

**Snettisham Beach
Sailing Club**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Topper Open Meeting

(Issued 19/06/2017)

1. RULES

Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing and the prescriptions of the RYA as published on the RYA Website and the individual class measurement rules except that.

1.1. Racing Rule 40 PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES will be changed as follows: 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. This changes the rule in that the rule is always in force during racing and code flag Y need not be displayed to indicate this.

1.2. Racing Rule 44.3 Scoring Penalty will not apply.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located on the First Floor of the Clubhouse or the Conservatory.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect,

except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed as follows:

4.1 For Committee Boat Starts, signals will be made from the main flagstaff in front of the club.

4.2 For Beach Line Starts, signals will be displayed from the flagstaff on the beach.

4.3 For Pit Racing signals will be made from the flagstaff by the launching area

When flag AP is displayed ashore for Committee Boat Starts, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 15 minutes' before the race start sequence can commence.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

The schedule of Races will be published in the "Notice of Race" and any modifications to the schedule will be posted on the website and the official notice board.

6. CLASS FLAGS

The Class Flag for the Topper Open Meeting will be Flag T.

7. RACING AREAS

Racing will be carried out on the Sea directly to the West of the clubhouse or in the gravel pit behind the club.

7.1. The Diagram on the back page of these instructions, describes the course options available to be sailed in this event. The designated course for each race will be displayed on the **PORT** side of the Committee Boat before the Class flag is displayed for each Race.

7.2. Racing on the Gravel Pit will utilize buoys numbered 1 to 9, and or movable bouys X and Y.

7.3. The following areas on the Sea are designated as obstructions: The fishing/launching area to the North of the club, between the yellow buoys and the beach.

8. SEA RACING – COMMITTEE BOAT STARTS

8.1. For committee boat starts the order in which marks are to be passed will be displayed on boards displayed on the side of the committee boat. The side on which each mark is to be left will be indicated by a red (port) or green (starboard) flag displayed on the committee boat. The Course to be sailed for the Topper Open meeting will be displayed on the PORT hand side of the Committee boat and will be a choice of - O2, O3, O4 or OX as indicated in the Topper Open Meeting Course Diagram. The course to be sailed will be the course displayed at the time the Class Flag T is hoisted (5 minute signal)

8.2. THE START

8.2.1. The Topper Class will be 1st To Start for each Race. Club Starts will be actioned as soon as is safe to do so after the Toppers have left the Start Line Area.

8.2.2. Races will be started by using rule 26 of the RRS –

Remaining Time to Start	Action + Sound Signal	Flag
5 minutes	Warning Flag hoisted	Flag T
4 minutes	Preparatory Flag hoisted	Either Flag P, I, Z, U or Black Flag
1 minute	Preparatory Flag dropped	
START	Warning Flag dropped	

8.2.3. The starting line will be between the main mast displaying an orange flag on the committee boat at the starboard end, and a small temporary spherical buoy with an Orange Flag at the Port End. The start line will be set as shown in the Topper Open Meeting Course Diagram.

8.5. THE FINISH

8.5.1. The finishing line will be between a staff on the committee boat displaying a blue flag and the small temporary spherical buoy with an Orange Flag at the Port End, as shown in the Junior Open Meeting Course Diagram.

8.5.2. Boats that have finished should avoid the finishing line until all boats racing have finished or retired.

8.6. TARGET RACE DURATION AND SHORTENING THE COURSE.

8.6.1. The target duration for Topper Class races will be 30 minutes. Boats should sail the course as designated, and displayed on the PORT hand side of the Committee boat or until the Shorten Course flag "S" is displayed together with a sound signal from a Rib positioned at mark C. In this event, Sailors should continue to sail the designated Course until they next pass designated bouy **C** then continue straight to designated bouy **D** then the Finish line. Designations as shown in the Course Diagram. The Bouys on the Course shall not be marked.

8.6.2. Once the shortened course flag is flown, a boat should continue sailing the course as described in Instruction 8.7.1. in this appendix.

8.6.3. Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes *may* be finished according to the following procedure.

The race committee award a finishing position to a boat that is still racing by displaying to her from a committee vessel (which may be in motion) flag W with one sound signal. A boat so notified is no longer required to sail the course (changing rule 28.1), shall stop racing and shall return to the starting area, or return ashore if there is no more racing. A boat's finishing position

under this sailing instruction will be the position she would have received had she sailed the course and finished within any time limit, without gaining or losing any place. However, when two or more boats that are overlapped are notified, they will be scored as if they were tied.

9. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

The Exoneration Penalty and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration procedures of the RYA Rules Disputes procedures shall apply. The outcome of an RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee, but an arbitration cannot be reopened or appealed. See the Official Notice Board for details. An Advisory hearing will be conducted with out Fee.

In the event that a full Protest hearing is selected, a refundable fee of £10.00, refundable in the event that the Protestor is successful in their hearing. Fees collected in this way will in full, form a donation to the RNLI.

9. SCORING

9.1. The Low Point System of Appendix A shall apply.

9.2. At least 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

9.3. RACES TO COUNT AND DISCARDS

- a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- b) When from 4 or 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- c) When 6 or 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- d) When 8 or 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her three worst scores.

10. SAFETY REGULATIONS

10.1. A Tally system maybe invoked on the day should conditions dictate. If the Tally system is invoked it will be stated on the Official Noticeboard before commencement of the event briefing.

10.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible

11. ELIGABILITY AND REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

11.1. Entry to series are on the basis of class of boat, and named helm.

11.2. The named helm shall have entered this event in accordance with the Racing Rules of Sailing, the SI's and the event "Notice of Race".

11.3. There is no Age limit for entrants to this race. The Organizers reserve the right to refuse entry on any grounds deemed reasonable by the Event Race Committee.

11.4. The use of Replica Sails shall not be Permitted.

12. PRIZES

Shall be awarded as detailed in the "Notice of Race"

13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The club 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.

14. INSURANCE

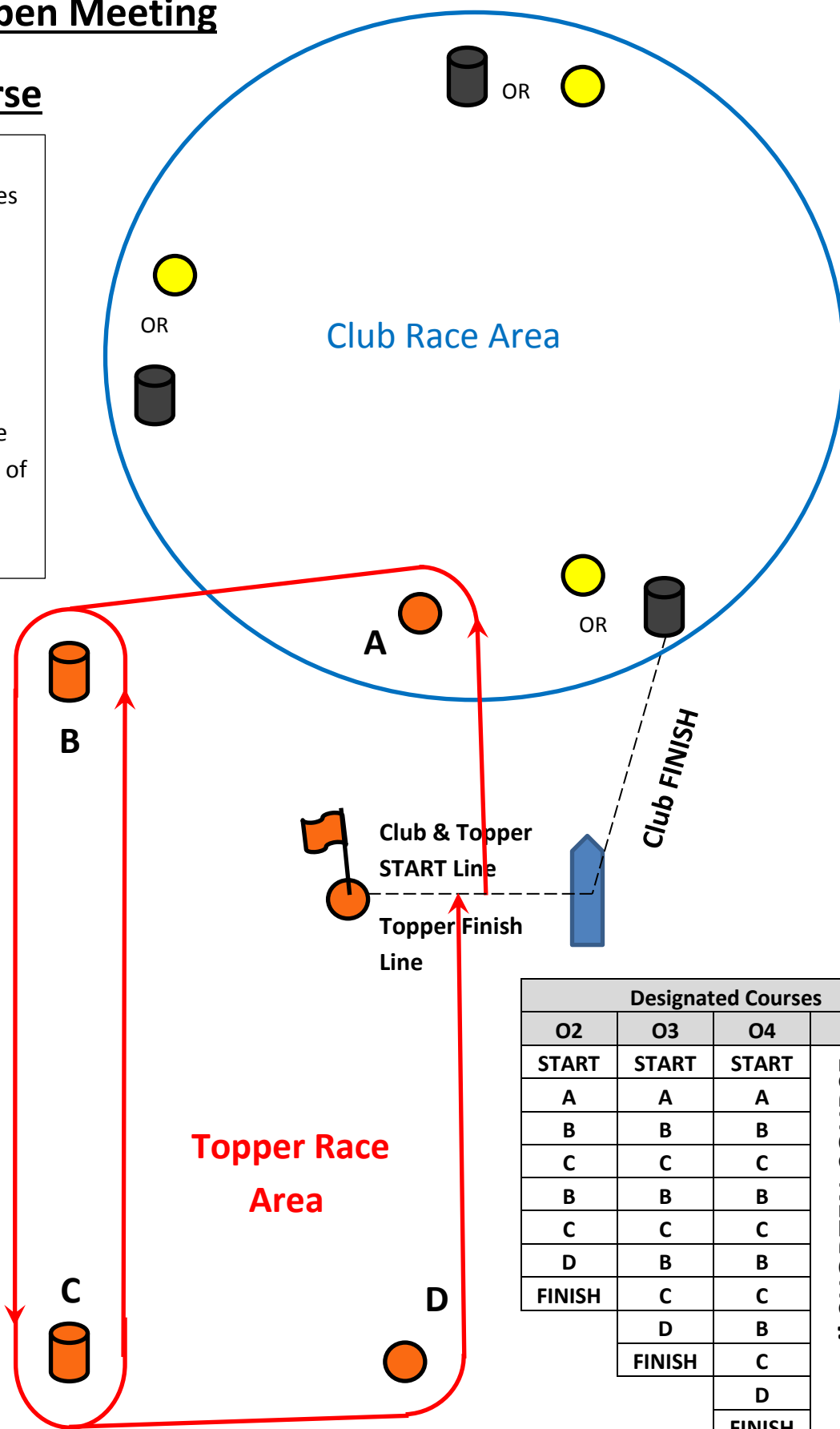
Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

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Race Course

Toppers First to Start unless races Postponed or Abandoned.

Designated courses for the Topper Event displayed on the **PORT** hand side of the Committee Boat



Designated Courses			
O2	O3	O4	OX
START	START	START	Race until SHORTEN COURSE Flag S displayed at C
A	A	A	
B	B	B	
C	C	C	
B	B	B	
C	C	C	
D	B	B	
FINISH	C	C	
	D	B	
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