

Thorpe Bay Yacht Club

Sandhopper National Championships 2011

Sailing Instructions

1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the 'Rules' as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of the RYA, the rules of the class, except if any of these are changed by these sailing instructions, and the supplementary sailing instructions.

2. Entries

- 2.1. Eligibility: The Regatta is open to all Sandhopper class boats having a valid measurement certificate.
- 2.2. **Disclaimer of Liability** - Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 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.
- 2.3. **Insurance** - Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum of £2,000,000 per event.

3. **Notices to Competitors** - Notices will be posted on the official notice board located in the clubhouse lobby.

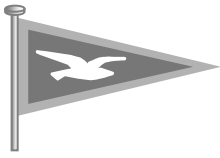
4. **Changes to Sailing Instructions** - Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 2 hours before the start of a race they affect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 20.00 hours on the day before it will take effect.

5. **Safety** - RRS40 is changed, flag Y will not be used. Adequate personal buoyancy must be worn by all competitors whilst afloat. Wetsuits or drysuits are not sufficient on their own.

6. Signals Made Ashore

- 6.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagstaff in front of the clubhouse.
- 6.2. When Flag AP is displayed ashore, 'one minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in race signal AP. This changes the Race Signals in the Rules.

7. **Declaration** - A declaration system will operate where competitors will be required to sign on and sign off on the form provided and situated near the top of the club slipway or in the Bosun's hut. All boats must sign off within one hour of the completion of the last race of the day. Boats must sign off separately for each race completed, or indicate "Did Not Start" (DNS) or "Did Not Finish" (DNF) as appropriate. Failure to sign on and off will result in disqualification.



8. Schedule of Races

8.1. The schedule of races will be stated in the notice of race and the supplementary sailing instructions.

Saturday 10th September		High Water – 12.10
Registration from 08.00		Briefing – 08.30 in the clubhouse
	Warning Signal	Time
Race 1	Sandhopper Class: NN0	09:30
Race 2 will take place as soon as possible after completion of Race 1 , Race 3 will take place as soon as possible after Race 2		

Sunday 11th September		High Water – 12.54
	Warning Signal	Time
Race 4	Sandhopper Class: NN0	10:00
Race 5 will take place as soon as possible after completion of Race 4 , Race 6 will take place as soon as possible after completion of Race 5		

9. **Class Flags** - The class warning signals will be:-

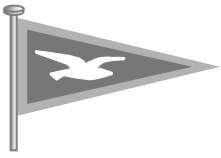
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Sandhopper Class

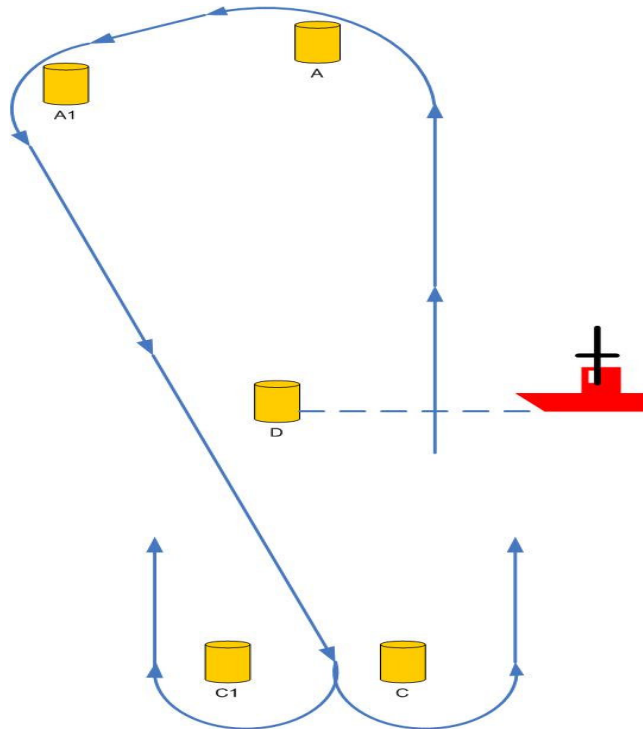
Warning Flag

NNO

10. **Racing Area** - The racing area will be to the South of the Club house.



11. The Course - Unless otherwise stated in the supplementary sailing instructions the course configuration and order of rounding of marks will be as follows for all races.



Course diagram not to scale and for information only.

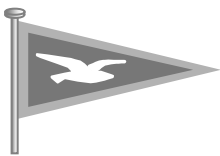
The course will be A (port), A1 (port) then either C (port) or C1 (starboard) and through the gate formed by the mast of the committee boat and D on the upwind leg only. This will constitute one round. If a boat goes through the gate on the downwind leg it will be disqualified from that race.

11.1. Number of Rounds - The number of rounds to be sailed will be displayed on a board on the Committee Boat before the preparatory signal.

12. Marks – All Marks will be large cylindrical inflatable buoys. Mark A will be a large orange or yellow inflatable buoy. Marks A1 and D will normally be large orange or yellow cylindrical type inflatable buoys or pencil marks. Replacement marks as provided in RRS 34 will be large orange or yellow cylindrical type inflatable buoys.

13. The Start

13.1. Starting Procedure - The starting procedure will be in accordance with Rule 26. with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal. (5,4,1,go)



13.2. The Start Line - The start line is defined as the line between the flagstaff on the Committee Boat flying an orange flag and an outer starting line mark, normally of the orange inflatable cylindrical type, outer start line Mark D.

13.3. A boat starting later than five minutes after her start signal will be scored 'DNS'. This changes Rule A4.1.

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

15.The Finish - The finishing line will be between the flagstaff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Boat and the finish line mark, normally of the orange or yellow inflatable cylindrical type.

Time Limit - The time limit will be 20 minutes after the first boat finishes except that if the first boat fails to finish within 2 hours of a valid start the race will be abandoned.

16.Protests

16.1. Protests shall be written on forms available on request to the Race Committee and delivered to a member of the Race Committee within one hour of the last boat of her class finishing the last race of the day.

16.2. A schedule of protest hearings will be displayed on the official notice board within 2 hours of the finish of the last race of the day. Further protest hearings may be added to the schedule. This is the notice under RRS 63.2

17.Scoring

17.1. Each boats series score shall be the total of her race scores with her worst score discarded if five or more races have been completed. If four or less races are completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores.

18. Safety Regulations

18.1. Check out and check in procedures will be through filling in boat name, sail number, helm name and crew name on the declaration sheet in the race box and completing the form on return to shore.

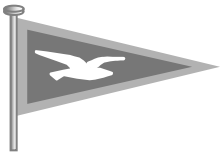
18.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. The boat shall complete the sign on declaration form in the race box as retired on return ashore.

18.3. Boats not complying with these regulations will be scored DNC

19. Prizes - Prizes will be awarded for each member of the crews for places as determined by the event organising team based on the entry to the event.

20.Replacement of Crew or Equipment - Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

21. Equipment measurement and checks – A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the



water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

22. Disclaimer of liability - Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing 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.

23. Haul-out Restrictions - Keelboats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

24. Diving Equipment and Plastic Pools - Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

25. Radio Communications - A boat shall neither make a radio transmission while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats except in case of emergency. This restriction also applies to mobile phones.

Right to use name and likeness - By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.