



DELL QUAY SAILING CLUB

All club series and the Frostbite open meeting
(excluding all open meetings and joint DQSC/CYC races)

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

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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 Board, located in the clubhouse.

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.

4.2 Signals for committee boat based line starts will be displayed on a committee boat displaying an orange flag.

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 area and marks used will be shown on the course board in the clubhouse and on the committee boat if applicable.

5.2 A change to the course already displayed will be signalled by displaying flag L on the Race Box and on the committee boat if applicable until the warning signal of the race affected.

6 THE START

6.1 Shore based start: — The starting line will be the extension of a line joining the striped orange post on the DQSC Race Box and a striped orange post on the edge of the quay. Inner and outer distance marks may be laid, but will not necessarily lie on the line.

6.2 Committee boat start: — The starting line will be between the mast of the committee boat displaying an orange flag and an end mark. An inner distance mark may be laid but will not necessarily lie on the line.

6.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

6.4 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*).

7 THE FINISH

7.1 Shore based finish: — The finishing line will be a line joining the striped orange post on the DQSC Race Box and Quay racing mark and its extension westwards. An outer distance mark may be laid but will not necessarily lie on the line.

7.2 Committee boat finish: — The finishing line will be between the mast of the committee boat displaying an orange flag and an end mark. An inner distance mark may be laid but will not necessarily lie on the line.

8 SHORTENED COURSES (*this changes RRS 32.2*)

8.1 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.



Classes to be shortened will be indicated by the class flag; if no class flag is displayed all classes are shortened, or
or

(b) at a safety boat/committee boat line when the finishing line will be between a staff on the safety/committee boat displaying flag 'S' and either a mark of the course or a nearby buoy. Boats shall finish by sailing through such a line in the direction of the course from the previous mark.

8.2 When a safety/committee boat is displaying a red (port) or green (starboard) flag below the S flag, competitors will proceed to the next mark of the course, round it by leaving it on the side corresponding to the coloured flag below the S flag and then proceed directly to the finishing line, crossing it in the direction of the course from that mark.

8.3 Classes to be shortened will be indicated by the class flags; if no class flag is displayed all races are shortened.

9 PENALTIES

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

9.2 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.

9.3 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

9.4 For the Creeks, Harbour and Harding races any boat less than one length on the course side at the start and not returning will be scored with a 5% time penalty (*this changes RRS A4.2*).

10 SCORING (*this changes RRS A*)

10.1 Two entrants are required to constitute a race.

10.2 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

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

10.4 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.

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

10.6 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.

10.7 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 TIME LIMIT

11.1 The time limit shall be two hours except for Harbour and Creek races when it shall be four 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*).

11.2 The limits may be extended at the Race Officer's discretion

12 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

12.1 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.

12.2 Protest forms will be available in the clubhouse.

12.3 Notices shall be posted on the Official Notice Board no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

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

13.1 Declarations are not required. All competitors shall sign-on when going afloat and sign-off within 20 minutes of the last boat finishing the last race. The time limit may be extended at the Race Officer's discretion.



13.2 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).

13.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Officer as soon as possible.

14 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

14.1 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will be allowed.

14.2 A change of crew will be permitted.

15 BOATS AND COMPETITORS IN DIFFICULTY

When the race committee considers that a boat or competitor is in difficulty it may instruct the boat or competitor to accept outside help, retire or sail ashore. Competitors shall obey such instructions from boats acting as safety boats.