



EMSWORTH SAILING CLUB

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



Multi Series

The organising authority will be Emsworth Sailing Club (ESC)

1. RULES

- 1.1. The Multi Series of races will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. The prescriptions of RYA will apply
- 1.3. RRS Rule 40 is changed. Personal flotation devices shall be worn at all times when on the water. Para 10 of these instructions shall apply.
- 1.4. RRS Part 5 Protests, Redress, and Hearings. Competitors may request an Advisory Hearing or an Arbitration Meeting before a formal protest meeting is held. Para 12 of these instructions shall apply.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the club's dinghy notice board.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any changes to these instructions will be posted on the club's notice boards at least one hour before the start of racing.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be made from the flag pole at ESC.
- 4.2. Postponement Signals Ashore: When the AP is displayed ashore the time "1 minute" shall be replaced with the time "not less than 30 minutes". This changes the RRS Race Signals.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. There are 6 events scheduled for the series, dates and start times are at Annex A.
- 5.2. It is intended to run up to 3 races at each event.

6. THE COURSE

- 6.1. The course will be sailed in the Sweare Deep area of Chichester Harbour.
- 6.2. The course will be sailed around orange inflatable marks.
- 6.3. No later than the warning signal, the Race Officer will designate the course by displaying one or two letters followed by a number.
- 6.4. The course diagrams are shown at Annex B. They show the courses, the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

7. START

- 7.1. Starts will be from a Committee Boat. The start line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and a yellow buoy with an orange flag on its staff.
- 7.2. The warning signals for the second and third races will be made soon after the last boat has finished the previous race.
- 7.3. A boat which comes to the starting area more than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes Rule A4.

- 8. FINISH**
- 8.1. The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the committee boat and a yellow buoy with an orange flag on its staff.
- 9. TIME LIMIT**
- 9.1. Boats failing to finish within 45 minutes of the finish time of the first boat will be scored "Did Not Finish" without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5..
- 10. SAFETY**
- 10.1. Each person aboard a boat entered for a race shall wear adequate personal buoyancy (not merely a wet or dry suit) continuously whilst afloat. They shall also wear a wet suit or dry suit whilst afloat during November to April inclusive.
- 10.2. Helmsmen shall within 30 minutes of coming ashore after finishing, retiring from or failing to start the race (or of the time that race was abandoned, if no boat finished) sign off on the Entry Form, adding DNS (did not start), DNF (did not finish), RET (retired) if appropriate.
- 11. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**
- 11.1. If an incident has occurred and no party wishes to protest, but instead want to learn for the future from what happened.
- a) The Race Committee will arrange an Advisory Hearing. No protest form is required.
- b) The parties describe what happened then a Rules Adviser explains what rules may have been broken and whether anyone was in the wrong.
- c) No one is disqualified or penalised, although a boat in the wrong may accept an exoneration penalty specified in para 12.5a or retire
- 11.2. Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 11.3. The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished.
- 11.4. An arbitration meeting may be held prior to a protest meeting for each incident resulting in a protest by a boat involving one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31, but only if each party is represented by a person who was on board at the time of the incident. No witnesses will be permitted. An arbitrator, to chair the hearing, will be appointed by the race committee.
- 11.5. After the arbitration meeting;
- a) a boat may take a 30% scoring penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c), except that the minimum penalty is three places and a boat 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 gained a significant advantage by her breach, her penalty remains retirement.
- b) a boat may ask to withdraw her protest.
- The arbitrator may then act on behalf of the protest committee in accordance with rule 63.1 to allow the withdrawal. Unless all protests involving the incident are withdrawn, a protest hearing will be held.
- 11.6. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room.
- 11.7. Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 12. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**
- 12.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

13. RADIO COMMUNICATION

13.1. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

14. RISK STATEMENT

14.1. Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

14.2. Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;

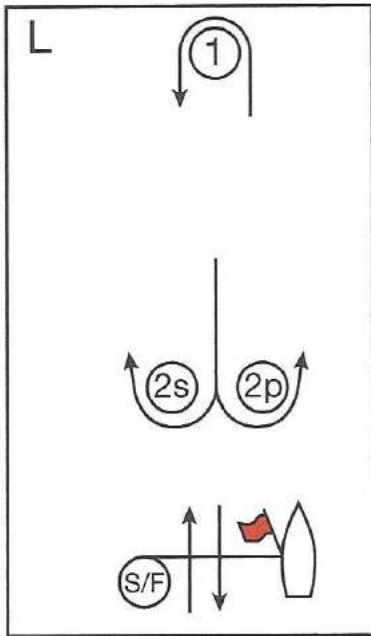
15. INSURANCE

15.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover at least £2,000,000 per incident.

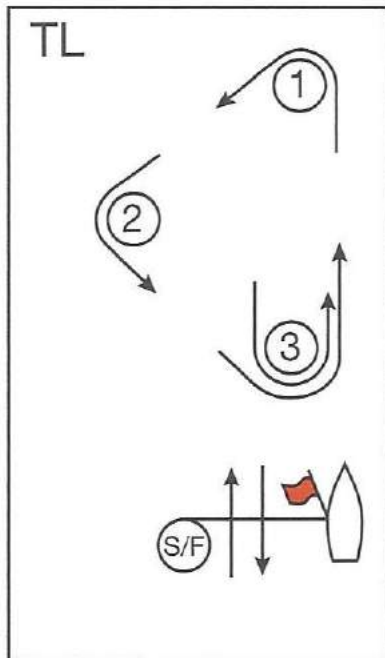
ANNEX A Schedule of Races

Date	Race	Start Line	First Warning Signal	HW	
				Time	Height
Sat 8 Apr	Multi Series 1	ESC	0955	1105	4.3
Sun 16 Apr	Multi Series 2	ESC	1425	1533	4.4
Sun 14 May	Multi Series 3	ESC	1340	1439	4.5
Sat 5 Aug	Multi Series 4	ESC	1005	1104	4.2
Sun 27 Aug	Multi Series 5	ESC	1505	1605	4.5

ANNEX B Courses



Course L – Windward/Leeward, Leeward Finish	
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
L2	Start – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – Finish
L3	Start – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – Finish
L4	Start – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – Finish



Course TL – Triangle, Leeward Finish	
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
TL2	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – Finish
TL3	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – Finish
TL4	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – Finish