

# **TUDOR SAILING CLUB - SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR CRUISERS**

## **VARIATIONS FROM STANDARD SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE GOULD TROPHY RACE**

These variations to the standard Cruiser Sailing Instructions are applicable to Tudor S C Gould Cruiser race only. They must be read in conjunction with the standard Cruiser Sailing Instructions.

### **1 RULES**

No change.

### **2 ENTRIES AND DECLARATIONS**

All competitors must sign on before the race. This may be done on the signing on sheet on the cruiser notice board in the club house by the start of the race or by email to [cruisers@tudorsailing.org.uk](mailto:cruisers@tudorsailing.org.uk) by 2000 on the night before the race.

### **3 ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

These variations are detailed here.

### **4 SAFETY**

No change.

### **5 CLASS WARNING FLAGS**

No change.

### **6 COURSE**

The race consists of 2 legs. The outward leg starts at 1230 on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May and runs from the start line outside Langstone Harbour to the finish line outside Lymington Harbour. The return leg starts at 0800 on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May and runs from the start line outside Lymington Harbour to the finish line outside Langstone Harbour. There are no rounding or passing marks in either leg.

#### **Outward Leg Start and Finish Lines**

The start line outside Langstone Harbour is a transit line formed by the Roway Wreck marker (red and black pole with two black balls) and the most western of the (old) radar towers at the entrance to Langstone Harbour. Boats MUST cross this line in a westerly direction and MUST pass to the SOUTH of the Roway Wreck marker.

The finish line outside Lymington Harbour is a transit line formed by the western most edge of the race box and the yellow race buoy to the south of the race box. Boats MUST cross this line in a westerly direction and MUST pass to the SOUTH of the yellow race buoy.

#### **Return Leg Start and Finish Lines**

The start line outside Lymington Harbour is a transit line formed by the western most edge of the race box and the yellow race buoy to the south of the race box. Boats MUST cross this line in an easterly direction and MUST pass to the SOUTH of the yellow race buoy.

The finish line outside Langstone Harbour is a transit line formed by the Roway Wreck marker (red and black pole with two black balls) and the most western radar tower at the entrance to Langstone Harbour. Boats MUST cross this line in an easterly direction and MUST pass to the SOUTH of the Roway Wreck marker.

### **7 START PROCEDURE**

The race will be self-started; there will be no flags or warning signals. Please ensure that you cross the start line at or after the specified start time for each leg and recross the line if you are over it at the start or you are likely to be protested by other crews.

#### **7a FINISH PROCEDURE**

Skippers must record their own finish times, using the same instrument (watch or preferably GPS) that they used to judge the start time. Skippers must record their finish time for each leg, on the signing-on sheet in the club house or by email to [cruisers@tudorsailing.org.uk](mailto:cruisers@tudorsailing.org.uk); finish times and any use of engines must be recorded within 48 hours of the last boat finishing the return leg; failure to record your finish time within this time limit will result in disqualification from the race.

### **8 START LINE**

See details in section 6 Course.

## **9 RECALLS**

There will be no recalls. If you are over the line at the specified start time, then re-cross it and start again or you are likely to be protested by other crews.

## **10 FINISH LINE**

See details in section 6 Course.

## **11 TIME LIMIT**

The time limit for the leading boat in each leg is 12 hours. If one boat finishes within the time limit, all boats that finish shall be scored according to their finishing places unless the race is abandoned. If no boat finishes a leg within the time limit, the race shall be abandoned.

## **12 PROTESTS**

Protests must be lodged with either the Cruiser Captain or the Sailing Secretary within 24 hours of the last boat finishing the return leg.

You are reminded that a valid protest requires a red flag (letter 'B' or other suitable red material) to be flown from the rigging and you MUST attempt to notify the offender by vocal or VHF hail at the earliest opportunity (the word 'protest' is all that is needed).

## **13 HANDICAP NUMBERS**

No change.

## **14 SCORING**

The elapsed times for each leg, corrected for boat handicap, shall be added together and the boat with the lowest total time will win the race.

## **15 ENGINES**

All engines must be turned off at least 4 minutes before the race start time.

If you have to use your engine for safety reasons (e.g. to clear a shipping channel or to avoid a collision) then you must note down the length of time the engine was running for and then declare it, with your finish times, at the end of the race, this will then be added to your elapsed time. No distance advantage may be gained whilst using an engine, it is only to be used for safety reasons.