



Silver Wing Sailing Club – CLUB RACING SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



1. All Races will be governed by the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028, by the interpretations of the RYA and by the rules of the relevant Class Association; except as amended by these Sailing Instructions

2. Insurance

All boats sailed at Silver Wing Sailing Club shall be insured, with a minimum third party of £ 3 Million

3. Replica Equipment

Boats whose class rules specify the supplier of equipment (spars, foils, fittings and sails) may use equipment sourced from any supplier “Replica Equipment”; provided it is of a similar type, performs the same function, and does not modify the performance of the boat. This changes RRS78.

4. Signals

Signals made ashore will be made from the flagpole
Signals made afloat will be made from the committee boat.

5. Notices

Will be posted on the noticeboard in the clubhouse or on the blackboard adjacent to the sail shed.

6. Portsmouth Yardstick

Club racing will be carried out using the RYA Portsmouth Yardstick system. Local adjustments will be made where the sailing committee see fit.

A list of numbers used for boats commonly sailed at Silverwing SC is displayed on the results noticeboard, and/or on the website results page. A boat not on the list will use the published RYA handicap.

7. Club Series racing

These sailing instructions cover the following club series:

- Winter, Spring, Summer and Autumn Sunday Handicap Series - PY (fixed lap), or Average Lap Time racing.
- Tuesday Evening Handicap Series - Average Lap Time racing
- Personal Handicap Pursuit Series - first race of each month.
- Sprint Handicap Series - 5 short back-to-back races once a month.
- Summer Regatta.

8. Pursuit Race Start Times.

Personal Handicap Start Numbers are calculated by the sailing committee based on historic performance. These are updated after

each personal handicap pursuit race.

In the event of a particular boat/competitor combination not being listed the committee shall allocate a number IAW the instructions on the sheet listing the Personal Handicap Start Numbers.

9. Course

a) The course will be displayed on the course board (blackboard) adjacent to the sail shed.

b) The marks to be rounded will be repeated using coloured numbers hung on the side of the committee boat.

The colour of the number reflects the rounding direction of the mark.

c) The number of laps and legs (PY - fixed lap), or approximate duration (Average Lap Time) will be displayed on the course board.

The Personal Handicap pursuit race shall be as close as possible to 50 minutes in duration.

d) The racing marks are detailed in their approximate positions on the blackboard.

e) Even numbered marks are coloured WHITE. Odd numbered marks are coloured RED.

Lettered marks are coloured YELLOW. These are intended to be moved for use as windward marks.

f) All the above marks may be moved by the committee as wind conditions dictate.

g) The committee may also lay temporary marks as they see fit. These are small round marks with a flagstaff on them.

h) The committee may also use the committee boat mooring buoy “MB” as a mark of the course. This cannot be moved.

10. Change of Course Before the start

If the committee is on the water and needs to change the course before a race they shall:

a) Display the new course on the rack of numbers attached to the side of the boat. This will now take precedence over the course displayed onshore.

b) Inform the competitors of the change of course. They will either do this verbally or by hoisting flag L with one sound signal.

c) When satisfied all boats have been informed, they shall commence the start sequence.

The committee may postpone IAW Rule 27.3 if they see fit.

11. Start Line

The start line will be as displayed on the course board.

The start line will be:

Between an orange flag on a pole on the committee boat and any of the above marks. The committee boat may be anchored or tied to the island or any jetty.

12. Starting Sequence:

The starting sequence will be in accordance with rule 26, except as detailed below. The Warning Signal will be code flag "9".

- a. For the **Sprint Series** the start sequence for the first race of the day shall be IAW Rule 26.

For all subsequent Sprint Series starts the Warning Signal will be 3 minutes before the start, with the Preparatory Signal at 2 minutes. This changes Rule 26.

- b. For **Pursuit Series** a start sequence shall be run in accordance with Rule 26.

In addition a number board will be displayed by the committee boat. This will display numbers corresponding to the time in minutes after the start at 1 minute intervals, with "0" displayed at the start.

A sound signal will be made each time a number is changed.

A boat shall start when her start number appears.

The committee will display numbers and make sound signals until the start time of the boat with the highest start number.

In addition, if there is a boat racing with a negative start number, the committee will display the numbers counting down to 0 at the start. The committee will then only make sound signals IAW Rule 26, and additionally when the start number of a competing boat is displayed.

13. Recalls

Recalls shall be in accordance with Rule 29; except no general recalls will be made for Pursuit Races.

In the event of a General Recall the committee may impose starting penalties

IAW Rule 30.1 - I Flag Rule or Rule 30.4 - Black Flag Rule.

Rule 30.2 - Z Flag Rule, and Rule 30.3 - U Flag Rule, will not be used.

14. Finish line.

The finish line will be:

Between an orange flag on a pole on the committee boat and any of the above marks. The committee boat may be anchored or tied to the island

or any jetty.

The committee boat will not display a blue flag.

- a. For handicap, sprint and average lap time racing the finish line will be displayed on the course board.

For handicap and sprint racing the race committee may change the position of the finish line as they see fit by shortening course.

- b. For Pursuit Racing the committee shall set the finish line as close as possible to the position of the lead boat when the race time has elapsed. The committee may, as they see fit, set the line using a mark of the course, lay a line using a temporary mark, or set a moving finish.

Once the committee has made the 'shorten course' sound signal to denote the end of the pursuit race boats should endeavor to keep their positions and not overtake.

15. Shorten Course

The race committee may shorten course IAW Rule 32.

In addition, the shorten course signal will be used:

- a) In Pursuit Racing - to denote the end of the stated race time.

- b) In Average Lap Time racing - to denote that the committee is about to start finishing boats.

16. Time Limit

A time limit may be imposed.

17. Scoring

See the relevant series Notice of Race.

18. Personal Buoyancy

All persons shall wear personal buoyancy at all times when afloat or on a jetty. (Rule 40.1 shall apply at all times when afloat or on a jetty).