



# EMSWORTH SAILING CLUB



## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### The Whitaker Trophy Race

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The Whitaker Trophy Race will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. The prescriptions of RYA will apply (<http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/racingrules/Pages/the-rules.aspx>)  
No other National Authority prescriptions shall apply.
- 1.3. The organising authority will be Emsworth Sailing Club (ESC).

#### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the dinghy notice boards at ESC and ESSC.

#### 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any changes to these instructions will be posted at least one hour before the start of racing

#### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be flown from the ESC flagstaff.

#### 5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1. The scheduled time of the first warning signal is 11:25am on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October

#### 6. THE COURSE

- 6.1. The course will be;

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|------|-----------------------|-------|-----------------------|
| i.   | Start – Streamline    | viii. | Eleanor – Starboard   |
| ii.  | Freddie Brooks – Port | ix.   | John Davis – Port     |
| iii. | East Head – Port      | x.    | SW Pilsey – Starboard |
| iv.  | Astra – Port          | xi.   | Northney – Port       |
| v.   | Star – Starboard      | xii.  | Walsh – Starboard     |
| vi.  | Astra – Port          | xiii. | Sweare Deep – Port    |
| vii. | Park – Starboard      | xiv.  | Finish - Streamline.  |

- 6.2. All boats shall pass to the east of the beacon NE of Pilsey Island, commonly known as PILSEY PERCH.

- 6.3. All boats shall pass between the Beacons commonly known as the GOALPOSTS marking the ends of the obstructions at the entrance to Thorney Channel.

- 6.4. Competitors shall not enter the area to the south of a line from navigation marks Snowhill and East Head Spit Buoys

#### 7. START

- 7.1. Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26, "5- 4-1-Go".

7.2. A boat which comes to the starting area more than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS.

7.3. The start line (STREAM LINE) is the extension of a line from the ESC Flagstaff to a triangle-headed pole on Fisherman's Walk. Boats shall sail between that pole and the yellow buoy as ODM further east.

## **8. FINISH**

8.1. The finish line will be the start line, described above.

## **9. SHORTENED COURSE**

9.1. If the RO decides to shorten the course, flag S will be flown from the organising club's signal mast, and a patrol boat will position itself at a mark of the course, displaying flag 'S'. A sound signal may be made. The finish line shall be between the mark and the patrol boat displaying flag 'S'.

## **10. TIME LIMIT**

10.1. Boats failing to finish within 60 minutes of the finish time of the first boat will be scored "Did Not Finish".

## **11. SAFETY**

11.1. Each person aboard a boat entered for a race shall wear adequate personal buoyancy (not merely a wet or dry suit) continuously whilst afloat. In addition he shall wear a wet suit or dry suit whilst afloat during November to April inclusive.

11.2. 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.

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

12.1. 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

12.2. Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

12.3. The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished.

12.4. 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.

12.5. 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.

12.6. 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.

12.7. Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

### **13. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

13.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

### **14. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

14.1. 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.

### **15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

15.1. Competitors participate in the race entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

### **16. INSURANCE**

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