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1.0 RULES

1.1 Races will be governed by the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing 2009 – 2012, the prescriptions of the Royal Yachting Association, the rules of each class concerned and by these sailing instructions.

2.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official race notice board on the Cruiser Notice Board 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. Where necessary, signing on / declarations may be done by telephone (023 9266 2002) or by VHF Channel M1 (37).
- 3.2 Race Duty Compensation Helms who are doing a Race Officer 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.

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	A postponement maybe initiated due to too little wind, a large vessel approaching the sailing area, or an error with the 4 or 1 minute signal.
Race Postponement (long)		↑ 2 sound	An accompanying numerical pennant denotes the number of hours the race is postponed if necessary.

5.5 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.

6.0 CLASS WARNING FLAGS

- 6.1 The warning flag for each race will be the international code Flag 'C'.
- 6.2 It is normal practice to fly the Class Flag 'C' in place of the Red Ensign onboard competing vessels during racing, removing it after the race or if you retire. This is NOT compulsory and penalties will NOT be imposed if the Class Flag is not flown.

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6.3 If multiple fleets are racing (i.e. Dinghies & Cruisers) the class flag will be flown beneath any flag signal to denote which class the instruction relates to.

7.0 COURSE

- 7.1 For a club line start, the course to be sailed will be selected from the list of Cruiser Courses in Appendix A of this document. The course letter will be broadcast on VHF Channel M1 30 minutes before the race is due to start (calls to Tudor Base may be made to request the course up until 15 minutes before the start). A letter designating the course will also be displayed on a board near the start line from 30 minutes before the race is due to start.
- 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 For in-harbour races, the course marks will be chosen from but not limited to:

Alpha	East Milton	Fairway Beacon	North West Sinah	Rod
Salterns	Sinah	Stoke		

8.2 Out of harbour races shall use known / published marks found on the current admiralty chart of the Solent.

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.

10.0 START PROCEDURE

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

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

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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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 recalls	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.

13.0 TIME LIMIT

13.1 Unless otherwise specified, the time limit for the leading boat in each race is 3 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 within the time limit, the race officer shall abandon the race.

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 abandoned. No more racing today.
Abandon Race		↑3 sound	All races that have started are <i>abandoned</i> . Return to the starting area. The warning signal will be made 1 minute after removal unless at that time the race is <i>abandoned</i> again or <i>postponed</i> .
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.

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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.

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
- 16.2 Protests or requests for redress shall be delivered to the race officer within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.3 Protests must be lodged with the race officer within 2 hours of the last boat finishing. 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 series 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. For Trophy Races a prize will only be awarded for 1st place. (RNLI Nab Tower and the Riley Trophy)

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

- 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 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 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 20.3 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.
- 20.4 A compass must be carried by all boats competing in races where all or part of the course is outside of Langstone harbour.
- 20.5 **Helping Those in Danger -** A boat or competitor shall give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger.

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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.

22.0 INSURANCE

22.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

23.0 DECISION TO RACE

23.1 The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.

24.0 ENGINES

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

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APPENDIX A Cruiser Short Courses

Course 'A'

	MARK	DIR
1	Line	
2	Salterns	S
3	East Milton	Р
4	Alpha	S
5	Sword	S
6	Salterns	Р
7	Line	
8		
9		
10		

4.34 nm

Course 'B'

	MARK	DIR
1	Line	
2	Salterns	S
3	East Milton	Р
4	Alpha	S
5	Rod	S
6	North West Sinah	S
7	Salterns	Р
8	Line	
9		
10		
Tot	al Course Distance	<u>5.15</u> nr

Course 'C'

	MARK	DIR
1	Line	
2	Salterns	S
3	East Milton	Р
4	Sinah	Р
5	North West Sinah	S
6	Stoke	S
7	North West Sinah	S
8	Salterns	Р
9	Line	
10		

Total Course Distance 6.77 nm

Course 'D'

Total Course Distance

	MARK	DIR
1	Line	
2	Salterns	S
3	Fairway Beacon	Р
4	North West Sinah	S
5	Alpha	Р
6	Stoke	S
7	Alpha	S
8	North West Sinah	S
9	Salterns	Р
10	Line	

Total Course Distance 9.85 nm

Course 'E'

	MARK	DIR
1	Line	
2	Salterns	S
3	East Milton	Р
4	Sinah	S
5	Rod	Р
6	Stoke	Р
7	Alpha	S
8	North West Sinah	S
9	Salterns	Р
10	Line	

Total Course Distance 5.73 nm

Course 'F'

	MARK	DIR
1	Line	
2	Salterns	S
3	East Milton	Р
	Sinah	Р
5	Sword	S
6	Salterns	Р
7	Line	
8		
9		
10		

Total Course Distance 3.37 nm

Course 'G'

	MARK	DIR
1	Line	
2	Salterns	S
3	Sword	Р
4	Rod	S
5	Sinah	S
6	North West Sinah	S
7	Salterns	Р
8	Line	
9		
10		

Total Course Distance 4.93 nm

Course 'H'

	MARK	DIR
1	Line	
2	Salterns	S
3	East Milton	Р
4	Rod	Р
5	Alpha	Р
6	North West Sinah	S
7	Salterns	Р
8	Line	
9		
10		

Total Course Distance 5.16 nm