Tudor Sailing Club Pursuit Race Sailing Instructions

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1.0 COURSE

- 1.1 The course will be one of two types:
 - A. The course is listed as a single set of buoys. Boats continue to sail **REPEATED laps** around this course until the FINISH.
 - B. The course is listed in two sections. Competitors must complete **ONE Initial Course** and then sail **REPEATED laps** around the **Repeated Course** until the FINISH.

2.0 START

- 2.1 The start line will either be the club line or will be between a committee boat and an orange outer distance mark, at the Race Officer's discretion.
- 2.2 Start time offsets for different classes will be displayed alongside the signing on sheet:
 - "PURSUIT RACE START TIME OFFSETS FOR EACH CLASS"
- 2.3 The Race clock will be displayed with the signing on sheet in order that competitors may check their watches against it.
- 2.4 A number will be displayed shore side, or on the committee boat (where used), which indicates the current start time offset. Each class should start when the start time offset for that class is displayed.
- 2.5 Normal race start procedures, with flag signals at 5, 4, 1 and 0 minutes, shall apply to the slowest class, whether or not there are boats due to start in that class. Following this, a single sound signal will be made at each start time offset which has boats signed on to start.

3.0 RECALLS (IE IF "ON COURSE SIDE" AT THE START)

3.1 Individual recalls will be signalled in accordance with racing rule 29.1 (Flag "X" and one sound signal) but the flag will be lowered after approximately 30 seconds (so as not to interfere with subsequent Starts), **even if the boat(s) affected have not yet started correctly**. Whether or not the flag has been lowered, boats affected must still return and start correctly.

4.0 FINISH

- 4.1 The race will have a fixed finish time. This will be displayed alongside the signing on sheet.
- 4.2 If the starts were postponed for any reason then the finish will be similarly postponed.
- 4.3 If, in the opinion of the Race Officer, the finishing positions for the first 3 places are unclear at the finish time, the finish for the first 3 places will be as follows
 - 4.3.1 For races operating a committee boat the next mark of the course using a line between the mark and the committee boat
 - 4.3.2 For races started from shore the next rounding of the mark closest to the race officer, or, where the Repeated Course includes the club line, the next crossing of the club line in either direction.
- 4.4 When the winner of the race has been determined, a long sound signal will be made and (if a committee boat is in use), a flag (if available) will be waved from the committee boat.
- 4.5 Finishing positions for the rest of the fleet will be recorded as far as it is possible to do so.
- 4.6 To assist the Race Officer in correctly placing all boats, in case of any doubt, please note the boats immediately ahead of and behind you at the scheduled race finish time.