



DELL QUAY SAILING CLUB

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS for Club Racing whilst Covid-19 related restrictions are in place

The Organising Authority is Dell Quay Sailing Club (DQSC), Apuldram, Chichester, PO20 7EE

1. RULES

The races will be governed by the *rules* as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 – 2020.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Official communications will be posted on the Official Notice Boards, located on the quay just beyond the security barrier.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change in the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board a minimum of one hour before the published start time of the event.

4. SIGNALS

- 4.1 Signals for shore-based line starts will be displayed at the DQSC Race Box at the western end of the red brick building.
- 4.3 Other signals will be displayed on the club mast.
- 4.4 Boats may be held ashore by displaying flag D and may not leave the shore until this is removed. Postponed start times will take account of this instruction.

5. RACE AREA AND COURSES

- 5.1 The race course will be shown on the course board on the quay and confirmed via WhatsApp message to the DQSC Dinghy Racing Group. A course map of mark names and positions can be found here - http://www.dellquaysc.co.uk/images/stories/dqsc_racing_marks.pdf.
- 5.2 A change to the course already displayed will be signalled by displaying **flag L and C** on the Race Box until the warning signal of the race affected. This changes RRS Race Signals.

6. RACE PREPERATION

- 6.1 Changing rooms are closed during this time. With this in mind, competitors should arrive changed or change discreetly in the dinghy park.



- 6.2 If competitors' boats are adjacent to each other in the dinghy park, they should be moved in order to allow social distancing to be maintained whilst rigging / de-rigging.
- 6.4 The slipways, quay and road are all public areas. Care should be taken to ensure social distancing with respect to the public and each other wherever possible. Competitors are expected to show courtesy and patience if they are required to wait on the road.
- 6.4 Entrants should be able to launch and recover their boat alone or with the help of a member of their own household. When launching, singlehanded entrants should use a fixed point to tie up their dinghy while launching or recovering. A 4m painter should be fitted for this purpose, something which would also aid towing if required.
- 6.5 Competitors should retrieve their own trolleys rather than relying on members of other households. You should not take it upon yourself to retrieve another's trolley for them unless requested.
- 6.7 The average wind strength will be advised via WhatsApp 30 mins before published start time. It is recommended that less experienced racers do not leave the shore if average wind strength is greater than 12 knots.

7 THE START

- 7.1 Shore based start: — The start line will be the extension of a line joining the striped orange post on the DQSC Race Box and either a) a striped orange post on the edge of the quay or b) mark 'Quay'.
- 7.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 7.3 The starting line will be closed ten minutes after the start of a race; any boat not then started will be scored as DNS (*this changes RRS A4.1*).

8 THE FINISH

- 8.1 Shore based finish: —The finishing line will be a line joining the striped orange post on the DQSC Race Box and either; Quay racing mark and its extension westwards or the mobile start transit. An outer distance mark may be laid but will not necessarily lie on the line.
- 8.2 Competitors should not attempt to come ashore following racing if the area is too congested to allow safe social distancing. They should either look to use the other slip or should wait until other users are clear. If waiting is required, boats should wait in finishing order. Non-racers may not be aware of / following social distancing measures. If non-racing vessels are looking to land, a common sense approach should be employed with the aim of maintaining social distancing in mind.

9 SHORTENED COURSES (*this changes RRS 32.2*)

- 9.1 Races may be shortened:



(a) on the club finishing line:

(a 1.1) in a northerly direction when only an S flag is displayed, or

(a 1.2) in a southerly direction when an S flag above a **numeral pennant 1** is displayed.

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10 PENALTIES

10.1 The exoneration penalty as per the RYA Alternative Disputes Resolution (modified) will be 30%.

10.2 A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing or rule 31 may, after finishing the race concerned and before the start of any related protest hearing, notify the race committee that she accepts an Exoneration Penalty – a **30%** scoring penalty (SCP) calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c), except that the minimum penalty is three places and she shall not be scored worse than the number of boats that came to the starting area. However, if the boat caused injury or serious damage or, despite taking a penalty, gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach her penalty shall be to retire.

10.3 When an Exoneration Penalty is accepted: (a) Neither the boat nor a protest committee may then revoke or remove the penalty. (b) The boat shall not be penalized further in a protest hearing when the protest committee decides that it was appropriate to the facts found and the applicable rules

11 SCORING (*this changes RRS A*)

11.1 Two entrants are required to constitute a race.

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11.3 The number of races to count in any series will be half the number of races started plus one, rounded down.

11.4 The Average Lap System may be used: when boats in different handicap groups (or boats very far behind) sail a different number of laps the elapsed time of each boat shall be divided by the number of laps sailed and then corrected according to the appropriate handicap number, provided all laps are identical.

11.5 Races will be scored as per RRS A9 irrespective of the length or character of the series.

11.6 Entrants in a series may apply to the Sailing Committee for their average score in that series to apply to any races in which they have not competed while on duty or while supporting a class start on the same day at an open meeting within Chichester Harbour or while representing DQSC at a championship for their sailing class. Up to one day's racing may be scored in this way for any one series.

11.7 In a trophy series race where only one boat of a class is present and joins the start of another class, its



position will be the handicap calculated position from that joint start. The boats from the class from that joint start with two or more boats will have their positions calculated as if there were no other boats in that start.

- 11.8 To request correction of an alleged error in the published race or series results, a competing boat must complete a results review form, available in the clubhouse, or downloaded from the DQSC website. The completed form must be handed to the Duty Race Officer within 60 minutes from the time of the published results for that day. The time limit may be extended at the Duty Race Officer's discretion.
- 11.9 Should an entrant be unable to safely progress from the dinghy park to the water, they can withdraw from the race and be allotted average points for the series. They should do this by signing off using the online form and informing the RO of the issue via the DQSC Dinghy Racing WhatsApp group.

12 TIME LIMIT

- 12.1 The time limit shall be two hours. A boat failing to finish within thirty minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF without a hearing. *(this changes RRS 35, A4 and A5).*
- 12.2 The limit may be extended at the Race Officer's discretion

13 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 13.1 Protests and requests for redress shall be handed in within 30 minutes of the last boat finishing in the last race of the day. The time limit may be extended at the Race Officer's discretion.
- 13.2 Protest forms will be available upon request from the Race Officer
- 13.3 Notices shall be posted on the DQSC Dinghy Racing WhatsApp group no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

14 SAFETY REGULATIONS *(this changes RRS 63.1 and A2, A4 & A5)*

- 14.1 Declarations are not required. All competitors shall sign-on minimum 1 hour before published start time and sign-off within 45 minutes of finishing the last race. The time limit may be extended at the Race Officer's discretion.
- 14.2 Failure to comply with 13.1 will result in a scoring penalty of 15% to be applied to the race nearest in time to the infringement, calculated as specified in RRS 44.3 (c).
- 14.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Officer as soon as possible.

15 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 15.1 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will be allowed.



15.2 A change of crew will be permitted.

16 BOATS AND COMPETITORS IN DIFFICULTY

Competitors are reminded of the obligation in Rule 1.1 in the Racing Rules of Sailing that 'A boat or competitor shall give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger'.

17 MIXED HOUSEHOLD CREWS

Crews from mixed households are permitted in line with [RYA Guidance](#).

18 SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19

If you or household members have symptoms of coronavirus, however mild, you should not travel to the club. Further guidance can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/>.

19 GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES

Competitors should observe current government guidelines at all times. Anyone seen deliberately flouting social distancing or hygiene guidelines may be awarded the position of DNC at the sole discretion of the Race Officer.

20 CANCELLATION / WIND CONDITIONS

If the wind speed exceeds an average of 15 knots racing will be cancelled at the sole discretion of the Race Officer. It is recommended that less experienced racers do not leave the shore if the average windspeed exceeds 12 knots.

If there is any other reason for cancellation, such as heavy congestion, the Race Officer may cancel at their sole discretion.

21 AGE RESTRICTIONS

In the absence of a patrol boat, under 16s should not race unless accompanied by an adult unless they have been approved to do so by the training center [Refer Appendix 1]

23 RACE BOX

Only the Race Officer and an assistant are recommended to enter the race box. The assistance can be from another household in line with [Government Guidance](#). If you need to speak to the race officer please knock on the door and maintain social distancing.

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