



Chelmarsh Sailing Club Laser Open Meeting 2018 **Saturday 10th March 2018** **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

1. RULES

Racing will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (2017-2020) except as varied by these sailing instructions. The Event is designated as category A.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITOR

Notices to competitors will be posted on the notice board located in the clubhouse.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTION

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted 30 minutes before the race.

4. SAFETY

Personal Buoyancy must be worn at all times when afloat, on the pontoons & walkways. Inflatable lifejackets must be inflated. Neither a wetsuit nor a drysuit constitute adequate buoyancy. This changes Rule 40.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Racing is scheduled as follows:

- 5.1. Racing will consist of three races.
- 5.2. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 11.00am.
- 5.3. When races are held back to back, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as is practicable.

7. RACING AREAS

A guide as to the location of the buoys on the water is available on request.

8. THE COURSES

8.1. The marks of the course are distinctive yellow or orange buoys positioned approximately as shown on the printed course map. The course will be indicated by coloured number boards. Red means leave the mark to port, and green means leave the mark to starboard. The course consists of the number of laps indicated on the blackboard plus one leg. The course board will be displayed on the Committee Boat not later than the warning signal for that race.

10. THE START

- 10.1. Races will be started using rule 26.
- 10.2. The starting line is defined as a line between a mast bearing an orange flag on the Committee boat and an outer starting line mark that may be a mark of the course.
- 10.3. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 10.4. A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored D.N.S. This changes rule A4.1

Starting penalties

After a general recall, Rule 30.1, the I. Flag Rule, Rule 30.3 the Black Flag Rule or 'U' Flag rule may be introduced. Rule 30.2 the Z Flag Rule will not be used. This changes Rule 30.

11. CHANGE OF COURSE

- 11.1. A Change of course after the start will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the leg. The Race Officer will indicate the changed marks with new mark numbers on the course board, along with the flying of Flag C and repetitive sound signals. This changes rule 33.

Shortened course

After the Race is started, the course may be shortened at the Race Officer's discretion. This changes rule 32.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1. The finishing line is defined as the line between a mast bearing an orange flag on the Committee Boat, and a nearby mark of the course.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.4. As provided in rule 67, the protest committee may, without a hearing, penalise a boat that has broken rule 42.

14. TIME LIMITS

Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes of the first boat will be scored Did Not Finish. Should no boat have completed the course or shortened course within 90 minutes from the start then the race will be abandoned. This changes rule A4.1.

15. PROTESTS

- 15.4. These must be made in writing on the Protest forms available at the race office and be delivered there within 30 minutes of the end of the race in which the incident occurred or at the end of a subsequent race when held back to back. The time limit may be extended at the discretion of the Race Committee.

16. SCORING

- 16.4. The Low Point scoring system, Rule A4 will apply.

Discards:

If 3 races sailed 2 results to count

If 2 races sailed 2 races to count

If 1 race sailed 1 race to count

Tie Breaker

The tie breaking procedure in appendix A will apply.

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the event 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.

18. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

19. SIGNING OFF

The Signing off sheet when completed shall be taken as proof of a competitor's participation in a race.

After the completion of each race competing helms must complete the signing off sheet for that race within 30 minutes of the finish of the last competitor in each race. In the event of races being sailed back to back the foregoing shall apply after the end of the last race. The signing off sheet for each race will be located in or adjacent to the Race Office on the ground floor of the clubhouse.