

WILSONIAN SAILING CLUB – 2012 WARM-UP-SERIES

Name of event: Wilsonian Sailing Club – 2012 Warm-Up-Series
Inclusive Sunday dates: 12th February to 18th March, (5 Sundays).
Note: Sunday 11th March Hoo Freezer.
Organising authority: The Sailing Committee of the Wilsonian Sailing Club (WSC) Hoo, Kent

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 This event will be governed by the rules as defined in the “The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012”.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the RYA will apply.
- 1.3 Racing rule 40 will be changed as follows: whilst afloat competitors shall wear personal flotation devices, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices.
- 1.1 Competitors shall complete the entry form and pay the necessary fee in order to be eligible to race.
- 1.2 Boats shall sail under their own class sail number, unless prior consent has been obtained from the organising authority.
- 1.3 Yardsticks will be as allocated in RYA 2012 Portsmouth Yardstick Scheme. Where no number is allocated a boat will be allocated a trial number, which will be posted on the Official Notice board.
- 1.4 This event is held on a navigable river and ships or other large vessels have right of way. If a ship/vessel is being escorted, no competitor shall sail between the guard boat displaying a naval numeral “zero” and the ship/vessel it is escorting. Any competitor passing between the guard boat and escorted ship/vessel shall be disqualified without a hearing.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board, which is located on the landward side of WSC race box.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any changes to these instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board, before the warning signal for any race that it affects.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the race box.
- 4.2 Flag A with two sound signals (one when lowered) means “No boat shall go afloat until this signal is lowered. The first warning signal will be made not less than 15 minutes after flag A is lowered”.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Race	Warning Signal	Race	Warning Signal
Morning Race	10:25	Afternoon Race	A.S.A.P. After Lunch

6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 The class flag will be K.

7. RACING AREA & COURSES

- 7.1 The racing area will be as shown on the Official Notice Course Board.
- 7.2 The order in which marks are to be passed for each scheduled race and the side on which each mark is to be left will be displayed on the Official Notice Board prior to the warning signal of each race.

8. MARKS

8.1 The marks of the course will be made up from some or all of the following:-

A) Fixed Position navigation buoys, Green coloured odd numbered, Red coloured even numbered, and the Hoo Ness west cardinal buoy.

C) Racing marks laid by WSC for a course, orange in colour and numbered 1, 2, 3 or 4.

D) Additional marks as identified on the course board may be used.

9. THE START

9.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal (which is repeated here for assistance).

Signal	Flag and sound	Minutes before starting signal
Warning	Class flag; 1 sound	5
Preparatory	P, Z, or black flag; 1 sound	4
One-minute	Preparatory flag removed; 1 long sound	1
Starting	Class flag removed; 1 sound	0

9.2 The starting line will be the Wilsonian Sailing club line, which is an extension of an imaginary line through the two white posts with orange triangular top marks, one of which is behind and one in front of the race box.

The post on the far shore does not form part of the line.

9.3 The starting line may be used in either an upstream or downstream direction depending on the course set for each race.

10. THE FINISH

10.1 The finishing line description and use is as starting line, see 9.2 and 9.3 above.

11. SHORTENED COURSES

11.1 When courses are being shortened at the starting/finishing line and to indicate the course is being finished in a downstream direction, a Red flag board will be displayed with flag S. This is only applicable to courses with an upstream mark.

11.2 When flag C and S are displayed at a rounding mark, the shortened course shall be from the rounding mark directly back to the finish at the Wilsonian Sailing Club line.

12. TIME LIMITS

12.1 The time limit will be 120 minutes from the actual start time.

12.2 Boats failing to finish within the time limit will be scored "DNF"; this changes rule 35, A4 and A5.

13. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

13.1 Protests forms are available from the WSC Chief Duty Officer (CDO). Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the CDO within 45 minutes of the last boat's finish time in that race, unless the Protest Committee sees good reason to extend this time limit

13.2 Protests will be heard in an order decided by the Protest Committee and as soon as practicable.

14. RESULTS AND SCORING

14.1 Results will be calculated using each boat's average corrected lap time.

14.2 The number of races to count shall be half the number of races held, half numbers being rounded down, plus one. Each boat's score will be the total of her scores, with her worst scores discarded if

more races than the required number to count have been completed. There is no minimum number of races to be completed to constitute a series.

14.3 Races will retain their identifying number as published in the “WSC Sailing/Race Programme 2012”.

14.4 Entrants who have to undertake a duty will be allocated their series average points in the race their duty affects.

15. SAFETY REGULATIONS

15.1 All boats must Check-Out before each race, on the Race Safety Sheets provided at the Official Notice Board, boats not Checking-Out shall be scored “DNS”.

15.2 All boats must Check-In after each race, on the Race Safety Sheets provided at the “Official Notice Board”.

15.3 Boats not finishing or retiring after finishing shall enter “DNF” or “RAF” as applicable against their name on the Race Safety Sheet.

15.4 Checking-In must be made within half an hour of finishing on the club line and before submitting any protest. Boats not checking-in within this time limit shall be scored “DNF”.

16. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

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

17. RUBBISH DISPOSAL

17.1 Boats shall not put rubbish in the water. Rubbish may be placed in the bins in dinghy compounds.

18. RADIO COMMUNICATION

17.1 Except in an emergency a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction includes cellular telephones.

19. PRIZES

19.1 Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of Organising Authority.