)

will be posted on the official notice board.

## **3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions these will be posted 1 hour before the start time , 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 on boards by the Race Box or the yardarm. See **Supplement** for full details.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, the Starting sequence will commence "6" minutes after its removal. This replaces the '1 minute' in the Racing Rules of Sailing.

## **5 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

5.1 The **supplement** will include the start times.

## **6 CLASS FLAGS**

6.1 The class flag will be the "D" numeral on a white background or as stated in the **supplement**.

## **7 THE COURSE**

7.1 The course is displayed on the board below the balcony. Unless stated otherwise , every time, the club is passed it must be between the Start & Finish line.

7.2 Unless otherwise stated the Piles 57 & 95 / Piles 54 & 55 must be passed on the channel side.

## **8 MARKS**

8.1 A chart of racing marks is placed below the balcony, but not to scale.

## **9 THE START & FINISH**

9.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26.

9.2 The starting & finishing line will be between orange triangles on the club derrick and start box , with Inner Distance marks & the Outer Distance marks [the two Support Boat buoys which must be passed on the channel side]. Should there be a Committee Boat Start the details will be posted with the Course information on the Notice Board below the balcony .The finish would be the club line. See **Supplement** for full details.

9.3.A boat starting later than 15 minutes after her Start signal will be scored DNS without a hearing.

## **10 TIME LIMITS**

10.1 **The supplement** will state which time limits will apply.

10.2 If the 1st boat has not passed the finish within the Time Limit, the race shall be abandoned.

10.3 Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

## **11 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

11.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

11.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, which ever is later.

11.3 Notices will be posted no later than 60 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses and where the hearings will be held.

11.4 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

11.5 If more than one days racing on the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

## **12. Risk Statement**

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, 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 be practically provided in the circumstances;

(g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend

any safety briefing held for the event; [Club /QHM Risk Assessments are to be found in the Members section of the web site and a hard copy in the folder in the rack by the club entrance.]

(h) All dinghies must be adequately insured, with cover of at least [£2 million] against third party claims.

### **13. Advisory.**

*Competitor's attention is drawn to QHM Portsmouth General Directions, which advise boats to avoid entering mooring areas unless mooring or unmooring.*