



**WSSYSA Regatta 2019**  
**Felpham Sailing Club**  
**Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th September 2019**  
**Organising Authority: Felpham Sailing Club**



## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

*The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, be less than disqualification*

### 1. Rules

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- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The Exoneration Penalty, Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available at this event.
- 1.3 RRS 40, 41 and 61.1 will be changed as follows:  
RRS 40 is changed to: "A competitor shall wear an appropriately fitting personal flotation device at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices. Flag Y will not be displayed." [DP]  
Add RRS 41(e): "when a competitor in a Rookie fleet race is seen by a safety boat crew to be significantly astern of the bulk of the fleet, in which case a safety boat crew may offer assistance to enable the competitor to overcome a manifest problem or improve their sailing performance at the time. Such assistance offered may not be a grounds for protest."  
Add to the end of RRS 61.1(a) as a separate paragraph: "A boat intending to protest another boat shall notify the Race Committee or a safety or support vessel crew (who shall relay the message to the Race Committee) at the first reasonable opportunity after the protesting boat has finished. Failure to complete such notification will invalidate the protest."
- 1.4 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

### 2. Notices to Competitors

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- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the Club.

### 3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

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- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted at least 1 hour prior to the scheduled start of the first race on the day on which it will take effect. Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be signaled by displaying ICF 'L', accompanied by one sound signal.

### 4. Signals Made Ashore

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- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole on the Club Upper Deck.
- 4.2 When ICF 'AP' is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 20 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 4.3 The following launch control signals will apply in conjunction with a PA announcement (see Section 6):

ICF 'B':	A boat may rig and approach the beach but not launch
ICF 'D'	A boat may launch (depart the beach)

**Please be aware that the prom is a public right of way. Take care not to block the prom and be aware of flapping sails and booms.**

### 5. Schedule of Races

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- 5.1 Dates of racing: Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September.
- 5.2 Six races will be scheduled for all fleets; no more than four races will be sailed on any one day.

5.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 11:00 on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September and 11:00 on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September. Subsequent races will be sailed as soon as is practicable after the completion of the preceding race.

High water will occur at 05:58 4.5m on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September and 07:08 4.2m on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September.

5.4 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound signal at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

5.5 No warning signal will be made after 15:00 on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September and 15:00 on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September

## 6. *Class Flags*

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6.1 Class flags will be:

Flag	Class	Description
White	Fast handicap	Monohull, handicap range to be announced.
Purple	Medium handicap	Monohull, handicap range to be announced.
Yellow	Slow handicap	Monohull, handicap range to be announced.
Pink	Rookie	Monohull dinghies with a PN of 1139 or higher crewed entirely by Rookies <sup>b</sup>

<sup>b</sup>A 'rookie' is a sailor who has not previously taken part in a significant open regatta away from home other than participating in the 'Rookie' fleet of a previous WSSYSA Regatta (as endorsed by the Team Manager)

## 7. *Racing Areas*

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7.1 Racing will take place on the sea immediately south of the Club. Racing will be divided between two race areas, 'Alpha' and 'Bravo'. The location will be shown on a Race Board at the Clubhouse.

7.2 Classes White (Fast Fleet) & Purple (Medium Fleet) will race in Race Area Alpha; the Yellow (Slow Fleet) and Pink (Rookie Fleet) will race in Race Area Bravo.

## 8. *The Courses*

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8.1 Details of the course to be sailed in each of the Race Areas will be posted on whiteboards at the Club. The course may be different for the two Race Areas.

8.2 Races in both Race Areas will be started from a Race Committee Boat using flags.

## 9. *Marks*

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9.1 Marks in both Race Areas will be orange cylindrical marks and black tetrahedral marks. See course board for details.

## 10. *The Start*

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10.1 (a) Races will be run sequentially. The start signal for the first fleet will be the warning signal for the second.

(b) In Race Area Alpha, the starting order will be: White, followed by Purple. In Race Area Bravo the starting order will be: Yellow followed by Pink.

(c) In the event of a General Recall, subsequent starts for that course shall be delayed such that the starting order is maintained.

10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Boat to starboard and the centre of an adjacent mark to port.

10.3 A boat starting more than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.

## 11. *Change of the Next Leg of the Course*

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11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will move the original mark to a new position.

## 12. Lap Roundings and the Finish

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- 12.1 The lap line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Boat to starboard and the centre of an adjacent mark to port (i.e., the same as the start line).
- 12.2 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Boat to starboard and the centre of an adjacent mark to port (i.e., the same as the start line).
- 12.3 Racing will be run on an 'average lap' basis. Boats will sail an indefinite number of laps until ICF 'S' is displayed from the Committee Boat. When ICF 'S' is displayed together with a class flag, boats in that class shall finish upon the conclusion of that lap.
- 12.4 At the discretion of the Race Officer, boats may be scored as a finisher at any point on the course by an official boat displaying flag W and hailing their sail number. Boats so finished will be instructed to head directly to the start line area or to the shore if there are no further races that day. Her finish time will be taken from the preceding completed lap(s) or place judged by the Race Committee, without recourse. This may be done in order to keep the race programme on schedule and reduce sailor fatigue.

## 13. Time Limits and Target Times

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- 13.1 Target times and time limits will be as follows:

Fleet	Class	Target time (min)	Time limit (min)
White	Fast handicap	45	60
Purple	Medium handicap	45	60
Yellow	Slow handicap	35	50
Pink	Rookie fleet	30	45

Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

- 13.2 The time limit defined in 13.1 is the time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish. Other boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4, and A5.

## 14. Protests and Requests for Redress

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- 14.1 Protest forms are available from the Race Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the Race Office within the appropriate time limit.
- 14.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 75 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing for the day, whichever is later.
- 14.3 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, the location of which will be detailed on the Official Notice Board.
- 14.4 Breaches of SIs 10.3, 17 to 19 will not be grounds for a protest or claim for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 14.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

## 15. Scoring

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- 15.1 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.2 The scoring system is as follows:
- (a) When fewer than three races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores
  - (b) When three to five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score
  - (c) When six races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst two scores.

## 16. *Safety Regulations*

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- 16.1 Check-Out and Check-In: At registration, Team Managers will be issued with labelled trolley tags for every trolley; the trolley tag must be attached to the handle of the trolley.

Team managers will also be issued with coloured fleet wristbands for each competitor signifying the registered fleet. Competitors shall wear the allocated coloured fleet wristband ashore and when racing.

At the Beach Threshold each competitor will be issued with a personal tally wristband which will be listed by competitor name on the Tally sheet. When returning after racing the personal tally wristband must be surrendered when passing through the Beach Threshold.

At Beach Threshold each competitor and trolley will be checked for trolley tag, wristband and towrope prior to issuing a numbered personal tally wristband. If any of the three checks fail the competitor will be sent back to the Team Manager.

Further details of this system will be made available in the Team Manager's briefing. [DP]

- 16.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee or a Safety Boat (who shall relay this to the Race Committee) as soon as possible. [DP]

## 17. *Replacement of Crew or Equipment*

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- 17.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Organizing Authority [DP]

- 17.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will be permitted so long as the Race Committee is informed of any changes to sail numbers and this designation remains unique. [DP]

## 18. *Support Boats*

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- 18.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. [DP]

## 19. *Trash Disposal*

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- 19.1 RRS 55 applies. Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats when not racing. [DP]

## 20. *Radio Communication*

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- 20.1 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. [DP]

## 21. *Prizes*

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- 21.1 Prizes will be given as follows:

- (a) The first, second and third boats with the lowest accumulated series score after discard for each fleet.
- (b) The boat with the lowest accumulated series score after discard in any class which consists of at least ten boats.
- (c) The following perpetual trophies:

Jim Ellis Shield  
Russell Moore Trophy  
Elliman Trophy  
NSSA Rookie Trophy  
WSSYSA Team Trophy\*

\*The WSSYSA Team Trophy shall be awarded according to team scores, calculated as follows: The individual score result for each competitor in each fleet (as calculated by Sailwave) is normalised to account for fleet size variation, using an XL spreadsheet. The top five results from each club are then summed to create a team score. The Rookie (Pink) Fleet results are not included in the Team score.

## 22. *Disclaimer of Liability*

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22.1 Competitors are reminded of RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organising 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. The decision for a competitor to take part is the sole responsibility of their Team Manager.

23. *Insurance*

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23.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.