

## **2021 RSG (formerly MYG) Standard Sailing instructions**

Not applicable to Open Meetings

### 1 GENERAL

1.1. Racing will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-2024 including Appendix E and these RSG Sailing Instructions 2021.

1.2. These Instructions will apply to all boats sailing on the Pond, whether racing or not, while racing is taking place. Boats not racing must keep clear of boats racing.

1.3. Nomenclature

In these Sailing Instructions, references to the ISAF Rules will use the word Rule(s) or RRS. References to these Sailing Instructions will use the word Instruction(s) or SSI.

### 2 LAUNCHING AND RE-LAUNCHING

2.1. A boat scheduled to race in a heat may be launched, held in the launching area, taken ashore or re-launched at any time during the heat. However, she shall not be released for the first time during a heat after the start.

Boats shall be launched or recovered only from within a launching area.

2.2. While ashore or within a launching area, boats may be adjusted, drained of water or repaired; have their sails/rigs changed; have entangled objects removed; or have equipment repaired or changed.

### 3 TIME OUT LIMIT

3.1. Except as in SSI 3.2, the Time Out Limit for racing after the first boat finishes shall be 5 minutes.

3.2. At the expiry of the Time Out Limit:

(a) if 4 or fewer boats are still racing on the water they shall be recorded according to SSI 3.3,

(b) if more than 4 boats are still racing on the water Time Out Limit shall be extended until only 4 boats remain racing on the water, at which point they shall be recorded according to SSI 3.3.

3.3. Boats failing to finish within the Time Out Limit shall be recorded as DNF, OCS, DNS or DNC in that order, as appropriate. DNF boats still racing on the water at the end of the Time Out Limit will be recorded with finishing places according to their order on the water. These boats will be scored according to their finishing places. See Appendix 1 below re Codes used.

3.4. SSI 3.2 & 3.3 change RRS 35, A3 and A5.

### 4 RACING TIMES

4.1. Racing will start as soon as possible after 10:30 or 13:15 unless competitors are briefed of alternative arrangements.

4.2. No Series race shall start after 15.00.

4.3. Except for breaks announced by the Race Officer, the starting sequence for the next heat shall commence as soon as practicable after all previous heats have been concluded.

4.4. If boats are still racing at the time limits above, SSI 3.2 and 3.3 will apply.

### 5 PROTESTS

5.1. The race committee may use MYA SYRPH, a System for Reducing Protest Hearings. Where appropriate, this may apply after the heat and before the related protest hearing that may result from this procedure.

5.2. The protest committee will consist of three persons appointed on the day by the Race Officer, which may include competitors and competent persons. If a party to a hearing objects to a competitor being a member of a protest committee, because he is an interested party, he may object under RRS 63.4.

### 6 SCORING

6.1. For any one day of a Points Series event the RRS A4 Low Point system, but with RRS A5.2 & 5.3 replaced by:

Boats recorded as DNF, RET, OCS, DNS, BFD, DSQ, DNE or DGM shall score one more point than the last boat in the race would have scored if all boats competing in the race had finished correctly, with the exception of boats given DNF but awarded a place under SSI 3.3.

Boats recorded as DNC shall score one more point than the total entries on the day for the relevant class.

- 6.2. Breaking of ties, other than in a single event at the finish line when RRS A7 will apply.
- 6.2.1 When a tie between two or more boats is to be broken, it shall be decided in favour of the boat with the most first places, and when the tie remains, the most second places and so on.
- 6.2.2 When the tie still remains it shall be decided in favour of the boat with the best score in the last race in which there is no tie and, should the tie still remain, by the toss of a coin or the drawing of lots. This changes RRS A8.
- 6.3 For any one day of a Points Series a yacht shall discard the result of 1 race if 4-7 races have been sailed and 2 races if 8 races have been sailed - with a further discard after every 8 additional races sailed. See Appendix 2 below.

## 7 SERIES RACES

- 7.1. The following races will be held if two or more boats present themselves in the vicinity of the starting line before the starting signal.
- 7.1.1. A maximum of 8 races shall be counted on a day for each of the classes.
- 7.1.2. Normally each session of racing shall commence with a practice race, the results of which shall not count towards the Points Series. The Race Officer may alter this at his discretion.

## 8 CLASSES ELIGIBLE TO RACE

- 8.1. Points Series Races
- 8.1.1. Boats over one metre long (Marblehead and 10 Rater) shall have their own Points Series.
- 8.1.2. Boats in the International One Metre (IOM) class shall have their own Points Series.
- 8.1.3. Boats in the Dragon Force 65 (DF) shall have their own Points Series.
- 8.2. Other races and Series
- 8.2.1. Other races and Series may be held as agreed by the Steering Group.

## 9 QUALIFICATION FOR POINTS SERIES

- 9.1. Boats may only score points in a series if they are sailed by members. If a member sails more than one boat/boat type in a series then they shall be scored together - thereby, for the avoidance of doubt, scoring the competitor in that Series.
- 9.2. Visitors may race after being signed in by a bona fide member, but their results will not be counted.

## 10 SAFETY

- 10.1. A recovery craft shall be available while any organised racing is taking part.
- 10.2. Participants are responsible for their own safety and, as far as practicably possible, that of fellow members and visitors.

## 11 COURSES

- 11.1. Courses will be displayed on the Club course board before each race. The sequence and direction of rounding of buoys together with the prescribed starting and finishing lines will be shown.
- 11.2. The Race Officer will announce any course change.

## 12 RACES ABANDONED

- 12.1. The Sailing Secretary reserves the right to organise another race for any race or series of races which have had to be abandoned. Otherwise an abandoned race or series of races will be considered to have been cancelled.

## 13 SAIL NUMBERS

- 13.1. Competitors wishing to use sail numbers other than their own registered number must obtain the permission of the Race Officer before commencement of their starting sequence. Rule 77 shall not be held to prevent the Race Officer giving permission.

## 14 STARTING LINES

- 14.1. Definition
- 14.2. The starting line shall normally be between the course side of the inner and outer start buoys.
- 14.3. Alternatives
- 14.4. The Race Officer may choose to dispense with the inner start buoy, and substitute a shore-based pole instead - or select another suitable line at his/her discretion.

## 15 AUTOMATIC MACHINE STARTS

15.1. The starting machine will provide a verbal countdown sequence to the start. Flags will not be used.

15.2. Racing rules shall apply from the start of the countdown sequence.

15.3. Race intervals

15.3.1. The intervals between successive starts of a set of races will be at the discretion of the Race Officer.

15.4. Premature starters

15.4.1. If a boat is over the line (but not its extensions) at the start the Race Officer shall announce the boat verbally.

15.5. General Recall

15.6. For a general recall shall be announced by the Race Officer.

## 16 SIGNING ON

16.1. Competitors are required to advise the Race Officer of their intention to race before they start racing on the day.

## 17 ASSESSMENT OF POINTS IN RACE SERIES (See Appendix 2 below)

17.1 The Points Series shall be assessed on the overall position of each competitor after each day's sailing (after any discards have been taken into account, see SSI 6.3).

17.1.1 The worst result of a 4 to 7 day Series or races on any day shall be discounted.

17.1.2 The worst two results of an 8 day Series shall be discounted - and so on as per Appendix 2 below.

17.1.3. Otherwise all results shall be counted.

17.2. The Low Point scoring system, Rule A2, will apply, and the modification of Rule A5 will also apply.

17.3. Race Officer Redress

17.3.1. If acting as RO for the whole day a score will be applied for that day based on the average of all the other days he actually raced during the series after applying discards.

17.3.2. If acting as RO for part of a day, a score for each race 'missed' will be applied based on the average of the points for other races entered that day after applying discards.

## APPENDICES

### 1. CODES

DNC Did not Start - did not come to the starting area

DNS Did not Start - (other than DNC and OCS)

OCS Did not Start - on the course side of the starting line at the starting signal and failed to start or broke rule 30.1

BFD Disqualification under rule 30.4

DNF Did not Finish

RET Retired

DSQ Disqualified

DNE Disqualification that is not excludable

RDG Redress given

DGM Disqualified

### 2. DISCARDS

Races/ Days	Discards	Races/ Days	Discards
1	0	6	1
2	0	7	1
3	0	8	2
4	1	9 to 15	2
5	1	16	3

