

### **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR DINGHY EVENING SERIES**

#### **1. RULES**

- 1.1 The Southampton Sailing Club (SSC) dinghy races will be governed by the rules as defined in The RYA Racing Rules of Sailing (current edition).

#### **2. ELIGIBILITY**

- 2.1 Entry to the Southampton Sailing Club dinghy evening series is open to SSC club members, competitors from Southampton Water Sailing Association (SWSA) member clubs and individual RYA members. Trophy eligibility for non members of Southampton Sailing Club is limited to those trophies listed within the SWSA year book.

#### **3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 3.1 Changes to these instructions will be notified via the Southampton Sailing Club website and via the SWSA website.

#### **4. SIGNALS**





- 4.1 Signals to competitors will be made by flags flown from the committee boat and sound signals from the committee boat.

#### **5. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 5.1 The schedule of races for the Southampton Sailing Club dinghy evening series will be notified via the Southampton Sailing Club year book and website and the SWSA year book and website.

#### **6. CLASS SIGNALS**

- 6.1 Class signals are as follows:

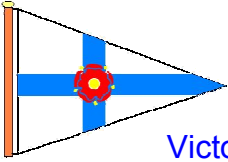
Numeral Pennant 1		Catamarans
Numeral Pennant 2		Asymmetric
Numeral Pennant 3		Fast Handicap (PY handicap equal or less than 1053)
Numeral Pennant 4		Slow Handicap (PY handicap equal or greater than 1054)

#### **7. RACING AREA**

- 7.1 The extent of the racing area is approximately as follows:

- To the North, the Southern Water pier adjacent to Southampton Sailing Club
- To the West, the yellow spherical marks known as Hovercraft 4 and Jib
- To the East, Weston beach
- To the South, Weston sailing club

N.B for more information, please see the standard dinghy courses 0 to 7 on the Southampton Sailing Club website.



**8. RACE ENTRY AND DECLARATION**

- 8.1 Competitors shall complete the SWSA entry form prior to their first race of the series (the form may be found in the dinghy section of the SWSA website).
- 8.2 Prior to the start of each race, each helmsman shall confirm verbally to the committee boat their intention to participate.

**9. COURSES**

- 9.1 The courses are the Southampton Sailing Club Standard dinghy courses 0 to 7. Chartlets describing each of these courses may be found on the club website.
- 9.2 Prior to the warning signal the committee boat will display prominent number boards confirming which course is set.
- 9.3 The number of laps will be as follows:
- Catamarans = 5 laps
  - Asymmetrics = 4 laps
  - Fast handicaps = 4 laps
  - Slow handicap = 3 laps

**10. MARKS**

- 10.1 All the marks are existing permanent buoys or posts as indicated on the Southampton Sailing Club standard dinghy course chartlets.
- 10.2 The standard dinghy course chartlets are available via the Southampton Sailing club website.

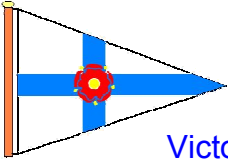
**11. START**

- 11.1 The committee boat may be a safety boat, a sailing cruiser or other craft.
- 11.2 The committee boat will be located adjacent to post YP3 and will display either an SWSA banner:

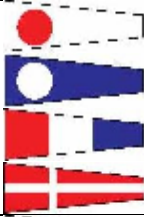
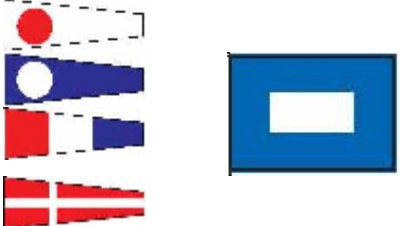
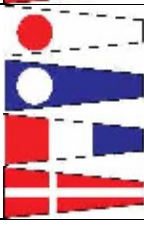
**SWSA**

or an SWSA burgee:





11.3 The committee boat will signal the start sequence as follows:

5 minutes prior to start, class flags displayed + 1 sound signal	
4 minutes prior to start, code flag P displayed + 1 sound signal	
1 minute prior to the start, preparatory flag removed + 1 sound signal	
Start, class flags removed, plus sound signal	All flags removed at start

11.4 All classes will start at the same time.

**12. SHORTEN COURSE**

12.1 The race may be shortened by laying a finish line at any of the marks of the course. Flag S will be flown from the committee boat:



Together with the class flags of the classes whose course is being shortened. Two sound signals will be given prior to the leading boat in that class crossing the line.

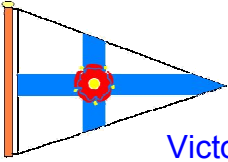
**13. FINISH**

13.1 Unless the course is shortened, the position of the finish line will be the same as the start line, i.e. between the committee boat and the buoy named on the standard course.

13.2 Depending on the number of boats entered in a particular class, classes and finishes may be combined as necessary

**14. TIME LIMIT**

14.1 The time limit will be 2 hours for all classes, there will be no extension.



**15. HANDICAPING**

- 15.1 For monohull dinghies the RYA Portsmouth yardstick (PY) system will apply.
- 15.2 For catamarans the ISAF small catamaran handicap rating system (SCHRS) will apply.

**16. SCORING**

- 16.1 The low points scoring system (RRS Appendix A) will apply.

Finishing place	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	Sixth	Seventh
Points according to the low point system	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

- 16.2 The number of races to count in the scoring shall be:

Races started & not abandoned	8	7	6	5	4	3
Number of discards	3	3	2	2	1	1

- 16.3 If a competitor is unable to compete in a race of the series, through acting as Committee boat or Race Officer, he/she will be awarded average points for that race. For example, assuming a total of 6 races completed and results as follows:

Race 1 = 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Race 2 = 1<sup>st</sup>  
Race 3 = Race officer Duty  
Race 4 = 8<sup>th</sup>  
Race 5 = 6<sup>th</sup>  
Race 6 = 2<sup>nd</sup>

For this competitor, the results for races 4 and 5 are discarded.

Total points for the remaining 3 races completed = 3+1+2 = 6 points

Points to apply for race officer duty (Average points) = 6/3 = 2

Therefore total series points = 3+1+2+2 = 8 points

**17. PERSONAL BUOYANCY**

- 17.1 Personal buoyancy shall be worn at all times. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal buoyancy.

**18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY AND INSURANCE**

- 18.1 Competitors are at all times entirely responsible for their own safety. All competitors start or continue to race at their own risk. The provision of a safety/patrol boat does not relieve competitors of this responsibility.

- 18.2 Any competing boat is required to hold third party insurance to the value of at least £2,000,000 (Two million pounds). The race organisers may ask to see a copy of the competitors insurance documentation at any time.