



Emsworth Radio Sailing

CLUB RACING SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rules

Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in [The Racing Rules of Sailing \(RRS\)](#) and particularly Appendix E, the [Radio Sailing Racing Rules](#), the relevant class rules and these sailing instructions.

2. Schedule

2.1 The first race of a session is scheduled for 09:30 or 10.00 (with a practice race beforehand). The first race for summer evening series is scheduled for 18:15. The exact details, times and locations of racing can be found on the ERS website.

2.2 Up to 10 races may be sailed (a 'session'). The race officer should communicate the target number of races prior to the commencement of the first race. Failure to communicate will not be grounds for redress or protest. The total number of races in the session may be amended during the coffee break.

3. Number of Entrants / Races

A minimum of 3 boats is required for all races of a session, otherwise racing will be abandoned for the day.

4. The Course

The course shall be decided upon by the Race Officer and communicated verbally in advance of a race. The course may be altered for subsequent races in a session. This amends rule 27.1.

5. The Start

The start shall be conducted using the automatic start box. A warning signal shall be communicated verbally by the race officer e.g, 'Come to the line'. The Preparatory Signal is the one-minute signal. In the event of failure of the start box, the race officer shall start the race using another appropriate method, which may be verbal. This amends rule 26.

6. The Race Officer

The Race Officer (RO) shall either be an individual nominated for the session, or each sailor shall be required to take their turn as race officer for a given race in the session. More than one competitor may be required to serve as RO for a given race, so that all sailors have taken a turn as RO for that session.

7. Scoring

7.1 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a session.

7.2 Race Session Discards - ONE discard with FOUR races, TWO discards with EIGHT, THREE discards with TWELVE races.

7.3 Series Discards - ONE discard with FOUR sessions, TWO discards with EIGHT, THREE discards with TEN sessions

7.4 DNC, DNF, RTD, OCS, DSQ are scored as the number of entries in the session + 1.

7.5 For a race where a competitor has acted as RO for that individual race they will score 0 points for that race. If a competitor has not acted as RO for a race in that session, the other competitors will be scored average points for the race which they served as RO. The average points will be calculated on the completed races in that session once discards have been excluded.



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- 7.6 Queries on results must be requested to the Class representative within 24 hours of publication otherwise they will be considered final.
- 7.7 The final placings in each session shall be used as the scores for calculating the overall series scores. Where sailors have not attended a given session they will be awarded points equal to the maximum number of competitors starting a session for that series plus one.
- 7.8 This amends rule 90.3 and Appendix A as applicable.
- 8. Racing Continuity**
It is preferable that races follow in quick succession in a session, but a competitor may request time to adjust the rigging, fix a breakage or recover a boat. The time allowed for such a delay is purely at the discretion of the race officer. Failure to complete the changes or repair or recover the boat in the time allowed is not grounds for redress.
This amends rule 61.1.
- 9. Touching a Mark**
If a boat realises they have touched a mark or are notified by the Race Officer, that they have touched a mark they shall promptly get well clear of other boats and perform a one-turn penalty in accordance with Rule 44. If a fellow competitor notifies a boat has touched a mark and the boat does not take a one-turn penalty, the notifying competitor shall lodge a protest in accordance with 10.1.
- 10. Protests**
- 10.1 When a competitor believes another boat has broken a rule, they shall hail 'their own sail number' protests 'other sail number' e.g., '33 protests 84'. If they are unable to identify the sail number of the boat, they are protesting they should identify the boat by reference to its colour, graphics or other identifier. **This amended rule 60.2.**
- 10.2 The protested boat shall have time to respond. The protested boat may respond by taking a one-turn penalty, in accordance with rule 44 or by requesting a decision from the Race Officer. This amends rule 44.1.
- 10.3 The Race Officer may identify the boat(s) they believe has broken a rule by hailing the boat number. The boat so identified shall take a two-turn penalty in accordance with rule 44.
- 10.4 If the Race Office did not see the incident or cannot identify the boat that broke a rule they should hail 'No view'. The protesting competitor may then request a hearing ashore after the race (held in accordance with Appendix A to these SI).
- 10.5 If no boat has taken a penalty, retires within 5 minutes of the end of the race, or requests a protest hearing within 5 minutes of the end of the race, both boats involved in the incident shall be disqualified.
- 10.6 A protest hearing shall be organised by the race officer responsible for the race in question, or alternatively by the duty officer for the day, or class captain. The protest hearing is to be held at coffee break or at the end of the days racing. The hearing shall be held in accordance with Appendix A to these instructions. **This amends rule 60.3.**
- 11. Redress**
A boat, disabled by a give-way boat in an incident whilst racing may request redress from the Race Officer, provided they do this within 10 minutes of the last boat finishing the last race of the session. Provided the Race Officer is confident the disabled boat was the right of way boat in the incident, they may award average points for the race in which the boat was disabled, and the following race (if the boat was unable to



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participate) Average points shall be calculated based on all races sailed for that session excluding the applicable number of discards, based on completed races and any scores for acting as the Race Officer. **This amends rule 61** and 90.3.

Appendix A – Protests / '3 Minute Justice'

- A1.1 No protest forms are required.
- A1.2 The race office shall be responsible for selecting another ERS member with relevant experience to serve as the Adjudicator for the protest. The ERS member may have been a competitor during the relevant race or session, the race officer or otherwise available.
- A1.3 The Adjudicator shall liaise with the competitors involved to identify a suitable location for the hearing.
- A1.4 The protestor has 1 minute to state their case and thereafter receive any questions from the protestee or adjudicator.
- A1.5 The protestee has 1 minute to state their case and thereafter receive any questions from the protestee or adjudicator.
- A1.6 If there are any witnesses, they also have 1 minute to state what they saw.
- A1.7 Both parties are excused, whilst the Adjudicator considers the situation.
- A1.8 The adjudicator confirms their decision to the parties.
- A1.9 Any boats that broke a rule shall be disqualified from the race.
- A1.10 If the adjudicator is unable to decide which boats broke a rule, then both boats shall be disqualified.

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