

# BEWL VALLEY SAILING CLUB (BVSC) GENERAL SAILING INSTRUCTIONS WITH ALTERNATIVES FOR CLUB RACING

## **PART A GENERAL SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

### **1. Rules**

1.1 Racing will be governed by the Current Edition of The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the Royal Yachting Association and Class Associations, as appropriate, except as any of these are changed by these sailing instructions. 1.2 Racing rules 1.2, 27.1, 35, 40, A4 and Racing signal "Y" will be changed as described below.

### **2. Entries**

Eligible boats, as defined in the Notice of Race, may be entered by completing registration with BVSC.

### **3. Notices to Competitors**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the eastern end of the Clubhouse.

### **4. Changes to Sailing Instructions**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted a minimum of 30 minutes before the race to which it first applies.

### **5. Signals Made Ashore**

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the mast at the Race Box.

### **6. Schedule of Races**

The schedule of races may be advertised in the Notice of Race for the event or in the Club Programme.

### **7. Format of Races**

7.1 Depending on the number of entries, competing boats may be divided into fleets for ease of race management.

7.2 Fleets will be started at five minute intervals in the order indicated on the official notice board.

7.3 The classes in each fleet will be indicated on the official notice board

7.4 Overall positions may be calculated using the average lap times procedure detailed in RYA publication YR2.

### **8. Fleet Flags**

8.1 Fleet flags will be drawn from the following as appropriate:

Flying Fifteen - Naval '6'

Fast Handicap - IC Numeral '1'

Laser - Laser Pennant

Wayfarer - Wayfarer Pennant

Enterprise - IC Flag 'E'

Solo - IC Numeral '6'

Slow Handicap - IC Numeral '2'

Optimist - IC Flag 'O'8.2

Other class flags may be designated and indicated on the official notice board.

### **9. Racing Area**

The racing area will be shown on the official notice board.

### **10. The Course**

10.1 The intended course will be displayed on the official notice board.

10.2 The intended or a revised course may also be indicated on the Committee Boat by the display of predefined mark identities.

### **11. Marks**

Marks, other than starting and finishing marks, will be orange inflatable buoys or buoys displaying an orange flag.

### **12. The Start**

12.1 Races will be started in accordance with Rule 26

12.2 When a series of fleets is to be started:

a) The first start in each sequence will be for the fleet so indicated on the official Notice Board.

b) Subsequent fleets will be started at 5-minute intervals by displaying the warning signal of that fleet at the starting signal of the preceding fleet.

12.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and a staff displaying an orange or white flag on a buoy or boat at the port end.

12.4 In the event that there is a general recall for any fleet in a sequence of fleets to be started, that fleet will be re-started after the final fleet in the sequence or any previously recalled fleet.

### **This changes Rule 29.2**

### **13. The finish**

13.1 The finish will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and, at the port end, a nearby mark or a buoy displaying a white flag.

13.2 When the shortened course signal (Flag S or Flag S with a Fleet Flag) is displayed all signalled boats will be finished on the next occasion that they cross the finishing line.

### **14. Declarations**

14.1 Within 30 minutes of the last boat in a fleet to finish each race, or the last race of a sequence of races sailed 'back to back', for each sailed race the helm shall indicate and sign for all penalties taken on the declaration sheet.

14.2 Competitors who have retired, both before (DNF) or after finishing (RAF), are requested to mark and sign the declaration sheet accordingly.

#### **15. Protests**

15.1 Protests shall be written on forms available at the race box and shall be delivered there within 30 minutes after the time of the last boat's finish in the race concerned or the last race of a sequence of races sailed back to back containing the race concerned.

15.2 Protest notices will be posted on the official notice board as soon as possible after the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a hearing or named as witnesses.

#### **16. Scoring**

The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A for a **SHORT** series will apply. Each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

Discards may be applied in accordance with the Notice of Race or the Club Programme.

#### **17. Support Boats**

17.1 No support boats are to be used with the exception of those directly under the control of BVSC.

17.2 The crews of all support boats and committee boats are designated members of the Race Committee.

#### **18. Personal Flotation Devices**

Adequate Personal Flotation Devices to a minimum of 50 Newtons shall be worn at all times when afloat. Flag "Y" will not be flown.

**This changes Race Signals 'Y' and Rules 1.2, 27.1 and 40.**

### **PART B - ALTERNATIVE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR CLUB RACING.**

The following SI's are changed or added for Club racing dealing particularly with the starting timing sequence and to cater for two short course races and a long course race simultaneously.

#### **8. Fleet Flags**

8.1 Fleet flags will be drawn from the following as appropriate:

Flying Fifteen Naval '6'

Fast Handicap IC Numeral '1'

Enterprise & Slow Handicap IC Numeral '2'

Combined Handicap IC Numeral '3'

Laser/Solo IC Numeral '6'

Optimist IC Flag 'O'

All short course fleets IC Flag 'A'

(For shortened course purposes only)

#### **12. The Start**

12.1 The Club's adopted fleets and handicap fleets

may also start:

a) At 3 minute intervals in the order indicated on the official notice board.

b) Using the following start sequence

(1) Start minus 6 minutes: Warning signal (Fleet flag) displayed.

(2) Start minus 3 minutes: Preparatory signal (ICF 'P') displayed.

(3) Start: Both flags lowered.

NB. Flag 'P' will remain displayed until the final start in the sequence.

12.3 The start line may also be a transit line indicated by the transit marker on the Racebox and limited by:

**(1) For the short course fleets:** a mark of their course close to the line as the Outer Distance Mark (ODM)

OR

**(2) For the long course fleets:** a mark of their course bearing a flag in BVSC colours (blue, white, green) as the Outer Distance Mark with the ODM of (1) above serving as an Inner Distance Mark (IDM). No boat sailing the long course shall pass between the IDM and the shore.

If the race committee boat is used rather than the Racebox, the foregoing options (1 & 2) may be used but references to "the shore" shall be read as "the committee boat".

#### **13. The Finish**

##### **Additional SI's**

13.3 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat of the fleet that sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish.

(DNF). **This changes rules 35 and A4.**

13.4 The Finish line may also be a line from the lower transit marker on the Racebox, or the orange flag on the committee boat, to a nearby mark of the course and identical to, but separately for, the appropriate start line for short course fleets or long course fleets.

#### **16. Scoring**

The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A for a **LONG** series will apply. Each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

Discards may be applied in accordance with the Notice of Race or the Club Programme.

**BY ORDER OF BVSC  
Sailing Sub-Committee  
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