

WILSONIAN SAILING CLUB – 2017 JUNIOR REGATTA

Name of event: Wilsonian Sailing Club – 2017 Junior Regatta
Inclusive dates: Saturday 26 August 2017
Organising authority: The Sailing Committee of the Wilsonian Sailing Club
(WSC) Hoo, Kent

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 This event will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the RYA will apply.
- 1.3 Personal Flotation Devices:
Whilst afloat competitors shall wear personal flotation devices, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices. **This changes Rule 40.**
- 1.1 Competitors shall complete the entry form and pay the necessary fee in order to be eligible to race.
- 1.2 Boats shall sail under their own class sail number, unless prior consent has been obtained from the organising authority.
- 1.3 Yardsticks will be as allocated in 2017 Portsmouth Yardstick Scheme. Where no number is allocated a boat will be allocated a trial number, which will be posted on the Official Notice board.
- 1.4 This event is held on a navigable river and ships or other large vessels have right of way. If a ship/vessel is being escorted, no competitor shall sail between the guard boat displaying a naval numeral “zero” and the ship/vessel it is escorting. Any competitor passing between the guard boat and escorted ship/vessel may be towed clear and shall be disqualified without a hearing.
- 1.5 Craft engaged upon race management will display international code flag numeral “nine”. There will be no grounds for redress if this is not adhered to.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board, which is located on the landward side of WSC race box.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any changes to these instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board, before the warning signal for any race that it affects.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the race box.
- 4.2 Flag A with two sound signals (one when lowered) means “No boat shall go afloat until this signal is lowered. The first warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after flag A is lowered”.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Four races are scheduled.

- 5.2 Race Fleet Warning Signal Fleet Warning Signal
 1 Fast 10:55 Medium 11.00
 2 Fast back-to-back with race 1 with Medium 5 minutes after Fast
 3 ASAP after lunch with Medium 5 minutes after Fast
 4 back-to-back with race 3 with Medium 5 minutes after Fast
- 5.3 Tidal predictions, high tide 16.30

6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 The class flag will be – Fast h'cap K Medium h'cap T.

7. RACING AREA & COURSES

- 7.1 The racing area will be as shown on the Official Notice Course Board.
 7.2 The order in which marks are to be passed for each scheduled race and the side on which each mark is to be left will be displayed on the Official Notice Board prior to the warning signal of each race.

8. MARKS

- 8.1 The marks of the course will be made up from some or all of the following:-
 A) Racing marks laid by WSC numbered 1, 2, 3 and 4 and a yellow/orange racing buoy.
 B) Fixed position navigation bouys.
 C) Additional marks as identified on the course board may be used.

- 8.2 The starting marks will be a Yellow hulled motor launch (committee boat) approximately 20ft long named Wilsonian and a yellow/orange buoy.

9. THE START

- 9.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal (which is repeated here for assistance).

Signal	Flag and sound	Minutes before starting signal
Warning	Class flag; 1 sound	5
Preparatory	P, I, Z, or black flag; 1 sound	4
One-minute	Preparatory flag removed; 1 long sound	1
Starting	Class flag removed; 1 sound	0

- 9.2 A committee boat start is to be used. The approximate position will be on the Official Notice Board.
 9.3 The starting line will be, between the staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and a yellow/orange bouy.

10. THE FINISH

- 10.1 The finish line will be, between the staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and a yellow/orange buoy. Flag S will be displayed with two

sound signals to indicate boats will finish when they next cross the lapping/finishing line.

11. TIME LIMITS

- 11.1 The time limit will be 60 minutes from the actual start time.
- 11.2 If no boat has passed Mark 1 (the first mark) within 30 minutes of the start, the race will be abandoned.
- 11.3 At the discretion of the Race Officer boats failing to finish within a reasonable time of the first boat to finish may be credited with a result based on their previous laps.

12. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 12.1 Protests forms are available at the Race Office located within the main clubhouse. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within 45 minutes of the last boats finish time in the race. Unless the Protest Committee sees good reason to extend this time limits.
- 12.2 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 located within the main clubhouse.

13. SCORING

- 13.1 Results will be calculated using each boat's average corrected lap time. However, no boat will be penalised for completing additional laps to others in the same class or a boat with a lower Portsmouth Number.
- 13.2 When 3 or less races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 13.3 When 4 races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 13.4 Race Ties.
Boats will receive the points for the place for which they have tied. Boats in subsequent places will be scored places as if the tied boats had not tied. **This changes Rule A7.**

14. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 14.1 Boats must Check-Out before racing, by taking their **SAFETY TAG(S)**, one per person e.g. (helm and crew), from the "Safety Board" which is located at the "Race Office; follow signs within main clubhouse" and carrying it with them whilst racing. Boats not Checking-Out shall be scored "Did Not Start".
- 14.2 Boats must Check-In by returning their **SAFETY TAG(S)** to the "Safety Board located as above", within 30 minutes of coming ashore. Boats not Checking-In within this time limit shall be scored Did Not Finish.
- 14.3 At the same time as Checking-In all boats must declare their finishing status on the declaration form located with the "Safety Board" e.g. completed race and "Finished", "Did Not Start", "Did Not Finish" or "Retired" as applicable.

15. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

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

16. RUBBISH DISPOSAL

16.1 Boats shall not put rubbish in the water. Rubbish may be placed in the bins in dinghy compound.

17. RADIO COMMUNICATION

17.1 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.

18. PRIZES

18.1 There are 6 Prizes up for grabs and they will be awarded as decided by the race committee.

19. Risk Statement

19.1 Rule 4 of the RRS states “The Responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or continue racing is hers alone.”

19.2 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 while 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 practically be provided in the circumstances.

20. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with adequate valid third-party liability insurance.