

PART C

Additional Sailing Instructions Applicable to Competitors in Dinghy Classes & MFOBs Events 9 – 13 only

C1 RULES

In addition to the 2009-12 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Notice of Race and these sailing Instructions, Event 9 MFOBs will also be governed by the Class Rules of the Mersea Fisherman's Open Boat Association. For details please contact:

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C2 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag mast at Dabchicks Sailing Club.

C3 CLASSES AND START TIMES

i. Classes and Start Times

| Event | | Start Time Daily | Warning Signal |
|-------|-------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| 9 | Mersea Fisherman's Open Boats | 12.00 | J |
| 10 | Slow | 12.10 | K |
| 11 | Medium | 12.20 | T |
| 12 | Medium Fast | 12.30 | R |
| 13 | Fast | 12.40 | U |

- ii. If any start is subject to a General Recall, subsequent starts will be delayed.
- iii. If races are not sailed on their scheduled day, the Committee reserves the right to re-schedule such races on later days. However no more than three races per event will be sailed on any one day.

C4 LOCATION OF COMMITTEE VESSEL

The Committee Vessel for these events will be stationed in one of three areas:

- Area A In the region of Race Mark number 5.
- Area B In the region of Race Mark number 8.
- Area C In the region of Race Mark number 16.

The area in which the Committee Vessel is stationed each day will be posted on the signing on table no later than 11.00 each day.

Competitors are strongly advised to go afloat in adequate time to reach the start area.

C5 START LINE

The Start Line for all races will be between a mast or stave displaying an orange flag situated on board the Committee Vessel and the outer limit mark which will be an orange inflatable buoy laid for the purpose. An Inner Limit mark may be laid.

Competitors will start in the direction of the first mark of the course.

C6 COURSES

- i. No later than the Warning Signal for each class, the Committee Boat will display the course to be sailed by that class. The course displayed will be either:
 - a) A course taken from the courses printed elsewhere in this programme, or
 - b) A list of marks to be rounded or passed on the hand and in the sequence shown.
- ii. If more than one lap is set, the Committee boat will also display the number of laps to be sailed, INCLUDING THE FIRST WINDWARD MARK.
- iii. First Mark
The first mark of all laps of all courses will be an orange inflatable buoy laid approximately to windward of the start line.
The Committee Vessel will display a letter 'W'; if the letter 'W' is red then the first mark is to be rounded or passed to Port, if the letter 'W' is green the first mark is to be rounded or passed to Starboard.
- iv. After passing or rounding the first mark, the course to be sailed will be that displayed by the Committee Vessel.
- v. After their starting signal competitors must not pass through the start/finish line at any time other than when completing a lap or finishing a race. The penalty for breaching this Sailing Instruction will be disqualification without a hearing. *This amends RRS 61.*
- vi. Competitors must pass through the finish line at the end of each lap and when finishing.

C7 FINISH LINE

- i. The finish line will be the same as the start line; competitors will cross the line in the direction from the last mark of the course.
- ii. Competitors are reminded that the sound signal usually given on finishing a race is not required by the Racing Rules and may be omitted, particularly when such a signal could cause confusion with another classes' start sequence.

C8 TIME LIMITS

RRS35 is changed. The time limit for each race shall be three hours. For any race to be valid the first boat must finish within three hours of the start time. In a valid race any boat that has not finished 45 minutes after the time limit has expired shall be scored DNF.

C9 SIGNING ON AND OFF

All competitors covered by Part C of these instructions shall before going afloat sign on, using the form provided at the Dabchicks Sailing Club, and shall sign off within 30 minutes of coming ashore. This is a vital safety measure and failure to comply may result in disqualification without a hearing. *This changes RRS 63.1 & A5.*

C10 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.

C11 SAFETY BOAT DUTY

The race committee may request that competitors assist with safety boat duties. Any boat prevented from sailing any race or races by such a request will be awarded average points for any such race or races, calculated at the end of the series.

C12 CLASSES AND HANDICAPS

- i. Handicaps for all competitors will be allocated on the basis of information available.
- ii. For event 9, the Race Committee will allocate the division between Fast and Slow Classes.
- iii. The division between classes for events 10 to 13 will be determined by the Race Committee.

C13 MARKS

The marks to be used are as follows:-

- Orange Race Marks with flag - Numbers 4, 7, 8, 9, 11, 15 & 16
- Yellow Race Marks with flag – Numbers 1, 2, 3, 5 14 & OLMS.
- Yellow Navigation Mark - Middle Ground (MG)
- Yellow Cardinal Mark - Quarters Spit (QS)
- Orange Inflatable buoys laid for the week – Alpha, Beta & Gamma
- Orange Inflatable buoy laid each day - Windward Mark
- Yellow Inflatable buoy laid each day - Outer Limit Mark.

Note: All marks are shown in their approximate positions on the diagram printed elsewhere in this programme.
