

COLNE YACHT CLUB revised May 2008

BRIGHTLINGSEA ONE DESIGN CLASS SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

RULES All racing shall be governed by the RACING RULES OF SAILING(RRS), the prescriptions of the R.Y.A, the rules of the BOD Class Association (except as changed herein) any Notice of Race as displayed on the Colne Yacht club Notice Board and by these sailing instructions. Competitors notice is drawn to International Regulations for preventing collisions at sea.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY The safety of a boat and her entire management, including insurance, shall be the sole responsibility of the owner /person in charge who must ensure that the boat and crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of the race. Neither these instructions nor any inspection of the boat limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner/person in charge of the crew, the boat and her management. The race organisers shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/person in charge of crew, as a result of their taking part in the race/races. Moreover, every owner/person in charge warrants the suitability of the boat for the race/races.

CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

Changes to the sailing instructions shall be indicated by presence of Code Flag L on the Colne Yacht Club flagpole on the club jetty at least 30 minutes before the published start time.

Official communications shall be posted on the designated Race Notice Board which is the exterior notice board to the left of the Club front door.

At the discretion of the OOD the safety boat may be used to inform competitors of changes to the sailing instructions. For safety purposes, radio channel 37 (M1) will be used

SAFETY REGISTRATION SIGNING ON

Competitors shall SIGN ON at the CYC designated notice board before going afloat to indicate their intention to race. At the discretion of the OOD, competitors may verbally register with the safety boat or Bateman's Tower. Any competitor who does not comply with this safety procedure may be disqualified without a hearing. RRS63.1.

THE COURSE and NUMBER OF LAPS

The course shall be as described on the current CYC BOD fleet racing courses.

The selected course letter shall be displayed on the river face of Bateman's Tower.

No race has a set number of laps. The race will continue until it is shortened by board "S" displayed on Batemans Tower and where more than one class is racing the class flag will also be displayed. ,

The OOD may make a 2 hoot sound signal to draw competitors attention to the shortened course.

THE START

Starting times for the first start shall be advertised in the BOD race fleet fixture list 2007.

The starting line is defined by a front triangle atop a pole on the promenade railings and a back triangle on Bateman's Tower. The transits on the East Mersea shore are indicative, but not definite except as outer distance marks.

Races will be started as per RRS26. Times shall be taken from the visual signals – the failure of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

TIME	TITLE	VISUAL SIGNALS	SOUND SIGNALS
5 minutes	Warning	Class Flag Y Board displayed	1 Sound
4 minutes	Preparatory	Code Flag P Board displayed	1 Sound
1 minute		Code Flag P Board covered	1 Sound
0 minute	Start	Class Flag Y Board covered	Sound

INDIVIDUAL RECALLS

When at her starting signal, if any part of the boats hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the line, the Race Officer shall display the 'X Board', accompanied by one sound signal, until all such boats are wholly on the pre-start side of the line.

GENERAL RECALLS

General recalls shall be signalled by displaying the First Substitute board with two sound signals.. As soon as possible after the original start new warning and preparatory signals shall be made.

THE FINISH

The finish line shall be at Bateman's Tower as defined in S1.9.2 unless shortened by committee boat

TIME LIMIT

The time limit for the first boat in each race shall be three hours. Boats failing to finish within one hour after the first boat finishes will be recorded as "did not finish".

When no boat finishes within the time limit the race shall be abandoned. Notification of any re-sail date and time shall be posted on the designated Race Notice Boards as soon as possible.

PROTESTS

Protest forms are available from the CYC and must be submitted to the Club within 30 minutes of coming ashore after the last race of that period afloat. Protest shall be heard as soon as practicable. This may not be on the same day.

SCORING

The Low Points System, RRS Appendix A.4.1 shall apply

One race must be completed to constitute a series.

The number of races to count in a series shall be the number of races scheduled (divided by 2 plus if even or (plus 1 divided by 2) if odd. If three or less races are completed then all scores count and ties shall be decided using RRS Appendix A.8.

COMMITTEE BOAT STARTS from Batemans Tower line (added May 08)

As an alternative to the use of Batemans Tower by OOD for starts, a committee boat may be used by the OOD in which case the following start and finish rules will apply.

Starting line and finishing line (unless course is shortened) will be between the committee boat mast and the black and white line on Batemans tower (the transit mark on the railings is ignored)..

Course and number of laps will be given by OOD, prior to the race warning signal, by marker board or verbally.

Hand flags will be used for start sequence signals with a sound signal by hooter, when practical.

After the start, the committee boat may follow the fleet and act as a safety boat for the race.

Shortened course signal may be made (code flag S) with 2 sound signals, if practical, and a finish line set between any mark of the course and the committee boat. Where possible the shortened course warning will be given early in the final leg.