



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
Laser Stratos Nationals & Wanderer Open Meeting
WHITSTABLE YACHT CLUB
16th & 17th JULY 2011

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by 2009-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA, the rules of the relevant Class Associations, the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions. In cases of conflict, the Sailing Instructions will prevail.
- 1.2 The meeting is a Category A event.

2 LIABILITY EXCLUSION

1. A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.
2. A boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £2,000,000.

3 CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- 3.1 **Measurement.** A boat must comply with her class rules and may be subject to scrutineering by a class representative. Protests and disputes on measurement or other class rules will be referred to the relevant class association and results will be announced "Provisional, subject to protest".

4 SAFETY

- 4.1 **Personal Buoyancy:** Competitors shall wear personal floatation devices at all times when afloat; Flag "Y" will not be displayed, varying Rule 40 (personal floatation devices). Wetsuits and drysuits are not personal floatation devices.
- 4.2 **Signing out and in:** A signing out board will be situated on the club veranda. All competitors shall sign out on the sheet provided, before launching, and sign back in as soon as possible after coming ashore and certainly within 30 minutes of the finish of the last race of the day. This procedure is for the safety of competitors, so that the organisers know who is afloat and ashore if an emergency arises.

The penalty for failing to comply with this sailing instruction will be disqualification. The race committee may consider reinstatement of the boat(s) concerned upon donation of £10 to the RNLI c/o Whitstable Yacht Club.

5 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 5.1 **Notice to Competitors** Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board in the Sea Room.
- 5.2 **Changes in Sailing Instructions** Any changes in the Sailing Instructions will be posted 1 hour before the advertised starting time of the race concerned, except for a change to the starting time of the first race of the following day, which will be posted by 20:00hrs on the day before it will take effect. Changes in Sailing Instructions will be indicated by Flag "L" flown from the WYC flagstaff until such time as deemed reasonable.
- 5.3 Competitors are advised NOT to go afloat until cleared to do so by the Race Committee.
- 5.4 **Briefing** This will be held at the Whitstable Yacht Club on Saturday 16th July at 10:30hrs and on Sunday 17th July at 10:00 hrs.

6. **SCHEDULE OF RACES**

Race	Time of first Warning signal	HW
<u>Saturday 16th July 2011</u>		
Race 1	11:55hrs	14:15 hrs
Race 2	Back to back after Race 1	
Race 3	Back to back after Race 2	
<u>Sunday 12th July 2009</u>		
Race 1	11:25hrs	14:53hrs
Race 2	Back to back after Race 1	

1. **CLASS WARNING SIGNAL**

7.1 The Wanderer class warning signal will be: International Code Flag W.

7.2 The Laser Stratos class warning signal will be: Laser Flag

8 **COURSE INSTRUCTIONS**

8.1 The committee boats may display the Whitstable Yacht Club burgee. This is not a race signal.

8.2 **Courses:**

The course for both classes will be similar to a traditional Olympic Course, consisting of “triangles” and “sausages”. There will be a Start line a short distance to leeward of the leeward mark (Mark3). The course configuration and order of rounding marks is shown on the attached diagram. The diagram also indicates the relative position of the start and finish lines. The diagram does not indicate the angles between legs.

8.3 The number of laps for a class in each race will be shown on the Committee Boat. This may be changed for a subsequent class after a previous start.

8.4 **Magnetic bearing of Mark 1.** The approximate magnetic bearing of Mark 1 from the committee boat may be displayed on the committee boat before the warning signal.

8.5 **Description of course marks.** Course marks will be orange inflatable buoys, and a new mark used in the event of a course change will be an inflatable black ball - See SI.10. (Change of course after the start).

9 **STARTS**

9.1 **Committee Boat** An orange flag will be displayed on the starting committee boat.

9.2 **Starting Procedures** The starting procedure will be in accordance with Rule 26 with warning signals 5 minutes before starts. The race officer may alert competitors that he is about to make the warning signal by sounding a number of short blasts.

9.3 **Order of Starting.** For Race 1 the Laser Stratos will start first, and Wanderers 5 minutes later. For races 2 & 3 the order of starting may be changed.

9.4 **The Committee Boat** will take station to leeward of Mark 3.

9.5 **Starting Line** The starting line is defined as the line between the mast displaying an orange flag on the Committee Boat, and the centre of the port end starting mark (a round black inflatable buoy). The committee boat at the starting line may hold station using engines.

9.6 A boat shall not start later than 4 minutes after her starting signal.

9.7 **Black Flag Rule** After a general recall, Rule 30.3 shall apply to all subsequent starts of that race.

10 CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

- 10.1 After the start, should the course be changed, a new mark (a black inflatable ball) will be used. Any change of course will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the leg to the new mark, although the new mark may not then be in position. The new mark will be in position before the leading boat is adversely affected. The original mark will be lifted as soon as is practicable.
- 10.2 To signal a change of course, a Race Committee vessel near the mark preceding the new mark will display a red or green flag to indicate whether the new compass bearing is to port or starboard respectively of its previous bearing, and will make repetitive sound signals. Any mark to be rounded after the new mark may be re-located, without additional signals, in order to maintain the original course configuration.
- 10.3 When, in any subsequent change of course, a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with an original mark. SI.10 alters Rule 33.

11 FINISHING

- 11.1 **Finishing Line.** The finishing line will be between the mast displaying a blue flag aboard the committee boat and the finishing mark, which will be a round black inflatable buoy. The committee boat at the finishing line may hold station using engines. The relative position of the finishing line is indicated on the course diagram.
- 11.2 On completing the last lap, after leaving Mark 3 to port a boat should sail across the finishing line between the committee boat and the finishing mark.
- 11.3 If flag S is shown on the committee boat with two sound signals, a boat should finish on completion of that lap, as described in paragraph 11.2. N.B. If the Race Officer wishes only to shorten a particular class, the committee boat will display Flag S over the class warning flag for that class.
- 11.4 If the course is shortened at a Mark other than Mark 3, the finish line will be between a race committee vessel (e.g. a rescue boat) and the adjacent mark.

11.5 Time Limit

The primary time limit for each race will be 90 minutes from the starting signal of each class. The race will be valid for all boats finishing within this limit. Additionally, when the first boat finishes within 60 minutes of her start, the race will be valid only for those boats which finish within 30 minutes of the first boat. This alters Rule 35.

- 11.6 At the discretion of the Race Officer, boats at the back of the fleet, and whose finishing positions are unlikely to change, may be given their observed position on the course and instructed to return to the starting area for the start of the next race.

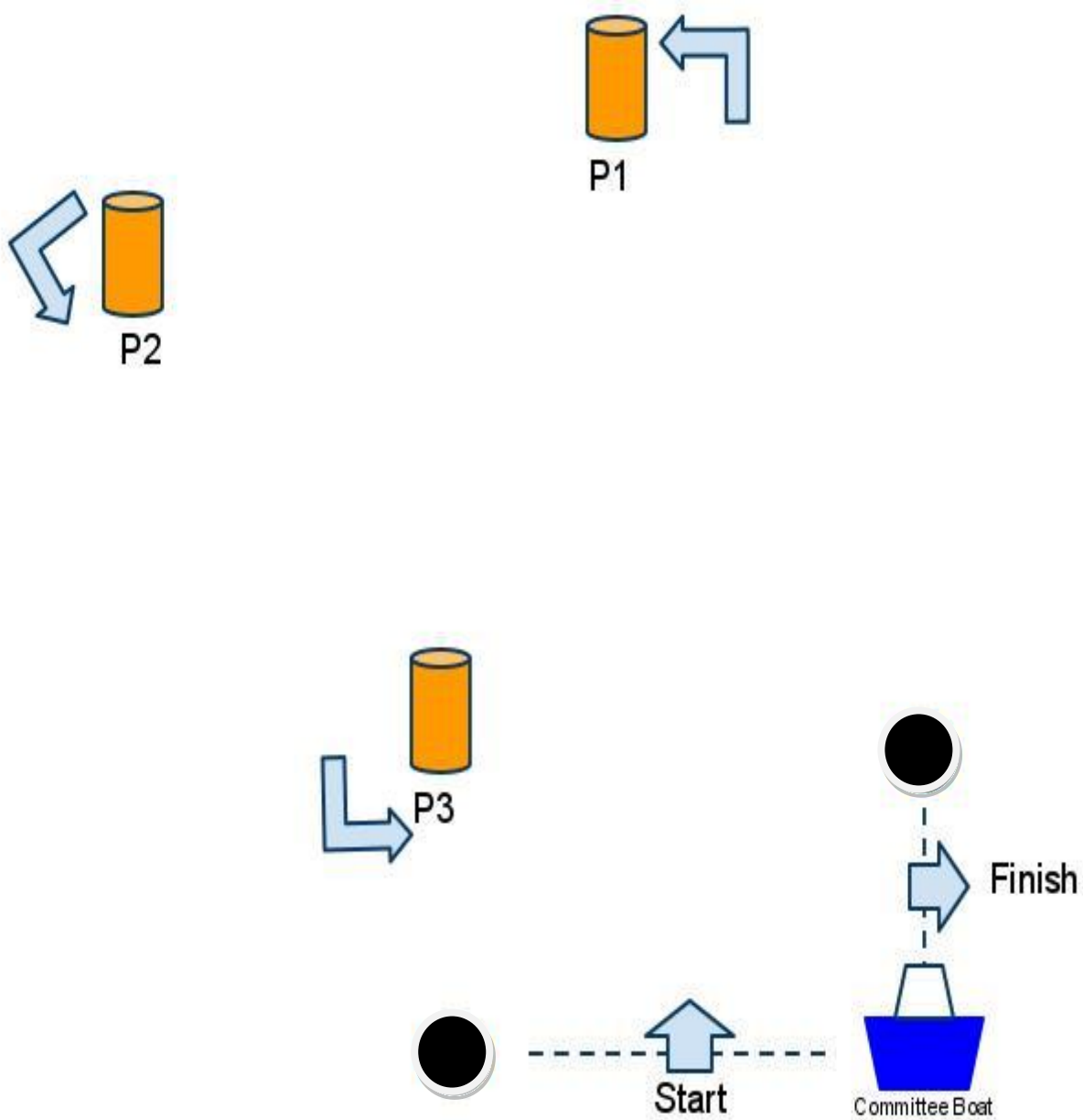
12 PROTESTS

- 12.1 A protesting boat shall inform the Race Committee on the Committee Boat as soon as possible after finishing, but without interfering with other boats finishing.
- 12.2 **Protest time limit.** The protest time limit will end 1 hour after the last boat has finished the last race of the day, unless the protest or race committee extend this time limit.

13 SCORING:

- 13.1 One race shall be completed to constitute a series.
- 13.2 The low point system of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 13.3 When less than 3 races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores. When 3 or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

Course Diagram



Rounding Sequence

1# Lap - P1, P2, P3

2# Lap - P1, P3

Subsequent laps will alternate 1# then 2#