

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA, these Sailing Instructions and the appropriate Class Rules.
- 1.2 The Sailing Committee reserve the right to vary these Instructions in writing on the Club Sailing Notice Board not later than one hour before the advertised start of the race.

### 2 CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- 2.1 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 her crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of the race. Neither these sailing instructions nor any inspection of the boat in any way limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner/person in charge for 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, or the crew as a result of their taking part in the race or races. Moreover, every owner/person in charge warrants the suitability of the boat for the race or races.
- 2.2 Each helmsperson is responsible for ensuring that they and the boat sailed in the race has adequate third-party insurance cover to a minimum of £1,000,000.
- 2.3 It is the responsibility of all club members to ascertain when they are eligible for race duty, whether notified or not. Anyone scheduled for duty, whether a replacement has been found or not, shall not be eligible to enter that race.
- 2.4 The boat and one crew member must be consistent throughout a series to be eligible for points in that series.

### 3 SAFETY

- 3.1 Adequate personal buoyancy (with a minimum buoyancy of 50N and being either a life-jacket or waistcoat-style buoyancy aid) shall be worn while racing except cruisers, who shall carry personal buoyancy and wear it if flag 'Y' is hoisted. This changes Rule 40.1. Wet suits and dry suits are not adequate personal buoyancy.
- 3.2 Wet suits or dry suits shall be worn by all competitors sailing in dinghies during club activities between 1 October and 30 April inclusive.

### 4 COURSES

- 4.1 The diagrams are illustrative only, depict port hand courses, are not to scale and do not show the bearing or distance of any mark from any other mark. The first mark is mark 1 for the Fast and Medium handicap fleets, and mark J for the Novice fleet. The first leg is intended to be to windward.
- 4.2 All numeric marks and mark J are orange inflatable buoys. Mark J has a black top.
- 4.3 The direction of the course to be sailed will be indicated by flying a red or green flag in which case all marks are to be rounded to port or starboard respectively.
- 4.4 Courses may be shortened at any mark of the course (at a mark common to all courses being sailed) by a boat displaying flag 'S'. If shortened at the leeward end, the finish line will be the normal finishing line
- 4.5 Flag 'S' and two sound signals indicates the course is shortened for all classes. Flag 'S' over the appropriate class flag(s) and two sound signals indicates that only those classes will be shortened.
- 4.6 Flag 'L' and two sound signals made before or during race one indicates that one long race is being sailed.
- 4.7 For SHORT handicap races the class flags and intended number of rounds will be  
Flag 'O' & Flag 'H' all in handicap 2 rounds  
Flag 'E' for Junior & Novice Handicap 2 rounds
- 4.8 For LONG handicap races the class flags and intended number of rounds will be:

Flag 'O' Fast Handicap	PY1000 and below	5 rounds
Flag 'H' Medium Handicap	PY1001 and above	4 rounds
Flag 'E' for Junior & Novice Handicap		3 rounds

- 4.9 The handicap system to be used in each series will be posted on the notice board and web site.

## 5 STARTS

- 5.1 Races will be started in accordance with Rule 26 (5 minutes – 4 minutes – 1 minute – Go). Where more than one start is being used, the Go signal of the first group starting will also be the 5 minute signal for the next group to start.
- 5.2 A minimum entry of 2 boats is required for any class races to count in results.
- 5.3 All boats must start within 5 minutes of their starting signal to be eligible for points
- 5.4 Individual recalls. Rule 29.1 is modified in that instead of Flag X' being displayed, the warning flag will be lowered to the dip or the flagboard will be held aloft for a minimum of 30 seconds with one sound signal.
- 5.5 A general recall will be signalled by a repeated sound signal.
- 5.6 All races will be started from the committee boat.
- 5.7 The start line will be between the mast of the committee boat displaying the orange flag and a 1.9 metre bright orange pencil buoy.

## 6 FINISHING

- 6.1 The finish line will be between the mast of the committee boat displaying the orange flag and either Mark 3 or the nearest mark of the course. The Race Officer may, at his discretion, finish a race at the windward mark ONLY WHEN all fleets have started racing at the same time AND are all sailing the same course.
- 6.2 In the event of the committee boat having to leave station to effect a rescue, the finish line will be between the 1.9 metre bright orange pencil buoy and mark 3 and individual boats will record their own finish times.

## 7 TIME LIMITS

- 7.1 The time limit for all races will be 2 hours from the start of the first class. However, when the first boat in any class finishes, the race will be valid for those boats in that class which finish within 30 minutes of the time limit.
- 7.2 If the race is not finished within the time limit the result will be calculated on positions at the end of the previous round.

## 8 PROTESTS

- 8.1 The time limit for protests is within one hour of the last boat of that class to finish.
- 8.2 The protest committee shall comprise the Officer of the Day and two person nominated by him who are in no way involved. If the protest is against the Race Committee the protest committee will comprise of three club members who are in no way involved.

## 9 SCORING

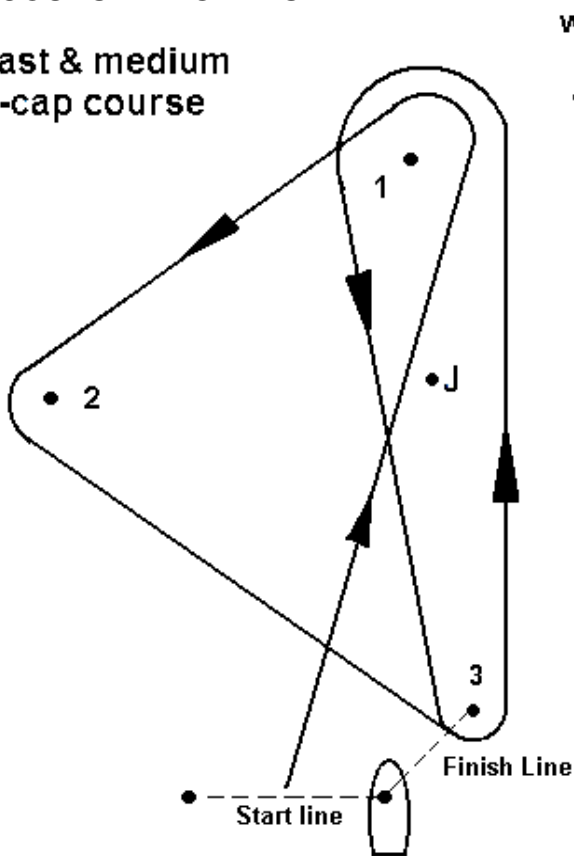
- 9.1 The low point scoring system in accordance with RRS Appendix A4.1 will be used.
- 9.2 RRS Appendix A4.2 is amended so that boats not so scored that came to the starting area will be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of all boats that came to the starting area. Boats that did not come to the starting area will be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the series.
- 9.3 A mixed handicap result will be calculated on the number of rounds completed by the slowest handicap fleet racing, the individual fleets may then race further rounds for their own fleet positions.
- 9.4 The number of races to count for the final results for a series will be half the total number of races run plus one race (rounded up where appropriate). A race duty will be scored as the average points for the qualifying races sailed in the series by that competitor.
- 9.5 Competitors are to print name and boat number on the entry sheets provided outside Bosun's store before the commencement of any race for their handicap

results to count towards handicap series.

9.6 Competitors must sign off the entry sheet within 1 hour of the last competitor finishing, or must inform the OOD if not immediately returning to the harbour, to avoid disqualification.

### COURSE DIAGRAMS

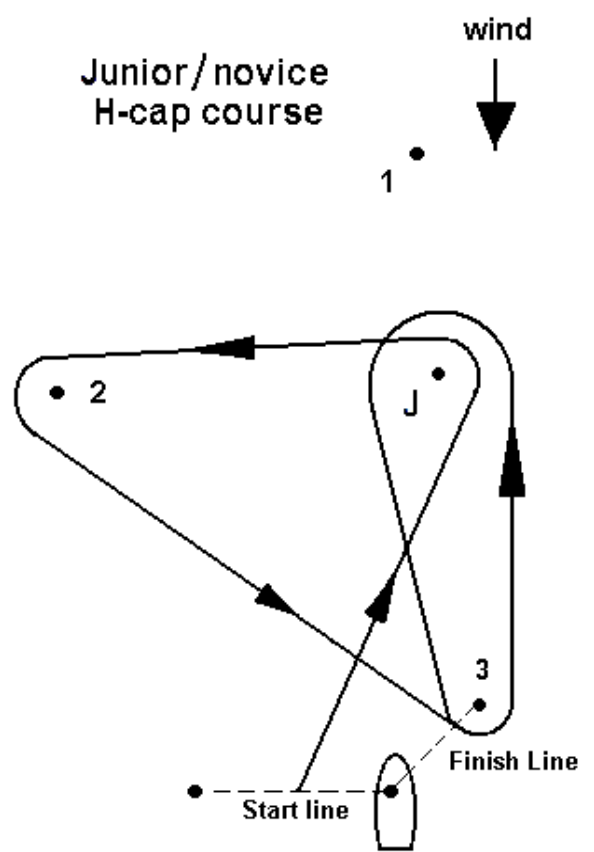
#### Fast & medium H-cap course



#### Order of rounding

First Round Start line 1-2-3  
Subsequent even rounds 1-3  
Subsequent odd rounds 1-2-3

#### Junior/novice H-cap course



#### Order of rounding

First Round Start line J-2-3  
Subsequent even rounds J-3  
Subsequent odd rounds J-2-3