

East Lancashire Sailing Club Racing Instructions



1. GENERAL

All races will be sailed under ISAF, RYA and Class Association rules except as modified by the following instructions. Changes to Sailing Instructions will be displayed on the Club Course Board. This will be deemed sufficient to satisfy the ISAF Rules (Management of Races).

2. RESPONSIBILITY AND INSURANCE

The application of these sailing instructions does not limit or reduce the complete responsibility of the owner/ competitor for his / her crew, his / her boat or the management including insurance thereof. Personal floatation devices must be worn at all times when on the water. Wet / dry suits are not personal floatation devices. It shall be the sole responsibility of each competitor to decide whether or not to start or to continue to race unless they are Juniors. Juniors must obey the instructions of the OD in this, as in every other safety matter.

3. COURSES

As displayed on the Club Course Board or suitably displayed from the Committee Boat.

a) Starting Lines

Water based - a line between a mark and the mast of the Committee Boat.

An inner limit mark, not necessarily on the line, may be laid.

Shore based - a line between a mark and the OD box or between the OD box and the Committee Boat.

b) Finishing Lines

Water based - a line between the Committee Boat and any mark at right angles to the last leg of the course.

Shore based - a line between the mark and the OD box.

c) Shortening Courses

A course may be shortened at the discretion of the Officer of the Day accompanied by two sound signals when the leading boat approaches a mark. Boats will, normally, proceed to the finishing line formed at the end of the next lap of course. In special circumstances the finishing line may be formed at a new position, again at the discretion of the OD.

4. SIGNALS

Warning Signal Sound Signal 5 minutes remaining.

Preparatory Sound Signal 4 minutes remaining.

Final Sound Signal 1 minute remaining.

Start Sound Signal GO!

5. STARTING TIMES

Races will start at the approximate times stated in the race programme. For a race to start, three or more boats (intending to race), must be on the water. Races will not be delayed for late starters.

6. RECALLS

A sound signal immediately after the start will indicate an infringement, the offending boat(s) will return round the end of the start line. Boat numbers and/or helms names may be called out by the O.D.

7. GENERAL RECALLS

Two sound signals immediately after the start signal will signify a void start. A third sound signal will indicate a new preparatory (5 min) period to be followed by the final (1 min) and start (GO!) signals.

8. CANCELLATION OR ABANDONMENT

Four consecutive sound signals at any time will signify the cancellation or abandonment of a race. Racing on any occasion may be cancelled at the discretion of the OD.

9. ROOM AT MARKS

Mark Room shall be defined as x2 boat length circle around the mark.

10. TIME LIMITS

All boats that do not finish within 15 minutes of the first boat on the same handicap or within 30 minutes of the first boat crossing the finish line will be automatically retired.

11. PENALTIES

The alternative penalty of turns shall apply in cases of rule infringement.

12. PROTESTS

Must be lodged with the OD within 15 minutes of the last boat in the protester's fleet finishing. (£2.00 deposit prior to protest).

It is the responsibility of every helm/crew to help anyone in distress. In such circumstances, if positions in the race are lost, the helm is entitled to redress (same procedure as lodging a protest – no deposit required).

13. SCORING

RYA - low points system shall be used.

Points = finishing position after application of handicap A boat that does not start, does not finish, retires after finishing or is disqualified shall be scored points for a finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the series. Average points will be awarded for Race Officers / assistants, Safety Boatmen / assistants for each race in a series when undertaking race duties. Average points will be the average points of all other races of the series including non starts, retirements and disqualifications, even if these are subsequently discarded.

14. NUMBER OF RACES AND ENTRANCE TO A SERIES

The number of races in a series will be the total number of completed races, bounded by the dates of the race series.

15. SERIES SCORES

Each helm's Series score shall be the total of his / her race scores excluding applicable discards for the series. If a helm has two or more equal worst scores, the score(s) for the race(s) sailed earliest in the Series shall be discarded. The helm with the lowest Series score wins and others shall be ranked accordingly.