



West Mersea Yacht Club

NATIONAL SQUIB OPEN MEETING

23rd/24th April 2016

Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (2013-2016): the Prescriptions of the RYA, these Sailing Instructions, and any amendment thereto.
- 1.2. Both the 'National Squib Class Rules' and the 'Equipment Rules of Sailing 2013-2016' will apply
- 1.3. In the case of conflict between the Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race the Sailing Instructions and its amendments will prevail.
- 1.4. The competing helmsman or owner of the boat shall be current members of the NSOA.
- 1.5. RRS 87, Class Rule C9.4: is changed as follows
On days when more than one race is scheduled, more than one spinnaker may be carried on board whilst racing. Only one spinnaker may be used in a race.
- 1.6. Racing Rule 61.1(a)(2) shall not apply.
- 1.7. RRS 87 Class Rule C5.1(b) is changed as follows
A Marine Band Handheld radio shall be carried.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at The West Mersea Yacht Club

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 09:00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the mainmast located at West Mersea Yacht Club
- 4.2. When Signal "AP" is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes'. This changes Race Signals AP.



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5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 The schedule of races is

Saturday 23 rd April	Race 1	Warning Signal 11.55
	Race 2	As soon as possible after Race 1
	Race 3	As soon as possible after Race 2
Sunday 24 th April	Race 4	Warning Signal 10.55

5.2 No warning signal will be made after 13:00 on the last scheduled day of racing.

5.3 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag may be displayed with one sound for at least five minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

6 CLASS FLAGS

The Class Flag will be Numeral Pennant 9

7 RACING AREA

The sailing area is the River Blackwater Estuary

8 THE COURSES

8.1 The diagrams in Appendix one show the courses, including the approximate angles between the legs, the order in which marks are to be passed.

8.2 No later than the warning signal, the Course to be sailed together with the number of laps will be designated by displaying the appropriate signal on the Race Committee Boat.

8.3 Marks 1, 1a, 2, shall be left to Port, 4s, & 4p are a gate.

8.4 When one of two gate marks is missing then the remaining mark shall be passed to Port

9 MARKS

9.1 Marks 1, 1a, 2, 4s, 4p, X shall be Orange Inflatable laid marks

9.2 RTC courses use the WMYC cruiser racing marks which are yellow with a flag on top.

9.3 Nass Beacon is a cardinal mark (Pole) as indicated on the course card

9.4 Finish and start pin marks shall be an Orange Danbuoy displaying an Orange flag

9.5 Course cards are available from WMYC at Registration

10 THE START

10.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made five minutes before the starting signal



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10.2 The starting line will be a line between a on the Race Committee Boat displaying an orange flag and the starting pin mark

10.3 Boats disqualified under RRS 30.3 will be notified by displaying their sail numbers on the main committee boat.

10.4 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4

11 CHANGING THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE.

11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or finishing line) to a new position

12 THE FINISH

12.1 The finishing line will be between a pole on a Committee Vessel displaying a blue flag and the finishing pin mark.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 RRS 44.3 shall not apply.

13.2 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty

14 TIME LIMITS

14.1 The target time for races 1 to 3 will be 60 minutes. The target time for race 4 will be 120 minutes. Failure to achieve the target time is no cause for redress.

14.2 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails her course and finishes will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1 Protests forms are available at the Race Office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

15.2 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

15.3 Notices will be posted within 15 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of the time and place of hearings.

15.4 On the last day of the event a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered

15.4.1 no later than one hour after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.

15.4.2 This changes RRS66.

Arbitration.



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15.5 An Arbitration System will be available for this event and competitors are recommended to resolve disputes using this method. Boats penalised under this system may accept a 20% penalty.

16 SCORING

16.1 The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A4 will apply.

16.2 One Race is required to constitute a series.

16.3 When two or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1 A boat that retires from a race shall, where possible, notify a Race Committee Vessel before leaving the racing area.

17.2 Adequate personal buoyancy for each person on board shall be worn at all times. Wet or dry suits do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy. This changes Rule 40.

18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

18.1 Substitution of helms shall not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.

18.2 All boats shall sail under their registered class number.

18.3 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made at the earliest opportunity

19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

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

20 OFFICIAL BOATS

20.1 Official boats will display a West Mersea Yacht Club Burgee

21 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

21.1 All boats shall be afloat by the warning signal for the first race of the event and shall not thereafter be removed from the water before the end of the event except with the prior written permission of the Race Committee.

21.2 Any boat permitted by the Race Committee to be removed from the water to inspect damage and/or effect repairs shall not be scrubbed or cleaned below the water line other than is necessary to effect repairs and must be re-launched as soon as possible.

21.3 Boats shall not be cleaned below the water line between the warning signal of the first race until the conclusion of the event. Rudders may be removed.



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22 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

22.1 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used between the starting signal of the first race until the conclusion of the event.

23 RADIO COMMUNICATION

23.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones. This instruction does not apply to any transmissions made for safety reasons or to advise the Race Committee of a boat's retirement. The channel to be used for such transmissions is Channel 77 call sign Molliette

25 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Risk Statement

RRS Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." 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 whilst 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 omission;
- 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 be practically provided in the circumstances;

26 INSURANCE

26.1 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.



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Appendix One Courses

C1.1

Windward/Leeward Course

LA



Signal	Marking Rounding Order
LA2	Start - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - Finish
LA3	Start - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p
	- 1 - 1a - Finish
LA4	Start - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p
	- 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - Finish



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C1.2

Round the Cans

RTC 1 - Xp, 14p, 17s, 12s, 3s, 17p FIN

Northerly wind

RTC 2 - Xs, 2s, 14p, 12s, 3s, FIN

Easterly Wind

RTC 3 - Xp, 2p, 1p, Nass p, 5p, 17p FIN

Southerly Wind

RTC 4 - Xp, 5p, 2p, 17s, 1p FIN

Westerly Wind

Mark X will be a laid orange buoy.

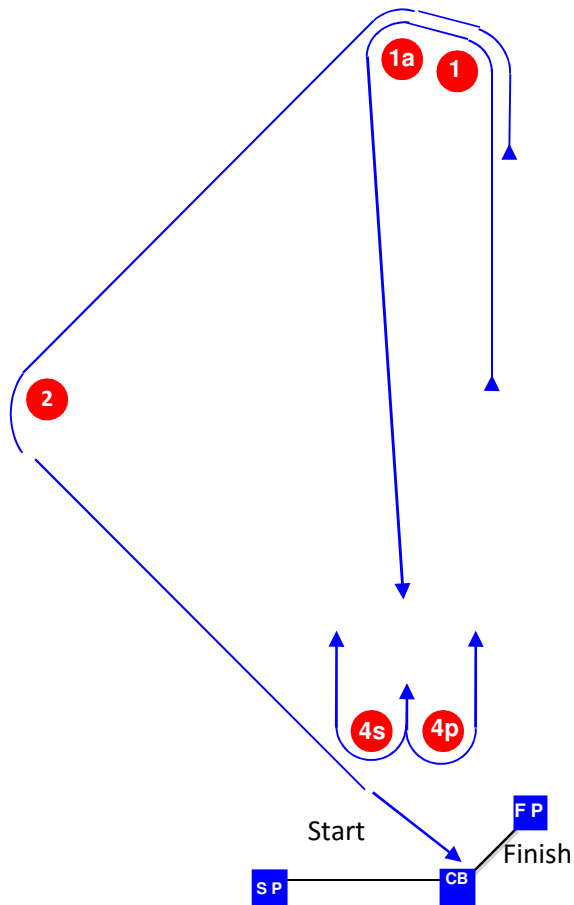


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C1.3

Old Olympic

TRA



Signal	Mark Rounding Order
TRA1	Start - 1 - 1a - 2 - Finish
TRA2	Start - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - 2 - Finish
TRA3	Start - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - 2 - Finish