# Interclub Dinghy Team Races Sunday 24th September

# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

**Responsibility:** The safety of a boat and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/ person in charge who must ensure that the boat and crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of 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 and her management. 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.

**1 Rules: The event will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-2020**.

**Acceptance of the Rules**: By participating in a race conducted under these racing rules, each competitor and boat owner agrees:

(a) to be governed by the *rules* ;

(b) to accept the penalties imposed and other action taken under the *rules*, subject to the appeal and review procedures provided in them, as the final determination of any matter arising under the *rules.*

**2 Entries:** Eligible boats maybe entered by the full completion of an entry form from each club and lodged with the Essex YC Sailing Secretary by **1900hrs** on Saturday 23rd September. Adjustments *maybe* considered up until 1200hrs on the day of the race.

**Personal Buoyancy**: all competitors in "dinghy" classes shall wear personal buoyancy at all times whilst on the water. This amends Rule 40 and the pre-amble to Part 4 of RRS.

**3 Classes to sail:**

**Cadet Class –** A team of 4 *or more* Cadets (18yrs or under on the day) sailing any class.

**Ingram Trophy** – 4 boats of same class

**Operatic Cup** – 4 boats of different class. If 2 or more boats of the same class are entered only one will be counted.

**Silver Sail Trophy** – a team of 4 single handed boats of any class.

**The Thames Trophy** – Awarded to the club with the best score in counting the best 3 results in each race.

The class flag for the Ingram, Operatic and Silver Sail fleets shall be Code flag ‘F’

The Cadet Class flag shall be ‘C’

4 Changes to Sailing Instructions:

Any changes to Sailing Instructions will be posted before 1230hrs on the day of the race.

5 Signals made ashore:

Signals made ashore will be from the HQS Wilton

**6 Schedule of Racing** HW 15.50, HT 5.8m

One race for each class is scheduled to be sailed with all classes starting together in an ‘all in’ start. The number of laps will be displayed on the committee boat, the Cadet fleet will sail one less lap than the other fleets. Start time not before 1445hrs

7 Scoring – General

The low point scoring system of Appendix A will apply. The handicap for each competitor shall be that prescribed by the 2017 Portsmouth yardstick.

8 Retirement

A boat which retires shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.



Start and Finish line is between the main mast of the Committee Boat and the DM. The race will be sailed around three orange inflatables in the order of 1 , 2 , 3 leaving all to Port. All boats must cross the finish line on every lap.

Laps: The number of laps will be displayed on the Committee Boat.The Cadet fleet will sail one fewer round.

10 Shortened Course:

The course maybe shortened for the main fleet by the display of code flags ‘F’ and ‘S’ and two sound signals. All boats in that fleet will finish on that lap.

The course for the Cadet Fleet maybe shortened by the display of code flag ‘C’ and ‘S’. All boats in that fleet will finish on that lap. If the ‘S’ is displayed on its own both fleet will finish on that lap.

As well as the finish line at the discretion of the Race Officer the course maybe shortened at any mark by any committee or support boat using these flags. The finish will be between the mark and the said boat.

In the event of a shortened course average lap times maybe used to score the event.

11 Start:

Races will be started using the procedure described in Rule 26.

5 minutes before starting signal Class Flags raised 1 Sound Signal

4 minutes before starting signal Preparatory Flag raised 1 Sound Signal

1 minute before starting signal Preparatory Flag removed 1 Sound signal

Starting signal Class Flags removed 1 Sound Signal

12 Protests

Protests shall be on written forms available from the EYC clubhouse and delivered back to the Race Officer within 90 minutes of the last boat finishing.

Protests will be heard approximately in the order of receipt as soon as possible.