

DINGHY SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI) 2011

General

All races shall be sailed under the current I.S.A.F. and R.Y.A. Rules in so far as they are not inconsistent with these instructions. When changes to the Racing Rules of Sailing take place they shall apply to the first race and thereafter of the B&FYC series following the adoption date.

Liability

The race organisers shall not be liable for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/competitor, his skipper or crew, as a result of their taking part in the race or races. Moreover every owner/competitor warrants the suitability of his yacht for the race or races.

Insurance

It is the boat owner's responsibility to carry insurance protection for third party liabilities of at least £2,000,000.

Sailing Instructions

Except in Club Opens, no sailing directions will be given to entrants but the directions listed herein will apply.

Personal Buoyancy, Anchor and Paddles

All dinghies racing under the Club's burgee are strongly advised to carry a suitable anchor, warp and paddle. The helmsperson and crew from the start to the finish of the race must wear personal buoyancy (flotation devices) and any boat failing to comply will be disqualified.

Class Rules

All dinghies racing must comply with their Class Association Rules and hold a valid measurement certificate to be produced to the Dinghy or Fleet Captains on request. This rule can be waived at the discretion of the Dinghy Captain.

Entries

Entries will be accepted up to the sound of the first sound signal in all races (other than open races, when an entry form must be received by the relevant Sailing Secretary on or before the closing date or time noted thereon). In the interest of safety, ENTRIES SHALL BE IN WRITING on the appropriate form, as set out by the Race Officer of the Day.

Declaration must be signed after racing or on retirement, within 30 minutes of the last yacht finishing, to permit the orderly withdrawal of rescue services. Failure to do so shall render the yacht liable to disqualification.

Starts

There may be three starts and for each start Rule 26 will apply i.e. 5, 4, 1, go. The first race will be at the lowering of ICF "F" at the advertised time of the race. The Fast Handicap will be those Monohulls with a P.Y. lower than 1080 and will start at the lowering of ICF "F".

The Medium Handicap fleet will be for those Monohulls with a P.Y. of 1178 to 1080 and will start at the lowering of ICF "D". 5 minutes later

The Slow Handicap fleet will be for those Monohulls with a P.Y. greater than 1178, i.e. Topper, Mirror, etc. will start at the lowering of ICF "6" 5 minutes later.

In addition, when starting from the club, a sound signal may be made and an orange flag raised 3 minutes before the warning signal for the first fleet. This will be removed when all fleets have started. Fleets may be combined at the discretion of the Race Officer.

Starts when Offshore Boats are using Club Line

There may be four starts and for each start Rule 26 will apply.

1st start Fast Handicap dinghies at the lowering of ICF "F".

2nd start Medium Handicap dinghies at the lowering of ICF "D".

3rd start Offshore "A" & "B" Fleet at the lowering of ICF "B"

4th start Slow Handicap at the lowering of ICF "6"

Fleets may be combined at the discretion of the Race Officer, Preferably only when a windward start line is used.

In the interest of fair sailing, you are required to keep clear of the start line until your "Warning Signal" has been given.

Starting Lines

Club Buoy is the Orange Buoy opposite the Clubhouse. No. 1 is now situated off the South Jetty.

Club House

The Club House starting line will be between the Signal Mast on the Starting Box and Club Buoy. The starting line at Fleetwood shall be as defined by the Race Officer on the day.

Water Start

The Start Line on the water shall be between an outer mark nominated by the Race Officer and the class flag flying on the committee boat.

Finish Lines

Clubhouse

The Clubhouse finishing line will be between the Signal Mast on the Starting Box and Club Buoy.

Water Finish

The finish line on the water shall be between a mark of the course and the blue flag flying on the committee boat.

Course Sailed and General Race Management

The course to be sailed will be indicated by the Race Officer at the Club House, or at the Temporary Starter's Box for races sailed at Fleetwood. When water-based start lines are used, the vicinity of the start line, windward mark and course will also be displayed on the Club Notice Board.

A race shall not be abandoned before the start, if three or more boats in a class have entered that race. However, the Race Committee may abandon the race in accordance with ISAF rule 32.

A yacht shall be disqualified for technical anchoring by means of the crew standing on the Club Slip within one minute of the start signal.

If no boat finishes the race then that race will be deemed abandoned.

Individual Recalls

One Additional Long Sound Signal and ICF "X" flown until all boats have started correctly or 2 minutes after the start.

General Recalls

Two Additional Long Signals and ICF "1st Substitute" flown for 2 minutes after the start. The new start shall be 5 minutes after the last scheduled fleet has started and each other recalled fleet shall then follow in order.

Shortened Course and Signal

The Race Officer ashore will make two sound signals and display ICF "S" and the appropriate class flag as the leading yacht in that fleet approaches a mark of the course. All boats shall then round or pass that mark on the required side and proceed to cross the finish line from the direction of the last mark.

Fast Handicap Fleet - ICF "F"

Medium Handicap Fleet - ICF "D"

Slow Handicap Fleet - ICF "6"

However if the sound signals and the appropriate flags come from the committee boat, flying a blue flag, adjacent to a mark then the race will finish at that mark.

The course may also be shortened on any lap as the leading yacht in that appropriate fleet approaches the club line. The Race Officer will make two sound signals and display ICF "S" and the appropriate fleet flag as the leading yacht approaches the Club line.

Racing Rule Penalty

The Two Turn alternative penalty shall apply in accordance with I.S.A.F. Rule 44.

Protests

A yacht wishing to protest another for an infringement of a racing rule must notify the Sailing Committee or Race Officer within 30 minutes of the last yacht finishing, in writing, preferably on a Protest form (available from the Race Box).

Points

Where a series of races is sailed for a trophy or prize, points in each race of the series shall be awarded as follows: - First Boat 1 point, Second Boat 2 points, Third Boat 3 points and so on. Retirement (RTD) will count points equal to the number of boats in the race plus 1. Disqualification (DSQ) will count number of boats in the Series plus 2. Did Not Start (DNS) but having signed on will count number of boats in series plus 1.

Any member may enter one boat for a series and count points towards that series when either he or his regular crew helms the boat. With the Dinghy Captain's approval, a member may helm another boat of the same class and count points to their score, providing their reason for changing boats is to promote sailing within the club.

In the event of a tie in any Club Series, the ultimate winner will be decided according to ISAF Appendix A8.

Number of Races Held Allowed Discards

1,2	0
3,4	1
5, 6 or 7	2
8,	3
9 or more	4

Average points will be awarded to a race officer/rescue crew who do their nominated or swapped duty. Average points will only be awarded for one day's duty in any one series.

Series to be Sailed

Frostbite Open Series

Spring Series

Bank holiday Series

Summer Series

Winter Series

All for: Medium and Slow Handicap Fleets.

Evening series for: Medium and Slow Handicap Fleets.

Amendments to Sailing Instructions

The Dinghy Committee may introduce changes throughout the year with regards to the number of fleets or handicap boundaries. Changes will be posted at least 2 weeks prior to the start of a new series by an amendment to sailing instructions.

Note to Race Officers and Safety Crews

It is the responsibility of the named persons in the dinghy programme to do the Race Officer / Safety duties. If you are unable to undertake these duties on the appropriate date then you are required to find a replacement by swapping with someone else. The series co-ordinator should be informed of the change.

Race Officers

The Race Officer should ensure that there is sufficient water at each mark of the course. Wherever possible the first mark of the course should be to windward.

Safety Crews

Safety Crews are under instruction of the Race Officer.

At least one person on the boat shall be dressed so that he can enter the water if necessary. Personal buoyancy is to be worn at all times whilst on safety duty and the kill cord should be worn around the knee whilst the engine is running.

Two rescue boats should be launched, even if only one is to be used.

The other should be tied to a club jetty. Safety boats should not be retrieved from the water until all racing has finished.

Notes for Series Co-ordinators

The primary role of a series co-ordinator is to ensure all necessary support is provided on race day, so racing proceeds smoothly.

The key requirement is to ensure that the Race Officer and Safety Crew carry out their allotted duty in line with the roster published in the club handbook.

All sailors are required as a condition of racing, to carry out a minimum number of sessions in a year.-

The Series Co-ordinator needs to:-

Have available a set of keys for the duty Race Officer.

Ring the Race Officer not later than one week before his duty day to confirm availability.

If necessary remind him that it is his responsibility to arrange a swap if necessary.

Ring the Safety Crew not later than one week before his duty day to confirm availability.

If necessary remind him that it is his responsibility to arrange a swap, if necessary.

NO SAFETY - NO RACING

Remind inexperienced Race Officers to bring watch and pencil.

Ensure the Race Officer either leaves the completed Race Sheets in the Dinghy Captain's pigeonhole (in the cloakroom) or hands them to a scorer.

Full instruction in how to conduct a race at BFYC are available in the Race Box or on the web. For any other arising, contact the Dinghy Captain.

Series co-ordinators names will be placed on the club notice board.

Frostbite	Peter Jackson Tel:- 07971 008363
Spring	Malcolm Marsden Tel:- 01253 799140
Summer	Steve Schofield Tel:- 01253 891687
Winter	Tony Roe Tel :- 01253 302503
Evening	Duncan Taylor Tel : - 01253 701968
Bank Holidays	Peter Jackson Tel:- 07971 008363