



# DELL QUAY SAILING CLUB

## OPTIMIST OPEN MEETING

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2018

The Organising Authority is Dell Quay Sailing Club (DQSC)

Apuldram, Chichester, PO20 7EE

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

#### 1 RULES

The event 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 or Notice of Race will be posted on the Official Notice Board for a minimum of one hour before the published start time of the event or can be made on a board on the Committee Boat not less than 20 minutes before the warning signal of the first race affected. Changes on the Committee Boat board take precedence. Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be signalled by displaying **Flag L** and one sound signal.

#### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

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. Other signals will be displayed on the club mast.

4.3 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 SIGNALS MADE AFLOAT

Signals made afloat will be displayed on the Committee Boat and may in addition (after the start) be displayed on a patrol boat displaying a Dell Quay Sailing Club burgee. The Optimist Class flag for the event will be **Flag O**.

#### 6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

There will be four races back to back. Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series. The first warning signal will be made at 12:25. An orange flag will be displayed on the committee boat approximately 5 minutes before each warning signal. No warning signal will be made after 16:00

#### 7 RACE AREA

7.1 The race area and marks used are as shown on the chart provided at registration. The starting and finishing end mark for a committee boat start or finish will be an orange coloured mark.

#### 8 THE COURSES

8.1 The courses will be displayed on the Committee Boat for a Committee Boat start, and in the clubhouse for a shore based start. In addition, a course change may be displayed on the Quayside at the race officer's discretion.

- 8.2 A change to the course already displayed will be signalled by displaying **flag L** until the warning signal of the race affected.

## **9 THE START**

- 9.1 **Committee Boat starts.** The starting line will be between the mast of the Committee Boat displaying an orange flag and an orange coloured mark indicating the outer end of the line. An inner distance mark may be laid but will not necessarily lie on the start line.
- 9.2 **Shore based line starts.** The starting line is the extension of a line joining the striped post on the DQSC race box and a striped post on the edge of the quay. Inner and outer distance marks may be laid but will not necessarily lie on the start line.
- 9.3 The starting line will be closed five minutes after the start of a race; any boat not then started will be scored as DNS (*this changes RRS A4.1*).

## **10 THE FINISH**

- 10.1 **Committee Boat finishes.** The finishing line will be between the mast of the Committee Boat displaying a blue flag and an orange coloured mark indicating the outer end of the line.
- 10.2 **Shore based line finishes.** The finishing line is a line joining the striped post on the DQSC Race Box and an end mark coloured orange.

## **11 TIME LIMIT**

- 11.1 The time limit for the leading boat is 45 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes of the leading boat may be scored as Did Not Finish without a hearing, or the Race Officer may award finishing positions to boats that are still racing. The Race Officer's finishing position decisions are final (*this changes RRS 35, 63.1, A4 and A5*). The limits may be extended at the Race Officer's discretion.

## **12 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 12.1 Protests and requests for redress must be handed in within 30 minutes of the last boat finishing in the last race. In addition, for any earlier race, competitors must advise the Race Officer before the next start of their intention to protest or request redress. The time limit may be extended at the Race Officer's discretion (*this changes RRS 61.3*). Protest forms will be available in the clubhouse or the Sail loft race box.

## **13 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 13.1 All competitors must sign-on when going afloat and sign-off within 20 minutes of the last boat finishing the last race. Failure to do so will result in the boat being disqualified from the last race sailed and that disqualification may not be excluded from the results for the final score. The time limit may be extended at the Race Officer's discretion (*this changes RRS 63.1*).
- 13.2 Boats not coming ashore at DQSC and having entered at another club, may sign-on and sign-off by advising the Race Officer.
- 13.3 A boat that retires from a race must notify the Race Officer or a patrol boat as soon as possible.

## **14 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 patrol boats.