FELPHAM SAILING CLUB

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR CLUB RACING

1. RULES

1.1. Racing shall be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of the Royal Yachting Association and Class Rules, except as changed by these Sailing Instructions.

2. ENTRIES AND ELIGIBILITY

2.1 To be eligible for entry to race a competitor must be a Sailing Member or a Cadet Member of Felpham Sailing Club (FSC), or a visitor to FSC provided that a visitor's fee has been paid.

2.2 Visiting boats are not eligible to win FSC perpetual trophies, except in Open events. In non-Open events, the trophy is awarded to the highest-placed FSC member. Visitor results are excluded if they affect the overall winner.

2.3 The safety of a boat and her entire management, including insurance (minimum £2,000,000 third party risk), shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/ person in charge, who must also ensure that the boat and crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise during the race. Neither these Sailing Instructions nor any inspection of the boat limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner/ person in charge for the crew, the boat or her management. FSC and the race organisers shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, death, or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/ person in charge or crew, as a result of their taking part in the race or races. Moreover, every owner/ person in charge warrants the suitability of the boat for the race or races.

2.4 All boats shall comply with their Class Rules, except that equipment manufactured by a non- Class manufacturer may be used provided it is closely similar to that designated by the Class.

2.5 The minimum number of starters to constitute a race shall be 3.

2.6 To enter a race, competitors shall sign on before the race on the sheet provided in the FSC Clubhouse.

2.7 All competitors under the age of 18 shall always wear personal buoyancy whilst on the water. Flag Y will not be flown. This changes RRS 40.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Notice Board located in the FSC Clubhouse.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted at least 30 minutes before the first race to which the change applies.

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5. **SIGNALS**

5.1 Signals ashore are communicated through the lighting system at the front of the Race Office, with procedures detailed in Appendix 1. Starting signals at sea as an extension of the race office are described in Appendix 1

5.2 Starting signals made from a committee boat when the race office is not used follow the proper signal flag requirements of the racing rules of sailing.

6. **SCHEDULE OF RACES**

6.1 Races are scheduled as shown in the official calendar and website. If a non-series race is missed, it may be sailed at the earliest opportunity either individually, or coincident with another race in the official calendar.

7. **CLASS FLAGS**

7.1 When not using the lighting system, the Class flags will be as described on the official Course Board in the FSC Clubhouse.

8. **RACING AREA**

8.1 The racing area shall be off Felpham beach to the south of the FSC Clubhouse. Unless a Long-Distance Race is scheduled when the racing area will be as described on the official Course Board.

9. **THE COURSE**

9.1 The course will be displayed on the official Course Board.

10. **MARKS**

10.1 Marks will be as described on the official Course Board.

11. **THE START**

11.1 **Shore line start:** The Starting Line is defined as the line between two transits on the shore. An outer distance mark may be used, if so, it will be as described on the official course board.

11.2 **Committee Boat start:** The Starting Line is defined as the line between the main mast of the Committee Boat and the Outer Distance Mark as described on the official Course Board.

12. **THE FINISH**

12.1 **Shore Line Finish:** The Finish Line is defined as the line between two transits on the shore. An outer distance mark aligned to the transit may be used, if so, it will be as described on the official course board.

12.2 **Committee Boat finishes:** The Finish Line is defined as the line between the main mast of the Committee Boat and the Outer Distance Mark as described on the official Course Board.

12.3 **Transit Rounding Mark Finish:** When the same mark is used for both the course rounding and the finish aligned to a club transit, boats must finish by crossing the line on the same side of the mark as they would have without a shortened course.

12.4 **Shortening Course:** When Flag S is flown or as displayed via the lighting system on the front of the Race Office, all boats will finish on the first occasion they subsequently cross the Finish Line.

12.5 **Handicap Races:** The current RYA Portsmouth Yardsticks (PY) are used for handicap race results. Boats without a published handicap will be assigned one by the Sailing Committee.

12.6 The finishing order for Handicap Races will be based on the Corrected Time of each boat. The winner will be the boat with the lowest Average Corrected Lap Time. Corrected Time will be determined by calculating the Elapsed Time between the starting signal and the finish of each boat, adjusted by using RYA Portsmouth Yardsticks and the number of laps completed by each boat.

13. TARGET TIMES AND TIME LIMITS

13.1 The target time shall be 40 minutes.

13.2 Courses should be set such that the slowest boat will complete at least two laps.

13.3 When no boat has finished and conditions have deteriorated such that most boats are unlikely to finish a lap within any reasonable extension of the target time, the race may, at the discretion of the Race Officer, be abandoned.

13.4 When at the discretion of the Race Officer a race is stopped for safety reasons. The result is calculated finishing on the last lap boats completed. Boats having not completed a lap with be scored Time Limit Expired.

13.5 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat will be scored Time Limit Expired.

14. DECLARATIONS

14.1. No declarations are required.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1 Protests shall be written on forms available from the Race Office.

15.2 The Protest Time Limit is 30 minutes after the last boat has returned to the beach.

15.3 Protests will be heard as soon as practicable for all parties.

16. SCORING

16.1 Scoring shall be in accordance with the Low Points System of Appendix A, unless otherwise specified in these Sailing Instructions.

16.2 **Discard profile:** The number of races to count for each Series shall be the total of a boat's race scores, discarding its worst scores as set out in the following Table:

Races Sailed	1-2	3-5	6-8	9-11	12-14	15-17	18-20
Discards	0	1	2	3	4	5	6

I.E one discard for every three races sailed.

16.3 All boats will be scored together and sail the same course.

16.4 Scoring codes used:

CODE	DESCRIPTION	SCORE
DNC	Did not come to the starting area.	Max starters in any one race plus one point.
OCS	On course side (over the line at start).	As for RET.
RET/DNF	Retired or unable to continue. [1]	Starters plus one point.
DNS	Came to the start area but did not start.	As for DNC.
DSQ	Disqualified.	As for DNC.
NSC	Did not sail the course.	As for RET.
TLE	Time Limit Expired.[2.]	Finishers plus one point.
OOD	Officer of the day. (Series Races). [3]	Average points of non-discarded races.

[1] A boat that starts the race and retires before rounding at least one mark of the proper course, will be scored the same as a boat that did not start.

[2]A boat able to continue that does not finish within the maximum time limit.

[3]A sailor performing an official duty may claim one OOD race for that day, provided at least two series races are sailed. The boat's sail number and class must be declared on the day. One OOD claim is allowed per series. (boat, crew, or helm)

17 TROPHIES AND RECOGNITION

17.1 The Sailing Committee decides fleet division and trophy eligibility, changes will be posted as a notice.

17.2 For a class trophy to be awarded:

- At least **three boats** must be entered in the class.
- At least **two boats** must compete per race in at least **half** (rounded down) of the races sailed.

17.3 The Sailing Committee may withhold awards if results are decided by attendance rather than competition.

18 OUTSIDE HELP

18.1 A boat may receive outside help. This changes Rule 41. However, a boat that gains a significant advantage in the race from help received may be protested and penalise.