

# PART B

## Additional Sailing Instructions Applicable to Competitors in Smacks & Cruisers Events 1 - 8 only

### B1 COMMUNICATION

For information: the Committee Boat for events **1 - 8** will have the call sign "Molliette" on VHF# **Channel 77**.

Competitors are strongly advised to carry a VHF Radio and to monitor VHF# **Channel 77**, particularly before and during the start of each race. (See Sailing Instruction A9).

### B2 STARTING AND FINISHING LINE

The line is between the main mast of the Committee Boat moored to the North of the Nass Beacon and the Southern Outer Limit Mark (OLM), which is a yellow buoy with a black flag, moored approximately 150 metres to the South of the Nass Beacon. The inner limit mark will be the Nass Beacon.

The inner limit mark is not necessarily on the line.

When starting in an Easterly direction a boat shall leave the outer distance mark to Starboard and the Nass Beacon to Port.

When starting in a Westerly direction a boat shall leave the outer distance mark to Port and the Nass Beacon to Starboard.

### B3 CLASSES AND START TIMES

	Event	Start Time Daily	Warning Signal
1	Cruiser - Fast Handicap	10:30	A
2	Smacks	10:40	B
3	Classic Yachts & Gaffers	10:50	C
4	Cruiser - Medium Handicap West Solent One Design	11:00	D
5	Sonata One Design	11:10	E
6	East Coast One Design	11:20	F
7	Stella	11:30	G
8	Cruiser - Slow Handicap	11:40	H

**B4 COURSES**

Courses will be identified by a number displayed on a board hung from the South side of the Committee Boat. **The number refers to the numbered Mersea Week courses in this programme.**

The number for the course to be sailed will be displayed on the south side of the Committee Boat as soon as possible for the class concerned, but in any case the number displayed at the preparatory signal is the course for that class. RRS27.1 is amended thereby. **For information purposes**, encapsulated course cards will be available from the Race Centre at a cost of £1.

**B5 CHANGE OF COURSE**

RRS33 is changed. Should a Race Committee boat, positioned at a turning mark, display code flag C and make continuous sound signals, then the course has been changed as follows:-

Round the mark at which a Committee boat displaying code flag C is positioned as required by the course being sailed, then:-

- a) if the original finishing direction was Westerly, leave Middle Ground Buoy to port, then proceed to the finish line and finish in a Westerly direction, or,
- b) if the original finishing direction was Easterly, leave No.14 Buoy to starboard then proceed to the finish line and finish in an Easterly direction.

**B6 TIME LIMIT**

RS35 is changed. A time limit of five (5) hours will apply to all classes. Any boat not completing the course within this time limit will be deemed to have retired.

**B7 DECLARATIONS**

Competitors in events 1 - 8 inclusive will not be required to sign a declaration form when completing the course.

**B8 POINTS SERIES**

The five scheduled races (to be sailed on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday) comprise a series. If four or five races are sailed, boats will discard their worst score. If three or fewer races are sailed, no discard is permitted.

**B9 LIST OF ENTRANTS**

Entry lists for all events will be available from West Mersea Yacht Club.

**B10 CRUISER HANDICAPS**

IRC CLASS - boats must be in possession of a valid 2011 IRC Certificate, a copy of which must be attached to the Entry Form.

LOCAL HANDICAP CLASSES - will be taken from the 2011 Mersea Joint Handicap Committee listings, added to/modified at the discretion of the Handicap Committee for individual boats at any time during Mersea Week.

GAFFERS - will sail under Local Handicaps.

SMACKS - will sail under Local Handicaps.

The Committee will allocate the split between Fast, Medium and Slow Handicap classes. Entrants are required to submit IRC Certificates if they have one, and dual scoring results

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will be produced as recommended by RORC. Entry lists for all classes will be available from WMYC.

Handicaps will be allocated by the Handicap Committee on the basis of information available.

#### B11 SAIL NUMBERS

Competitors are urged to ensure that their correct sail number is clearly displayed. Failure to do so may prejudice the finishing time recorded by the Race Officer. Smack owners are reminded that the sail number carried on the gunwale is often obscured when the vessel is heeled.

#### **COURSES FOR SMACKS & CRUISERS - EVENTS 1 – 8 –**

##### **Abbreviations Used**

<b>BH</b>	Bench Head buoy	<b>OLM</b>	Outer Limit Mark of Nass Line	<b>(P)</b>	Round or Pass to Port
<b>MG</b>	Middle Ground buoy	<b>T</b>	Thirslet Spit buoy	<b>(S)</b>	Round or Pass to Starboard
<b>IBH</b>	Inner Bench Head	<b>NWK</b>	North West Knoll buoy	<b>CB</b>	Colne Bar buoy

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