

## **Dalgety Bay Sailing Club**

### **Annual Dinghy Regatta**

**4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> September 2010**

#### **Novice Fleet Sailing Instructions**

**The novice fleet regatta will be sailed with the emphasis on fun and improving skills for people new to regattas. It will be adapted during the event to maximise everyone's enjoyment.**

**These Sailing Instructions have been designed to cover all the points of a normal regatta and during the briefing the format for each day will be advised.**

**Coach boats will be on the water to provide safety cover but also to provide assistance and encouragement.**

#### **1 Rules**

The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.

#### **2 Entries**

Eligible boats may be entered by completing registration with the organising authority. Each boat sailing must have Third-Party insurance for a minimum of £2,000,000. All competitors will be temporary members of Dalgety Bay Sailing Club for the duration of the event.

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

#### **3 Notices to Competitors**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the Clubhouse.

#### **4 Briefing**

There will be a briefing at 12:00 on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September and 09:30 on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

#### **5 Changes in Sailing Instructions**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 45 minutes before the advertised starting time of the race or races concerned. Any changes to the format or schedule of races will be advised either during the briefing each day or on the water between races.

#### **6 Personal Buoyancy**

Personal Buoyancy shall be worn at all times whilst on the water. This alters RRS 40.

#### **7 Signals made ashore**

Signals made ashore will be displayed hoisted on the flagpole in front of the clubhouse. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced by 'not less than 30 minutes' in race signal AP.

#### **8 Outside Assistance**

Coach boats will be on the water to provide assistance and encouragement to all competitors. They may also help competitors recover from a capsized boat. This alters RRS 41.

## 9 Schedule of races

Up to 5 races are scheduled each day. This will be advised either at the briefing or on the water.

The first race each day will be scheduled as follows :

Day	First Warning Signal	First Start
Sat	13:27	13:30
Sun	10:57	11:00

No warning signals will be made after 15:30 on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

## 10 Racing Area

The racing course is in the Forth close to Dalgety Bay Sailing Club.

## 11 The Course

The diagram in Illustration A show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. It does not indicate the angle between legs nor the length of legs nor the compass bearing of any leg.

All boats must pass between the committee boat and mark S at the end of each lap.

The length of each race and the number of laps to be sailed will not be pre-determined (Average Lap). Races will continue until finished in accordance with the procedure in paragraph 16.

## 12 Marks

The course marks will be yellow spherical buoys. The starting/finishing (S) mark will be a small pink spherical buoy.

## 13 The Start

Races will be started by using Rule 26 with the warning signal given 3 minutes before the starting signal. The preparatory signal will be given 2 minutes before the starting signal. This alters Rule 26.

An Attention signal shall be made by flying Flag T together with one sound signal 3 minutes before the start of each starting sequence. Flag T will be removed at the first warning signal.

The starting line will be between a mast displaying an orange flag or shape on the race committee boat at the starboard end and Mark S at the port end.

A boat attempting to start later than 12 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.1.

## 14 General Recalls

General recalls will be signalled in accordance with rule 29.2

## 15 Sailing the Course

A boat that is observed by the Race Officer to break rule 28.1 (Sailing the Course) may be disqualified without a protest hearing. This changes rule 63.1.

## 16 The Finish

The finishing line will be between a mast displaying an orange flag or shape on the race committee boat and mark S at the port end.

The finishing procedure will be as follows: Shortly before the finish, flag S will be displayed with two sound signals. Boats will finish the race when they next pass through the finish line at the end of their current lap.

Finishing positions will take account of the number of laps actually sailed. Boats that have completed at least one lap and then retire before the race finishes may be given finishing

positions after boats that have finished correctly, at the discretion of the Race Management Committee.

### **17 Time Limit**

The time limit will be 1 hour 15 minutes for all classes for each race. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored 'Did Not Finish'. This changes rule 35 and A4.1.

### **18 Protests**

Protest forms are available at the Race Office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit. For each class, the protest time limit is 1 hour after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

Protest notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. On the last day of the regatta, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision. This changes rule 66.

### **19 Scoring**

The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply. A maximum of five races per day are scheduled, of which two shall be completed to constitute a series. When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races scores excluding her worst score.

### **20 Safety Regulations**

A tally system will operate. Each boat shall tally as directed below.

- 20.1 Before going afloat the tally tag shall transferred to the "Gone Afloat" side of the tally board.
- 20.2 On returning to the shore, the tally tag shall be transferred to the "Ashore" side of the board as soon as possible, and no later than 1 hour after the finish of the last boat.  
THIS IS A SAFETY SYSTEM, AND SAFETY BOATS WILL NOT COME ASHORE UNTIL TALLIES ARE ACCOUNTED FOR. PLEASE HAVE CONSIDERATION FOR THE HELPERS!!!
- 20.3 For each infringement, a boat will be marked as DSQ in the race(s) involved unless an "on-the-spot" donation of £5 is paid, via the Shore Control, to the RNLI within 1.5 hours of the finish of the last boat.
- 20.4 In addition to the Tally system, a Personal Wrist tag must be worn at all times while afloat. This will contain information that may be vital to rescue personnel in the unlikely event of a serious incident.  
The Wrist Tag will contain at least the following information: -  
- Tally Number plus the letter 'H' for helm, and 'C' for crew.  
Competitors may add critical medical information that could assist rescue personnel e.g. epileptic, asthmatic etc. should they wish.

### **21 Prizes**

The prize-giving will take place approximately one hour after the finish of racing on Sunday.

### Illustration A – The Course

Start: CB - mark S  
Course: Mark 1 to port.  
Mark 2 to port.  
Mark 3 to port.  
End of lap: CB - mark S.  
Finish: CB - mark S.

Tide Times  
Sat 4th Sept:  
HW 11:42 (5.0m)  
Sun 5th Sept:  
HW 13:00 (5.4m)

Wind Direction  
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