**STOKES BAY SAILING CLUB**

**RS 800 & B14, MUSTO SKIFF, RS700 OPEN MEETING**

**29 & 30 APRIL 2023**

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1. RULES**

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the ‘rules’ as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the rules of the appropriate class(es) and these sailing instructions (SIs). The event is designated Category ‘C’.

**2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS**

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board(s) located at the Clubhouse entrance lobby.

**3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

3.1 Any change to the SIs will be posted for 30 minutes before the advertised starting time of the race or races concerned, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

**4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

4.1 Signals made ashore will be hoisted on the Clubhouse mast.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 30 minutes’ in race signal AP.

**5. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

5.1 The schedule of races and the times of warning signals are: up to 4 races can be sailed on one day.

5.2 At the discretion of the Principal Race Officer race 4 may be brought forward to Saturday to allow for any inclement weather forecasts. If so decided, this decision will be posted on the notice board.

Competitors Briefing Sat 29 Apr 23 1100

Race 1 Warning signal at 1225

Race 2 following the end of Race 1

Race 3 following the end of Race 2

Race 4 Sun 30 Apr 23 Warning signal at 1025

Race 5 following the end of Race 4

Race 6 following the end of Race 5

5.2 Each class will start in the sequence directed by the Race Committee.

5.3 When IC Flag ‘W’ is displayed ashore no competitor may go afloat until the signal is removed. No starting signal will be given for at least 30 minutes after IC Flag ‘W’ is removed.

5.4 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1455.

**6. CLASS FLAGS**

6.1 The Class flags will be:-

* + RS 800 – IC Flag ‘R’
  + B14 – IC Flag ‘D’
  + Musto Skiff/ RS700 – IC Flag ‘T’

**7. RACING AREA**

7.1 The course area will be within a 3 mile radius of the Clubhouse.

**8. THE COURSES**

See Attachment B. The course (either be Course ‘A’ or Course ‘B’ or Course ‘C’) this will be signalled on the Cttee Boat.

**9. MARKS**

9.1 Marks will be orange or yellow inflatable buoys.

**10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS**

See Attachment A.

**11. STARTS**

11.1 Races will be started according to RRS 26.

11.2 The Starting Line will be between a mast displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat and mark ‘S’ or a mast displaying an orange flag on a RIB at the port end. When the orange flag is hoisted, sound signal.

11.4 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes of her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4 and A5.

11.5 The starts will be in the following order, the class flag for the next fleet will go up as the previous fleet starts:

1. RS800s
2. B14s
3. Musto Skiffs/ RS700s

**12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

**13. THE FINISH**

13.1 The finishing line will be between a mast displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee Boat and mark ‘F1’ or mark ‘F2’.

13.2 A boat flying Flag ‘F’ at a mark and making repeated sound signals, means ‘after rounding this mark, boats should proceed directly to the finish line’. If flown at a leeward gate/mark means ‘after passing through the gate/ rounding the mark, proceed direct to the finish line.’ The Committee Boat on station at the finish will display flag ‘S’ with two sounds. This adds to RRS 32.2.

13.3 RRS 35 is changed so that (i) after the first boat has finished, boats may be finished based on their observed position on the course, and (ii) the RC may remove the finish line and/or may not record boats crossing the finish line more than 20 minutes after the first boat.

**14. PENALTIES**

14.1Rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that the penalty is only one turn, including one tack and one gybe.

14.2 For B14s only, when an incident occurs where a penalty applies while the head of the spinnaker is above the main-boom gooseneck, the penalty may be taken immediately after the next time the head of the spinnaker is lowered below the main-boom gooseneck but shall always be taken prior to rounding the next mark or crossing he finish line. This changes rule 44.2.

**15. TIME LIMITS**

15.1 The time limit for each race will be 1 hour. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat finishes or within the time limit, whichever is later, will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

**16. PROTESTS & REDRESS**

16.1 Protest forms will be available from the Race Office situated on the top floor of the Clubhouse. They must be lodged in writing with the Race Office, within one hour of the last boat finishing the last race of the day.

16.2 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties to a hearing or named as witnesses. It shall be the responsibility of competitors to check the notice board for such notices.

**17. SCORING & RESULTS**

17.1 The low point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.

17.2 Two races must be completed to constitute a series.

17.3 If three or more races are sailed there will be one discard. If only two races are sailed both will count towards the overall result.

**18. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS**

18.1 Support Person Vessels will not be allowed.

**19. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

19.1 TALLIES

Competitors will be allocated tally numbers (these will be displayed on the official noticeboard). Competitors are required to tally before they go afloat, and to return the tally promptly on their return to shore. This is a safety requirement, and the rescue boats will not be able to standdown before all tallies are returned.

19.2 Competitors failing to tally will be invited to make a £10 donation to the Gosport and Fareham Inshore Rescue Service (GAFIRS).

19.3 DECLARATIONS

Declarations are not required except for boats retiring. This is to be declared on the sheets on the Official Notice Board.

19.4 All non-competing vessels (small or large) are to be accorded their rights under the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS). In particular, IRPCAS 9(b) states:

*“A vessel of less than 20 metres in length or a sailing vessel\* shall not impede the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway.”*

\* That means you!

The racing area may cross or go near a channel, and **all** commercial shipping is to be treated as being in a narrow channel or fairway.

**20. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

20.1 HELM OR CREW SUBSTITUTION

Boats must sail with the nominated helm and crew entered for the event. Any change to the nominated helm or crew must be requested in writing to the Race Officer before leaving the shore.

**21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

21.1 GENERAL

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. It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail the conditions in which she will find herself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and her crew is competent to sail and compete in them. The boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £3,000,000 (or its equivalent in any other currency) and such insurance shall be valid for the helmsperson who will be racing her. Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the organising authority, the race committee, the race officer, patrol boats and beachmasters. The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities.

21.2 INSURANCE

No boat shall race unless the boat is currently insured for third party risks to the minimum sum of £3,000,000 (or its equivalent in any other currency) and such insurance shall be valid for the helmsperson who will be racing her.

**ATTACHMENT A**

**Stokes Bay Sailing Club Sailing Instructions**

1. SHORELINE PROHIBITED AREA

11.1 No boat shall sail:

• within 50 metres of the Gosport shoreline or

• to the landward side of the line parallel to the shoreline which joins any yellow Prohibited Area buoys (including the yellow buoy off the local inshore rescue service slipway), or its extensions (whether more or less than 50 metres from the shoreline)

except:

• if a boat is capsized or disabled or requires attention ashore or is helping those in danger

• if a boat is sailing to or from the slipway area off the Club.

11.2 The prohibited area is an obstruction for the purpose of RRS Rule 18 and 19.

11.3 The Race Committee will monitor the prohibited area and may disqualify any boat seen infringing this Instruction without a hearing (although any boat disqualified may seek redress under rule 60.1).

11.4 The Race Committee may direct a patrol boat to monitor the 50m rule if he deems it necessary

11.5 A boat infringing the prohibited area may also be liable to other penalties under RRS Rule 69 -Gross Misconduct).

11.6 This is a variation to the Racing Rules of Sailing as the Race Committee does not have to raise a protest against a boat seen infringing this rule, in order to disqualify them from the results of that race.