



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS for TMSC Dinghy Regatta July 30th 2017

1: RULES

- 1.1 The organising authority will be Torpoint Mosquito Sailing Club (TMSC). All racing at TMSC will be governed by the rules as defined in the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 – 2020, and RYA Prescriptions, as published by the Royal Yachting Association.
- 1.2 Where boats are racing within the boundaries of the Dockyard Port of Plymouth they shall comply with such regulations as may be in force. In particular, regulations regarding the safe navigation of large vessels shall be strictly observed. Competitors are referred to the Dockyard Port of Plymouth Order 1999 and to Local Notices to Mariners, copies of which are displayed on the TMSC notice board. In the event of any conflict between the requirements of the sailing instructions and those regulations, the latter shall prevail. When the Race Officer believes that such regulations have been broken so as to bring the sport into disrepute, the Race Officer will act under rule 60.2(c) requesting the Protest Committee to act under rule 69.1(a), Allegation of Gross Misconduct.
- 1.3 All competitors shall wear adequate personal buoyancy whilst racing. Wetsuits and dry suits are not considered to be adequate personal buoyancy.
- 1.4 All competitors shall sign a declaration to indicate the intention of launching and racing. When two or more races are sailed consecutively on the same day, a declaration sheet shall be signed for prior to launching for the day. A tally system will not be used. All competing boats shall comply with instructions issued by the rescue boats.
- 1.5 The responsibilities of the race committee, as prescribed in the ISAF Racing Rules, will be carried out by the TMSC Sailing Secretary (Dinghies). Individual races will be conducted by a Race Officer appointed by the Sailing Secretary (Dinghies).

2: NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice boards located at TMSC.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 30 minutes before the start of the race in which it will take effect.
- 3.2 Flag L displayed ashore indicates a change to the Sailing Instructions.

4: SIGNALS

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at TMSC.

5: SCHEDULES OF RACE

5.1 GENERAL

There will be 3 races on Sunday. Start time is 10:30 with a race briefing at 10:00. Break for lunch, 2 races in afternoon back to back.

Races will be started by using Rule 26.

The start line will be a transit between the TMSC club flagpole and the Transit pole with a diamond marker at the top, located to the rear of the flagpole. The outer distance mark (ODM) will mark the end of the start line.

The outer distance mark may not be positioned precisely on the start line due to tidal movement. **Nevertheless, racing boats must start inside this mark whether or not the ODM sits on the transit.**

If a committee boat is to be used for the start and finish then this will be determined on the day of racing

STARTING TIMES

Class flag Pennant 1 (Fast fleet) at 10:25 hours.

Class flag Pennant 2 (Medium fleet) 10:30 hours

The start sequence will be "5, 4, 1, go".

6: CLASSES AND CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 Fast Fleet Pennant 1 PY up to 1100

Medium Fleet Pennant 2 PY 1101 upwards

If there are not enough boats to form a class then it will be run as a handicap race and flag H will be used.

7: RACING AREAS

7.1 The racing area will be within the River Tamar, St Johns lake.

8: THE COURSE

To be determined on the day but will utilise normal rounding marks and drop inflatable marks if possible.

9: ABANDONMENTS

9.1 Races abandoned will be in accordance with rule 32.

10: RECALLS

10.1 Individual recalls will be signalled in accordance with rule 29.1

10.2 General recall will be in accordance with rule 29.2.

11: THE RACE AND FINISH

FINISH

The finish line will be a transit between the TMSC club flagpole and the Transit pole with a diamond marker at the top, located to the rear of the flagpole.

12: PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

12.1 Protests and requests for redress shall be made in accordance with rule 61 and rule 62 respectively.

12.2 Protest forms are available at the Start Hut at TMSC. Protests shall be delivered to the Race Officer within the protest time limit.

12.3 For each boat the protest time limit is 60 minutes after finishing the last race of the day.

13: RETIREMENTS

13.1 Boats retiring shall report their retirement to the Race Office as soon as possible. Boats failing to do so may be subject to protest by the Race Officer.

14: IDENTIFICATION ON SAILS

14.1 A boat shall comply with the requirements of Rule 77 governing class insignia, national letters and numbers on sails, unless otherwise agreed with the Race Officer

prior to the race. This SI constitutes prior warning under rule G4 in respect of the number used.

15: PRIZES

15.1 Prizes will be presented at the end of racing and at the annual prize giving in Nov.

16: DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in racing organised by TMSC entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, decision to race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the racing.

A boat is entirely responsible for its own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in these Sailing Instruction's, or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.

It is for the boat to decide whether it is fit to sail in the conditions in which it will find itself. By launching or going to sea the boat confirms that it is fit for those conditions and that its crew is competent to sail and compete in them.

Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat, nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the organising authority, the race committee, the race officer, safety boats and beach-masters.

The provision of safety boats does not relieve the boat of its responsibilities. All competing boats shall comply with instructions issued by the safety boats.

21: INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2 million per event.