



# PE Dinghy Regatta – Sunday 7 May 2017

Port Edgar Watersports and Port Edgar Yacht Club

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the 'Rules' as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017–2020, RYA Prescriptions and class regulations, except as amended or added to by these sailing instructions.

### 2 Safety

- 2.1 Personal flotation devices shall be worn at all times whilst afloat. This alters RRS Rule 40.
- 2.2 Any dinghy that retires from a race **shall** notify an official vessel prior to leaving the race area to return to the marina.
- 2.3 When the race committee considers that a boat or competitor is in difficulty it may instruct the boat or competitor to accept outside help, retire or sail ashore.
- 2.4 Each participating boat shall be adequately insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

### 3 Notices to competitors

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official noticeboard inside Port Edgar Yacht Club (PEYC).
- 3.2 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted at least one hour before the advertised start time of the day's racing.
- 3.3 Signals made ashore will be made outside PEYC.
- 3.4 There will be a briefing in the clubhouse at 1000.

### 4 Sign on/off

- 4.1 Before going afloat competitors must indicate that they are doing so by entering their sail number, the class of boat and signing the appropriate column on the "SIGN ON" sheet displayed at the table inside the entrance of PEYC.
- 4.2 Immediately on coming ashore competitors must indicate that they have returned to shore by signing the appropriate column of the "SIGN ON" sheet.
- 4.3 Competitors will be issued with a numbered tag which must be attached to their launch trolley.

### 5 FORMAT OF RACING

- 5.1 Four races will be scheduled to be run back to back. The first race will start at 11:00 on Sunday 7th May 2017 (First class flag 10:57).
- 5.2 The class flags and order of starts will be as follows:

Class	Flag	Start
RS200	Numeral Pennant 2	11:00
Handicap	Light Blue	11:03

## 6 RACING AREAS

6.1 The race area will be shown on the official notice board, and given at the briefing.

## 7 THE COURSES

- 7.1 The diagram in Appendix A show the course(s), the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 7.2 After starting, boats must pass through the finish line at the end of each round, **but at no other time**.
- 7.3 Boats will sail the course until the shorten course flag (S) with the relevant class flags is flown accompanied by two sound signals. Boats will then complete the lap they are on. If no class flag is shown, all classes will be finished
- 7.4 The course marks will be described in Appendix A.
- 7.5 Boats may touch a mark other than the starting or finishing mark. A boat shall not manhandle a mark when it results in an advantage. This changes RRS 31.

## 8 THE START

- 8.1 The starting line will be between the mast of the committee boat displaying an orange flag and the starting mark.
- 8.2 At the end of race 1, and subsequent races, the orange flag will be removed and displayed again with two sound signals two minutes before the first class flag for the next start sequence.
- 8.3 The class flag will be raised 3 minutes before the start for that class. This amends RRS 26.
- 8.4 If there is a General Recall, the class being recalled will return to the start area, the recalled class will be the next to start.

## 9 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 9.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark or a mark described in event appendix A for that purpose (or the finishing line) to a new position.

## 10 THE FINISH

- 10.1 The finishing line will be the same as the start line.
- 10.2 Boats must pass through the line at the start, and at the end of each lap.
- 10.3 Boats must **not** pass through the line at any other time.

## 12 TIME LIMITS

- 12.1 The time limit shall be 60 minutes for the first boat to finish. If one boat finishes within that limit then the time limit will be amended to 20 minutes after the finishing time of the first boat.

## **13 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

13.1 Protest forms are available from the noticeboard at PEYC. Completed forms shall be delivered to the Regatta Manager within one hour after the last boat finished the last race of the day.

## **14 SCORING**

14.1 RS200 class will be scored according to their finishing position.

14.2 Boats completing fewer laps than the leading boat will be scored after those boats which completed the same number of laps as the leading boat.

14.3 The handicap class will be scored using average lap times and PY Handicaps.

14.4 Series scores will be according to RRA Appendix A Low points system. If 3 races or more are completed a competitor's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

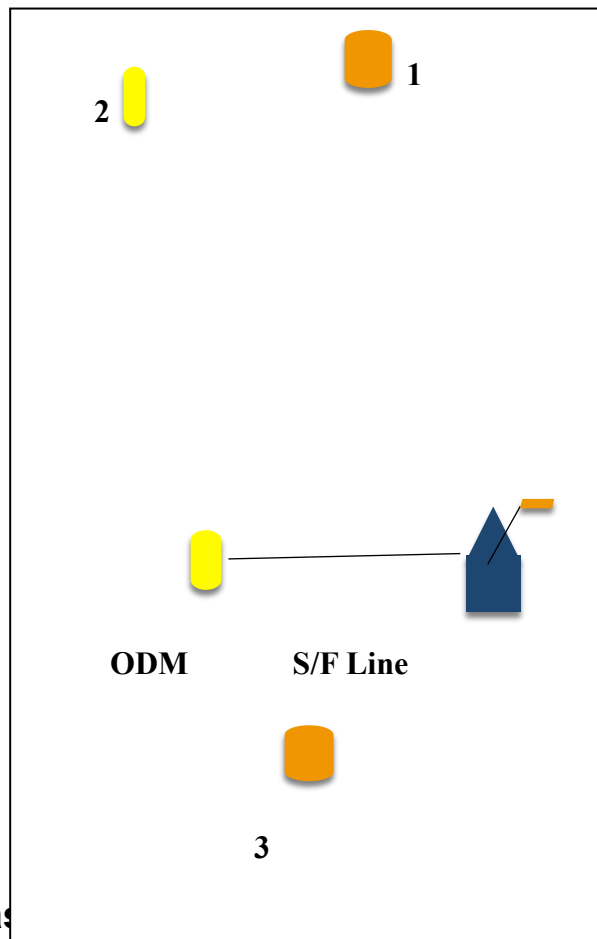
## **15 Disclaimer of Liability**

13.1 The race organisers shall not be responsible 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 boat for the race or races.

13.2 The safety of a boat and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/competitor racing the boat, who shall ensure that the boat is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by a crew sufficient in number and experience who are physically fit to face bad weather. The owner/competitor shall be satisfied as to the soundness of the hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. He shall ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and that all crew know where it is kept and how it is to be used.

13.3 Neither the establishment of these Sailing Instructions nor any inspection of the boat under these conditions in any way limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner/competitor for his crew, the boat and the management thereof. The crews are nonetheless advised to satisfy themselves as to the experience of the skipper and the adequacy of all safety equipment and insurance arrangements.

# Appendix A



Course for both clas

F Line, 1, .....

All marks to be left to Port

**Marks 1, 3 are orange cylinders**  
**Mark 2 is a yellow pillar**  
**ODM is a yellow pillar**

**Boats must pass through the start/finish line at the end of each round (i.e. in the direction from mark 3 to mark 1) and at no other time in either direction.**