

**1. RULES**

- 1.1 These sailing instructions apply to the Wednesday and Sunday Series notified on the Club web site Racing section. They do not apply to events for which specific instructions are published.
- 1.2 The Series will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA, the rules of the classes participating, except as any of these are changed by these sailing instructions.

**2. ENTRIES**

- 2.1 Each boat sailing must have Third-Party Insurance for a minimum of £2,000,000.
- 2.2 Entrants will be members (full or temporary) of Chanonry Sailing Club.
- 2.3 Adequate personal buoyancy shall be worn at all times, and if of the inflatable type must be kept inflated.
- 2.4 A "SIGN ON " sheet will be used. Before each race competitors must enter their boat details on the SIGN ON sheet in the Clubhouse. Failing to do this will mean that the boat will be classed as "Did not start".

**3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the race office at the clubhouse.

**4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 4.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be indicted by flying flag "L" and will be posted at least 30 minutes before the advertised start time of the race or races concerned.

**5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole at the Starter's Box on the harbour.

**6. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 6.1 Races are scheduled as listed in the Calendar on the Club web site. There will normally be one race per Wednesday in the Wednesday Series and up to three races at the discretion of the Race Officer for Sunday racing.
- 6.2 All races for the Series will be Average Lap Races with an intended race length of around 30 to 40 minutes except for Wednesday when it will be 60 to 90 minutes.

**7. CLASSES, SIGNALS AND ORDER OF STARTS**

- 7.1 All classes will start together at the times indicated in the Calendar on the Club web site. Any separate start for a separate handicap class will be notified as stated in 3.1 and 4.1.
- 7.3 Starting Order and Class (Warning) Flags
 

Start	Class	Class Flag
1	General Handicap	Num 1
2	Other start as in 7.1	Num 2

**8. RACING AREA**

- 8.1 The course will be laid between the Skate Bank and Fortrose Harbour, and the starting area will be off the Harbour.

**9. COURSE**

- 9.1 The course configuration and the order of rounding of marks will be as shown on the notice board in the Clubhouse. Any course diagram used will indicate the number of legs required to complete one round.

- 9.2 Number of Rounds: The number of rounds is not predetermined.

**10. MARKS**

The Course Marks are inflated orange buoys normally identified by the mark letter painted on them.

**11. THE START**

- 11.1 Races shall be started as stated in Rule 26 with the exception that the signals will be made at 1 minute intervals

Time to start (mins)	Flag	Sound
3	Warning displayed - Numeral Pennant 1	1
2	Preparatory displayed - Flag P	1
1	Preparatory removed	1
0	START	1

Times will be taken from the visual signals; the failure of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

When running separate starts for the more than one class the starting sound signal for the first class becomes the warning signal for the second start. At the warning signal for the second race Numeral Pennant 2 should be displayed, thereafter the sequence follows the sequence as for the first start.

Note: all competitors should endeavor to be in the vicinity of the start line at least 3 minutes prior to the start, unless the race officer has decided to postpone the race.

- 11.2 The starting line is defined as a line between the flagpole at the Starter's Box and Mark A of the course. The flagpole will normally be painted white.
- 11.3 A boat shall not start later than 10 minutes after her starting signal.

**12. THE FINISH**

- 12.1 The finishing line is defined as a line between the pole with the triangle at the Starter's Box and Mark A of the course. The pole and triangle will normally be painted red/orange.
- 12.2 Finishing Procedure: Shortly before the finish there will be two sound signals and flag S will be displayed. All boats will finish the race when they next pass through the finish line at the end of their current lap.

**13. TIME LIMIT**

- 13.1 The time limit will be 1hr for Sunday races and 2hrs for Wednesday races. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in the class sails the course and finishes will be scored "Did Not Finish". This changes Rule 35 and Rule A4.1.

**14. PROTESTS**

- 14.1 Intention to protest for occurrences on the water shall be notified to the Race Officer before leaving the vicinity of the finish. Completed protest forms must be lodged within 45 minutes of the race (or in the case of back to back races, of the last race of the group). The time and place of protest hearings will be posted on the notice board 15 minutes after the protest time elapses. It is the responsibility of competitors to check the notice board.

- 14.2 The Senior Flag Officer present will appoint an ad hoc Protest Committee of three when necessary. In the absence of a Flag Officer those members of the Race Committee present will appoint the Protest Committee.
- 14.3 There will be no protest fee, but protests deemed to be frivolous by the Protest Committee may incur 5 penalty points added to the place points of the protesting yacht in the race concerned.

**15. SCORING**

- 15.1 The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 15.2 For all races the Portsmouth Numbers published in the current YR2 will be used to calculate corrected times.
- 15.3 The score for DNC will be based on the number of participants in the particular series plus 1.
- 15.4 Anyone undertaking a duty as Race Officer, Safety Officer or Assistant Safety Officer will be allocated 3<sup>rd</sup> place against the boat that they have declared on either the race entry sheet or result sheet completed by the Race Officer. An individual may not count more than 2 duties per series.
- 15.5 Various numbers of races are scheduled for each series or event, of which 3 races shall be completed to constitute a valid series or event. Each boat will count 50% of the total number of races sailed in the series, rounded up to the next whole number, except that at least 3 results will count.
- 15.6 When all boats in a race are unable to complete the full or shortened course for any reason then, at the discretion of the Race Committee, the result of the race may be calculated from the times of the boats as they completed the previous round.
- 15.7 When a boat is seen by the race officer, or another member of the race team delegated to this function by the Race Committee, to infringe RRS 28.1 (Sailing the Course) and/or RRS 31.1 (Touching a Mark) and no exoneration is observed, the Race Committee shall score her DSQ.
- 15.8 Series Tie. If after discard, two or more boats have the same points total the tie will be broken in accordance with Appendix A8.

**16. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES**

For an infringement of Part 2 of the rules, multihulls are required only to do a 360 degree turn, including one tack and one gybe. This alters RRS 44.2.

**17. RACE COMMITTEE**

The Race Committee is the Sailing Secretary and any Flag Officers present plus the Race Officer for the particular races.

**18. PRIZES**

Prizes/Trophies will be awarded for each Series at the end of the season.