Papercourt Sailing Club

OPEN MEETING SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Effective April 1st 2019

0 General

0.i All competitors and guests shall be deemed to be temporary members of Papercourt Sailing Club (PSC) during the period of the Open Meeting and shall abide by the Club's Rules and Bylaws. Such Rules and Bylaws are displayed in the Clubhouse.

0.ii Animals/Pets are not permitted within the Club grounds.

0.iii Entry to the Meeting is made by full completion of the Entry Form available in the Clubhouse and by payment of the relevant entry fee.

0.iv Children must not play on the jetties or around the water's edge.

1 Rules

1.1 The Open Meeting will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). The Organising Authority is Papercourt Sailing Club Ltd.

1.2 Papercourt Sailing Club has endorsed the RYA Racing Charter and all racing, including Open Meetings, shall be sailed according to the intentions and guidelines contained therein. The Charter is displayed within the Clubhouse.

2 Notices to Competitors

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on or adjacent to the Course Board at the front of the Clubhouse.

3 Changes in Sailing Instructions

3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted at least 15 minutes before the start of the race for which the change applies.

4 Signals Made Ashore

4.1 Signals made ashore will be flown on the Club Flagpole

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than fifteen minutes' in the race signal AP.

5 Schedule of Races

5.1 The number of Races will be as per the Notice of Race, or as displayed on the official notice board. Races may be sailed 'back to back'.

6 Class Flags

6.1 The Warning Signal Flag will be as specified on the official notice board.

7 Racing Area

7.1 The Racing area is Papercourt Lake

8 The Course

8.1 The course to be sailed will be displayed on the blackboard at the front of the clubhouse not less than 15 minutes before the start of the first race. This will show the order in which the marks are to be passed and on which side each mark is to be left. Starting and finishing lines will also be shown as well as the number of laps. A diagram may be displayed but in the case of a conflict the listed order of marks will apply. Alterations to the course will be displayed on the Committee Boat showing the order of marks to be rounded and which side they are to be left. If there is conflict between the course shown ashore and that shown on the committee boat , then that shown on the Committee Boat will be the one to be sailed.

9 Marks

9.1 Marks are orange and numbered zero to six and may, or may not, be placed in numerical sequence around the lake.

9.2 Starting and finishing marks will be white plastic buoys or marks of the course.

10 Areas that are Obstructions

10.1 Fisherman's rods, lines and other equipment and shallows are designated as obstructions.

11 The Start

11.1 Races shall be started using Rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal

11.2 The Starting Line will be between the mast displaying an Orange flag on the committee boat and a white Outer Distance Mark.

11.3 An Inner Distance Mark may be used, not necessarily on the line. Boats that sail between the Committee Boat and the Inner Distance Mark after the Preparatory Signal will be disqualified from that start and all subsequent restarts of that race without hearing.

11.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.

11.5 A Boat starting later than five minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS)

12 Change of Next leg of the Course

12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee may, at its discretion, move the original mark (or finishing line) to a new position. RRS 33 (a) and (b) do not apply; signals need not be displayed by the race committee. This alters RRS 33.

13 The Finish

13.1 The Finishing Line will be between the mast of the Committee Boat displaying an Orange flag and either an Outer Distance Mark or a nearby turning mark in the vicinity of which the Committee Boat has taken Station.

13.2 Exceptionally, and at the Race Officer's sole discretion, an additional finishing method may be applied in order to provide places for as many boats as possible. As soon as the majority of the fleet have finished the Race Office may hoist a Blue Flag accompanied by four sound signals. As soon as practical after hoisting the Blue Flag the committee boat, or another boat under the direction of the race officer, will sail the course in reverse, logging sail numbers and recording estimated finishing positions. In such circumstances the Race Officer's decision on finish places for those boats finished after this procedure has commenced will be final and will not be grounds for Request for Redress.

14 Penalty Systems

14.1 Appendix P may apply as changed by sailing instruction 14.2, if so it will be specified on the official notice board.

14.2 Rule P2.3 will not apply and rule P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one.

15 Time Limits

15.1 When the leading boat fails to complete the first leg of the course within thirty minutes, the Race Officer may abandon the race

15.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

16 Protests

16.1 Protest forms are available at the race office, located at the back office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the OOD in the galley and the Race Officer informed.

16.2 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat has finished the race, or the last race when held 'Back to Back'

17 Scoring

17.1 One Race is required to be completed to constitute a series

17.2 a) When two or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series scores will be the total of its race scores.

b) When three or more races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of its race scores, excluding its worst score.

18 Safety Regulations

18.1 The safety of a boat and its entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/person in charge who must ensure that the boat and crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise during the course of the race. Every owner/person in charge warrants the suitability of the boat for the race or races.

18.2 All competitors shall wear personal flotation devices. Flag Y need not be displayed, this alters RRS 40. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices. A boat sailing with any member of her crew not wearing adequate personal flotation devices shall be disqualified, without a hearing.

18.3 In addition to adequate personal flotation devices, full wet suits or dry suits must be worn in events sailed between November 1st and March 31st

20 Oars and Anchors

20.1 Class rules requiring oars and anchors to be carried whilst racing shall not apply.

21 Official Boats

21.1 Only official and Patrol boats of the organising authority may be on the water.

22 Rubbish Disposal

22.1 Boats shall not put rubbish in the water. Rubbish may be placed aboard race committee boats.

23 Disclaimer of Liability

23.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS, rule 4, Decision to Race. Papercourt Sailing Club and the Race Officers 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

24 Statement of Risk

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:

24.1 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;

24.2 they are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;

24.3 they accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;

24.4 their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;

24.5 the provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;

24.6 the provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;

24.7 it is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event referred to in the Sailing Instructions and to attend any safety briefing held at the venue;

25 Insurance

25.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000.