



## RACING MATTERS

Listed below are the club race procedures. Club racing is held throughout the year each Sunday morning. Other races are scheduled during the summer months but do not use the procedure detailed below- Separate instructions are available.

- Sign On for racing is in the downstairs Training room. **To sign on you must know your sail number**
- Note that a sail with no number may be used twice then may be scored DNS
- Racing is controlled from a Committee boat (Naughty Buoy). When 'On Station' and the line has been set an Orange flag is raised- You may now check for line bias.
- The course to be sailed will be displayed on the back of the committee boat
- The start line, which is also the finish line, is between the ODM (Yellow buoy with Red/Yellow flag) and the signal mast of the committee boat.
- Marks are numbered 1 to 8 with odd numbers on the clubhouse side (South bank) with 1 nearest the clubhouse, and even numbers on the North bank, with 2 opposite 1.
- The start time for the first race will not be before 10:30hrs- if different will be noted at signing on.
- There are two fleets, General Handicap and Laser
- The Handicap fleet starts first (at 10:30hrs)
- The Laser fleet start second (at 10:33hrs)
- The start sequence used is three minutes- the raising and lowering of a flag is accompanied by a sound signal-
  - At -3 minutes the Handicap Class flag is raised (Yellow with Black 'H'), and Orange lowered.
  - At -2 minutes flag 'P' (Blue Peter) is raised
  - At -1 minute flag 'P' is lowered
  - At 0 minutes Handicap Class flag is lowered- Handicap Start
  - At 0 minutes as the Handicap Class flag is lowered the Laser Class flag is raised. (White flag with red Laser logo)
  - At +1 minute flag 'P' is raised (Blue Peter)
  - At +2 minutes flag 'P' is lowered
  - At +3 minutes Laser Class flag is lowered- Laser start
  - All other signals (OCS, General Recall, Black flag etc. follow the relevant RRS procedure)
- In the event of a General Recall of the Handicap fleet the re-start follows AFTER the Laser fleet has started.
- The start line, which is also the finish line, must be crossed on the first windward leg of every lap. (This enables the Race Team to monitor competitors sail numbers)
- The duration of a race will be approximately 40 minutes, this may vary dependant on the wind state.
- The imminent end of race is indicated when the Committee boat is flying a Blue 'On Station' flag.
- The end of a race is indicated by giving the RRS 'Shorten Course' signal of two hoots + raising flag 'S'. This will be signalled as the finishing boat rounds the leeward mark
- Once the Shorten Course signal is given ALL boats will finish on their next crossing of the start/finish line.