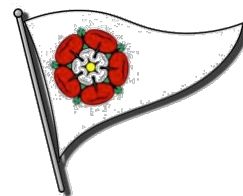


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1.0 RULES

- 1.1 Races will be governed by the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-24, the prescriptions of the Royal Yachting Association, the rules of each class concerned and by these sailing instructions. References in this document to rules are to the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-24.

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2.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official race notice board in the workshop at Tudor Sailing Club.

3.0 ENTRIES & DECLARATIONS

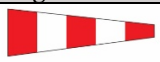
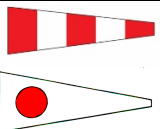
- 3.1 All competitors must sign on before a race. Finishing declarations are not required. A boat that does not finish or retires after finishing shall notify the Race Officer as soon as possible.
- 3.2 Race Duty Compensation – Helms who are doing Race Officer or Patrol Boat duty for a race in a series may claim compensation points for that race. To do this they must sign on with their boat details and must write 'Duty' in the 'Finish Time/DNF' column.
- 3.3 The minimum number of boats forming a fleet is 2.

4.0 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Any additions or changes to these sailing instructions will be posted on the race notice board.

5.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES

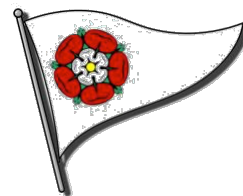
- 5.1 A schedule of races is published by the Sailing Committee at the start of the season and is referred to as the 'Sailing Calendar'.
- 5.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is five minutes prior to the published start time in the sailing calendar.
- 5.3 The race may be postponed at the discretion of the race officer at any point prior to or during the start sequence.
- 5.4 A postponement is initiated by:

Instruction	Flag	Sound	Description
Race Postponement (short)		↑ 2 sound	5.5 A postponement maybe initiated for any reason; typical reasons include too little or too much wind, the patrol boat not on station, marks not in place, a large vessel approaching the sailing area, or an error with the 4 or 1 minute signal.
Race Postponement (long)		↑ 2 sound	5.6 An accompanying numerical pennant denotes the number of hours the race is postponed if necessary.

- 5.7 A postponement period is ended by lowering the answering pennant, accompanied by one short sound signal. There shall be a 1 minute period before the start sequence is initiated.

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6.0 CLASS WARNING FLAGS

6.1 The warning flag for each race will be stated on the race notice board or on the signing on sheet.

7.0 COURSE

7.1 For a club line start the course will be described on the race notice board.

7.2 For a committee boat start the course will either (1) be described on the race notice board or (2) be communicated from the committee boat.

8.0 MARKS

8.1 The course marks will be chosen from but not limited to:

Airspeed	Alpha	Bridge	Broom	East Milton
Fairway Beacon	Marine Cardinal	North West Sinah	Orange Inflatable 1	POC
Rod	Russells	Salterns	Sinah	Sinah Ski
South Mallard	South Salterns	Stoke	Sword	Sword Ski
Orange Inflatable 2	Wreck Post	Irish Wreck Post	West Sword	

9.0 START LINE

9.1 **Club Line:** The line is the extension of a line through the centres of two triangles in front of the clubhouse. There is an outer distance mark at the Eastern end of the line; an 'X' on a post. Boats must pass to the West of this mark when starting. (Note that the outer distance mark may not lie exactly on the line).

9.2 **Committee Boat Line:** The line will be between (a) a mast or staff flying the Club Burgee or an Orange Flag on the committee boat and (b) an outer distance mark. An inner distance mark may be laid in which case boats must pass between the outer and inner distance marks when starting.

Signal	Flag	Default Flag* (*Unless Otherwise Stated)	Sound	Minutes prior to start
Warning	Class Flag Up		1 sound	5
Preparatory	Flag P Up		1 sound	4
One Minute	Flag P Down		1 long sound	1
Start	Class Flag Down		1 sound	0

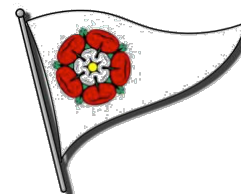
10.0 START PROCEDURE

10.1 Races will be started by using rule 26; the following sequence shall be used:

10.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

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Racing 11.0 RECALLS

11.1 The following rules and signals shall be used to manage recalls:

Instruction	Rule	Flag	Sound	Exoneration
Individual Recalls	29.1		↑ 1 sound	Offending boat(s) must re-cross the start line to continue.
General Recall	29.2		↑ 2 sound	A new warning signal will be made one minute after First Substitute is lowered. The start(s) for succeeding classes will be postponed accordingly.

12.0 SHORTENING COURSE

12.1 The following rules and signals shall be used to manage course length:

Instruction	Flag	Sound	Description
Shortened Course (general)		↑ 2 sound	Indicates that the leading boat will finish when it next crosses the finish line in the same direction as the start . The remaining boats will finish after sailing the same number of laps.
Shortened Course (slow handicap)		↑ 2 sound	Boats with handicaps of 1156 or greater (the "Slow Fleet") may be finished after fewer laps than the rest of a handicap fleet. The leading boat of the Slow Fleet will finish when it next crosses the finish line in the same direction as the start . The remaining affected boats will finish after sailing the same number of laps. Corrected times will be scaled upwards as appropriate.

13.0 TIME LIMIT


13.1 Unless otherwise specified on the signing on sheet or race notice board, the following restrictions are placed on race duration (this changes Rule 35, A4 and A5):

Race Time Limit for First Finisher	Limit from First Finisher	Mark 1 Time Limit	Target Time
3 hours	1 ½ hours	1 hour	Race Series / Trophy Dependent

13.2 If the starting sequence for a race has been completed, the race officer can only abandon the race due to light wind conditions if the leading boat has failed to reach the first mark within the mark 1 time limit.

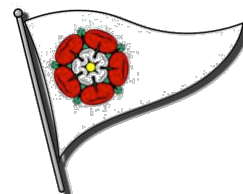
14.0 RACE ABANDONEMENT

14.1 The following signals can be used to abandon a race in conjunction with rules 27.3 and 32.1:



Instruction	Flag	Sound	Description
Abandon Race		↑ 3 sound ↓ 1 sound	All races are <i>abandoned</i> . No more racing today.

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Instruction	Flag	Sound	Description
Abandon Race		↑ 3 sound	All races that have started are abandoned. Return to the starting area. The warning signal will be made 1 minute after removal unless at that time the race is abandoned again or postponed.
Abandon Race		↑ 3 sound	All races are <i>abandoned</i> . Further signals ashore.

15.0 FINISH LINE

- 15.1 **Club Line:** As described in section 9 (Start Line). Boats must pass to the West of the outer distance mark when finishing.
- 15.2 **Committee boat line:** The line will be between (a) the mast or staff flying the Club Burgee or an Orange Flag on the committee boat and (b) an outer distance mark or the mark of the course near which the committee boat is stationed.
- 15.3 **Grand Prix Finish:** Where the Race Officer has declared a Grand Prix Finish to be in effect and the first boat has completed the required number of laps and finished, all other boats will finish when they next cross the line in the same direction as the start
- 15.4 **New Finish Line:** If a race has started but in the opinion of the Race Officer, boats are unlikely to be able to complete their current lap, the Race Officer may finish the race at a new finish line, for example when the boats round a specific mark on a specific lap. Any such change to the finish line will be communicated to race entrants by a patrol boat.

16.0 PROTESTS

- 16.1 Protest forms are available on request from the Race Officer and are stored in the race box at Tudor Sailing Club.
- 16.2 Protests or requests for redress shall be delivered to the race officer within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.3 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished. This time limit can be extended at the discretion of the Race Committee.

17.0 SCORING

- 17.1 Scoring will be in accordance with *Appendix A (Low Point System)*. Rule A9 will apply. Two races shall be completed to constitute a valid series.
- 17.2 In a series, each Class / Helm / Handicap number combination will be treated as a separate entry for scoring.
- 17.3 Race Duty Compensation: Points are calculated as the average of the scores for all other races in the series.
- 17.4 The number of races to count in a series will be as follows:

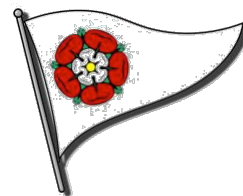
Races sailed: N	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	etc
No. to count: N/2 raised to next highest whole number	1	2	2	3	3	4	4	etc

18.0 PRIZES

- 18.1 Prizes will usually be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in club events. However, if there are only three entries then two prizes will be awarded and if there are only two entries then only a first prize will be awarded.

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19.0 SPORTSMANSHIP & THE RULES

- 19.1 Competitors in the sport of sailing are governed by a body of rules that they are expected to follow and enforce. A fundamental principle of sportsmanship is that when competitors break a rule they will promptly take a penalty, which may be to retire.

20.0 SAFETY, RISK STATEMENT AND DECISION TO RACE

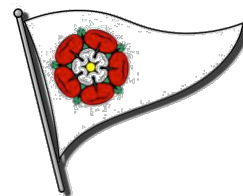
- 20.1 The race organisers shall not be liable for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/competitor or crew, as a result of their taking part in the race or races. Moreover, every owner/competitor warrants the suitability of his/her boat for the race or races. Helms are responsible for both their personal safety and that of their crew; they are the sole judges of whether their experience is sufficient for the prevailing conditions.
- 20.2 Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."
- 20.3 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
- They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
 - They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
 - Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
 - The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
 - The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- 20.4 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 20.5 Personal flotation devices must always be carried for all persons on the boat and must be worn when conditions so require. Under 18s must wear personal flotation devices at all times. When Flag 'Y' is displayed before or with the warning signal, adequate personal flotation devices shall be worn while racing by all competitors. Wet or dry suits and personal flotation devices must be worn by all competitors during races between 1st November and 31st March inclusive.
- 20.6 A compass must be carried by all boats competing in races where all or part of the course is outside of Langstone harbour.
- 20.7 Boats, helm and crew participating in races designated as Night Races must wear illumination.
- 20.8 A trapeze or hiking harness shall have a device that can quickly release the competitor from the boat at any time while in use.
- 20.9 **Helping Those in Danger** - A boat or competitor shall give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger.

21.0 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 21.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

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22.0 INSURANCE

- 22.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

23.0 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

- 23.1 By participating in Tudor organised events, participants automatically grant to the organising authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.
- 23.2 Photography and Social Media. From time to time members of the club may take photos and video in the public areas of the club and on the water. The club also occasionally posts photographs on the club website and on social media.
- 23.3 Opting out of photography. The club operates an opt-out policy for photography. Parents and carers are asked to explicitly opt out if they do not want their children to be photographed at organised events. Club members are explicitly asked not to “tag” photographs of children in social media unless they have the explicit permission of the family concerned. Parents and spectators should be prepared to identify themselves if requested and state their purpose for photography/filming. If the Club publishes images of children, no identifying information other than names will be included and names will only be used with parental permission. Any concerns about inappropriate or intrusive photography or the inappropriate use of images should be reported to the Club Welfare Officer