
BATTLE OF THE CLASSES PURSUIT RACE

Sunday 25th September 2016

1. GENERAL

- 1.1 If there is conflict between the Sailing Instructions (SIs) and the Notice of Race the SIs will prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.2 A boat shall observe the IRPCAS (ColRegs) and local by-laws and regulations in respect of ships and vessels not racing.
 - 1.2.1 The Race Committee (RC) will protest a boat if a ship or Port Authority complains under 1.2. This changes RRS 60.2. The Protest Committee may apply a penalty of DNE.
 - 1.2.2 An engine may be used in order to comply with 1.2. Competitors shall report the use of an engine whilst racing to the RC who may protest that boat. If a significant advantage was gained the boat shall retire. The protest committee may apply a penalty other than DSQ.
- 1.3 All times in these SIs are in BST.
- 1.4 The Race Office will be located at Southampton Water Activities Centre (SWAC).

2. RULES

- 2.1 Races are governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) at SWAC.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Changes to the SIs may be made at any time up to and including the 1230 briefing to be held at SWAC on day of the race. Changes will be posted before 1330 that day.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag staff at the top of the SWAC launching ramp.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 There will be one pursuit race.
- 6.2 The start time for each class will be announced at the briefing at 1230 at SWAC on the day of the race. Each start time will be expressed as a number of minutes delay from the first start. See also 10.3
- 6.3 The warning signal is scheduled to be at 1425. At the warning signal flag "W" shall be displayed with one sound. This changes RRS26.
- 6.4 To alert boats that a race will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed (with one sound) as an Attention Signal at least five minutes before a warning signal of a sequence is made.

7. RACING AREA

- 7.1 The racing area will be the lower reach of the river Test between the Swinging Ground and the top of Southampton Water. See also Notice of Race 12.2 and Appendix Two.

8. COURSE

- 8.1 The course will be announced at the 1230 briefing at SWAC on the day of the race.

9. MARKS

- 9.1 Marks will be detailed in the course and will be a combination of laid inflatable buoys and fixed Southampton channel and race marks.
- 9.2 The outer distance mark (ODM) and inner distance mark (IDM) are likely to be laid inflatable marks.

10. THE START

- 10.1 The start line will be between the mast of the Committee boat displaying an orange flag and the ODM.
- 10.2 RRS 26 will apply to the first start (5-4-1-go).
- 10.3 After each start a "delay minute number" will be displayed to indicate the delay to the next start expressed as the number of minutes after

the first start. This changes RRS 26 and Race Signals.

10.4 At each start, the delay minute number (10.3) will be removed with one sound signal and replaced with the next delay minute number. This changes RRS 26 and Race Signals.

11.5 Individual recalls: Flag "X" will be displayed (with one sound signal) for a maximum of 40 seconds to notify individual recalls. This changes RRS 29.1

12. THE FINISH

12.1 The finish line will be a line passing through the masts displaying orange flags on each of two committee vessels.

12.2 It is anticipated that the race will be shortened at 90 minutes after the first start.

12.3 To indicate that the first boat has finished flag "F" shall be displayed with four long sound signals. This changes Race Signals.

12.4 After the first boat has finished, each boat shall continue racing without moving ahead of the next boat in front or moving behind the next boat astern until they cross the finish line.

12. TIME LIMIT

13.1 The time limit for each boat is 20 minutes after the first boat finishes. Boats not finishing within the time limit will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

14. PROTESTS

14.1 Protests shall be lodged with the race committee within 30 minutes of the finish and followed up in writing as necessary.

14.2 A schedule of protest hearings (RRS 63.2) shall be displayed on the ONB as soon as possible.

14.3 The Exoneration Penalty and the Arbitration procedure of the RYA Rules Disputes

procedures will be available.

15. SCORING

15.1 Each boat's score shall be their finishing place in the race.

16. SAFETY

16.1 Flag Y will not be used. All competitors whilst afloat must wear an adequate flotation device. Wetsuits or drysuits are not sufficient on their own. This changes RRS 40.

16.2 A tally system will be in operation. Each boat will be assigned a unique tally number.

16.3 Tallies will be large elastic bands worn on the wrist.

16.4 Competitors shall collect their tally and tracker before going afloat and return them within 30 minutes of coming ashore.

16.5 The tally board will be located at the top of the launching area.

16.6 All competitors failing to tally or return trackers will incur a £5 fine that will be donated to the RNLI and scored D.N.F.

16.7 A boat that retires shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

16.8 Suitable clothing shall be worn for the conditions of the day

16.9 A safety briefing will follow the 1230 briefing

17. PRIZES

17.1 A prize giving will be held at the Southampton Boat Show on the day of the race as soon as possible after racing. Further details and transport arrangements will be announced at the 1230 briefing.

17.2 Prizes will be awarded to
The first, second and third boats overall
The first placed boat with all under 18 crew