

HASTINGS
AND
ST.LEONARDS
SAILING
CLUB

RULE BOOK

November 2019

SAILING AT HASTINGS

Although there is no enclosed harbour at Hastings, the English Channel along this part of the south coast has always attracted sailors in all type of craft.

In the golden age of smuggling, a Hastings boat built to put up a good performance in the local conditions was always a treasure. Many a successful raid was completed because a locally built boat could drive into Rye Harbour on a strong south-westerly wind before the Customs Officers could arrive at the scene. One of the most famous craft built in Hastings was the Anna Bonaventure which manned by local men, distinguished itself against the Spanish Armada. Until 2001 the Club's main safety vessel proudly boasted this famous name.

The original Hastings & St Leonards Sailing Club suffered a great loss and was disbanded in 1935 when a severe gale smashed most of the boats, which at the time were housed on the beach at Warrior Square. The present Club, formed in 1953, is situated on the Lower Promenade near the Azur at the Marina Pavilion and offers a totally enclosed boathouse for the dinghies. This is an asset appreciated by their owners who not only can work on their craft at any time but also realise that craft do not depreciate under cover in the same way as they do when they are out in all elements.

Helmsmen from St Leonards-on-Sea have distinguished themselves all over the globe. Derek Farrant was 505 World Champion in 1965 and 1971, European Champion in 1963, 1964, 1965 & 1969 and National Champion four times. Hugh Bourn won the European title in 1971, whilst others in the 505 class have been within striking distance of the winners in all main events.

More recently, there have been successes for club sailors at national level, with Malcolm Greenhill winning the Shearwater National Championship in 1998 and Shaun & Mark Pollard the Dart 16 Nationals in 2001. Jim Taylor excelled in the Laser class at national and international events and achieved 18th place in the International Sailing Federation world rankings. In 2007 Max Richardson finished in 8th at Lake Garda in the Topper World Championships and 5th in the National Championships. Max continued his success in 2008 in Australia with a 3rd in the 29er Worlds being the first British boat and 1st under 19 Champion.

The attractive licensed Club House affords facilities for dances and other social events attracting the non-sailing member, while the sailors can obtain hot meals from the well equipped kitchen.

Much of the success of the Hastings & St Leonards Sailing Club lies in the fact that the management of the Club has always been in the hands of Committees made up of experienced dinghy sailors whose prime motive is to encourage competitive sailing and also encourage the youth of the district to take an active interest by planning extensive instruction courses.

HASTINGS & St LEONARDS SAILING CLUB

CLUB RULES

November 2019

1. Name

The Club shall be called the Hastings & St Leonards Sailing Club.

2. Objects

The object of the Club shall be to provide facilities for and promote participation of the whole community in the sport of Sailing and to foster good seamanship, good sportsmanship and a love of the sea.

3. Patron, President, Vice-Presidents and Honorary Members

The Patron and the President of the Club shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and it shall be within the power of any General Meeting of members, by resolution of which due notice shall be given, to elect as Vice-President, Honorary Life Member or Honorary Member any person who has rendered special service to sailing or to the Club.

4. Officers

The Officers of the Club shall consist of a Commodore, Vice-Commodore and Rear Commodore (who shall be Flag Officers), Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Sailing Secretary, Honorary Assistant Sailing Secretary, Honorary Principal Race Officer, Honorary Boatswain, Honorary Coxswain, Honorary Wine Steward, Honorary Membership Secretary, Honorary Health & Safety Officer, Honorary Youth Promotion Officer, Honorary Training Principal and Honorary Social Organiser. In the event of any casual vacancy in the offices the Executive Committee may appoint one of themselves or some other member of the Club to fill the vacancy until the next Annual General Meeting.

Only those members who have previously served at least one year as a committee member and have been full members of the Club for at least two consecutive years shall be eligible to serve as Flag Officers. This rule shall not apply to Rear Commodore who need only have served at least one year as a committee member and have been an Associate member for two consecutive years. No Flag Officer shall be eligible for election to a particular Flag rank for more than two consecutive years.

In addition to the above, the Officer of the Day shall be an Officer of the Club for the day upon which the person fulfilling this role is Officer of the Day and for that day(s) only.

5. Trustees

All Club property (other than cash which shall be under the control of the Honorary Treasurer) shall be vested in the Flag Officers and Honorary Secretary for the time being as Trustees of the Club. They shall deal with the property of the Club as directed by the Executive Committee and they shall be indemnified against risk and expense out of the Club property.

6. Committees

(a) Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall consist of the Flag Officers, the Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Sailing Secretary, Honorary Training Principal, Honorary Wine Steward, Honorary Youth Promotion Officer, Honorary Membership Secretary, Honorary Development Officer and Honorary Health & Safety Officer, (four to form a quorum).

(b) Sailing Committee

The Sailing Committee shall be chaired by the Vice Commodore and shall comprise the Honorary Sailing Secretary, Honorary Assistant Sailing Secretary, Honorary Boatswain, Honorary Coxswain, Honorary Training Principal and Honorary Youth Promotion Officer and five other members elected at the Annual General Meeting. The Sailing Committee in so far as is possible shall consist of members who are boat owners or crews and should represent all classes sailed in the Club.

(c) House Committee

The House Committee shall be chaired by the Rear-Commodore and shall comprise the Honorary Wine Steward, Honorary Social Organiser and no more than seven other members elected at the Annual General Meeting.

The Sailing Committee and House Committee shall discuss the business of the Club as applicable and make recommendations to the Executive Committee which shall have the final power of decision.

To further its aims and objectives a Committee may, by majority vote, co-opt onto it any appropriately qualified Club member.

(d) Management

The Executive Committee shall manage the affairs of the Club in accordance with these rules and shall define the various duties of the Officers of the Club and of all other committees of the Club. All members, including Junior and Associate, where appropriate shall be expected to assist with the running of the Club.

(e) Bye-Laws

The Executive Committee may from time to time make, alter and repeal bye-laws regulating the use by members of any Club premises or of any gear and equipment provided by the Club, the holding of races and the good conduct of Club affairs. All bye-laws so made shall be posted in the clubhouse and, provided they are not inconsistent with these Rules, shall be binding on all members and other persons using the Club premises and shall be construed as part of these Rules until rescinded or varied by the Club in General Meeting.

(f) Election of Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting and retiring members shall be eligible for re-election.

(g) Removal of Officers and Committee Members

Any General Meeting shall have the power to remove any officer or member of a committee and all vacancies occurring by such removal shall be filled at the same or next General Meeting following thereafter.

7. Membership

Membership of the Club shall be open to all persons irrespective of ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or beliefs; or of age, sex or disability except as a necessary consequence of the requirements of Sailing as a particular sport.

(a) The Club shall consist of seven classes of membership:-

(i) Full Member

Any member who attained the age of 18 before the beginning of the membership year (1st February) and who does not qualify as a Family member.

(ii) Family Member

The member and spouse/partner and any dependant child of either of them who has not attained the age of 18 before 1st February, or who is over 18 and in full-time education, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.

(iii) Junior Member

Any child who has attained the age of 8 but not attained the age of 18 before 1st February, or who is over 18 and in full-time education, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee. A Junior member under the age of 18 may only apply for membership of the Club provided a parent/guardian also joins the Club in one of the membership categories.

(iv) **Associate Member**

A non-sailing member of 18 or over

(v) **Temporary Member**

Any person authorised in writing by the Executive Committee of the Club to use the premises and/or any facility for a specified time not exceeding one calendar month.

(vi) **Guest sailor or member of another RYA affiliated club**

Any such person is entitled to sail at this Club for a maximum of 3 times in any sailing season before being required to apply for membership. Any member is only allowed to sail with a guest a maximum of 3 times in a season. All guests must be signed in on each occasion.

(vii) **Honorary Member**

Any person elected to such membership by the Executive Committee of the Club.

Only Full, Honorary and Associate members and parents or guardians qualifying for Family membership shall hold office or vote at any meeting except where otherwise provided for in these rules. Full, Family and Junior members will be considered sailing members. Associate and Honorary members will be non-sailing members. Temporary members may be sailing or non-sailing members.

- (b) Applications for all classes of membership should be made on the club's application form and forwarded to the Honorary Membership Secretary with the required fee. The Honorary Membership Secretary will display a list of new members on the club notice board in order that existing members are aware of new joiners, can look out for them and make them welcome.

Junior Membership may be extended to students over the age of 18 who are in full time education. Where an age limit applies to membership, the effective date shall be the 1st February in any year.

- (c) Temporary and Junior members shall be entitled to all the privileges of membership (see 7(a)) except that they shall not be qualified to be officers or members of the Executive Committee except where provided for in Rule 4.
- (d) It is expected that any member wishing to discontinue membership of the Club will notify the Honorary Membership Secretary in writing, not later than the 1st February in any year.
- (e) Any breach of the Club Rules or any conduct which, in the opinion of the Executive Committee, is either unworthy of a member or otherwise injurious to the interests of the Club, shall render a member liable to disciplinary action by the Executive Committee, which may include suspension for a specified period of time or expulsion.

Before taking such disciplinary action against a member, the Executive Committee shall call upon such member for a written explanation of the member's conduct and shall give the member full opportunity of making explanation to the Executive Committee, or of resigning.

A Resolution to apply any sanction shall be carried by a simple majority vote by those members of the Executive Committee present and voting on the Resolution.

Upon suspension/expulsion the member/former member shall not be entitled to have any part of the annual membership fee refunded and must return any Club or external body's trophy or trophies held and any keys to the Clubhouse and Boathouse forthwith.

8. Subscriptions

- (a) All persons joining the Club for the first time shall pay a joining fee.
- (b) Subscriptions may only be altered by general consent of the Club at an Annual General Meeting and current subscription rates will be posted in the clubhouse or be obtainable from the Honorary Treasurer. Subscriptions are due on the 1st February each year. Associate members becoming Full members shall pay the difference in subscriptions if applicable.
- (c) A Member admitted after 31st August in any year shall pay a joining fee and half the annual subscription and half the appropriate boathouse fees applicable for that year.
- (d) Boathouse Fees. The Executive Committee shall have the power to review boathouse fees annually and to make adjustments according to the circumstances prevailing at the time. Boathouse fees are due on 1st February each year.
- (e) Anyone renewing their membership late, i.e. after 1st March shall pay an administration fee equal to the entrance fee in addition to their renewal fee.

9. Arrears

Any member not having paid their subscriptions or any other monies due to the Club, by 1st March in any year, shall cease to be a member. No such person shall be entitled to the privileges of the Club until their subscriptions and all monies due to the Club have been paid and they shall not remove, or cause to be removed, any boat or other property belonging to him/her from the Club premises until all arrears have been cleared. If after notification they still be a defaulter, the Club shall be entitled to sell the said property in any manner they see fit.

10. Finance

- (a) The accounts of the Club shall be made up to 31st July and shall be audited by auditors, who shall be appointed annually at the Annual General Meeting.

- (b) The funds of the Club shall be kept by the Honorary Treasurer under the supervision of and in such place and manner as shall be determined by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall have the power to expend the Club funds as they think fit in accordance with these Rules and the objects of the Club.
- (c) If at any time the Club in General Meetings shall pass a resolution authorising the Executive Committee to borrow money, the Executive Committee shall thereupon be empowered to borrow for the purpose of the Club such amounts of money either at one time or from time to time upon such terms and security and in such manner as the Executive Committee shall deem proper.
- (d) All members with full voting rights whether voting on such resolutions or not and all persons becoming Full members of the Club after the passing of such resolution shall be deemed to have assented to the same as if they had voted in favour of such resolution.
- (e) Any member guaranteeing the banking account or lending money to the Club, shall, if not an officer or elected member of the Executive Committee, be entitled, after giving seven days' notice, to be present at the next properly constituted Executive Meeting.

11. Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Club, of which not less than twenty-one clear days notice shall be given in writing, shall be held no later than 31st December each year for the purpose of passing the accounts and receiving the reports of the Commodore, Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Sailing Secretary. In all matters the Club is deemed to have given twenty-one days notice by emailing on that day, or for those few members without email, posting first class post the day before, or second class post three days before. All offices shall then be deemed to be vacant and the Meeting shall proceed to elect the Patron, President, Vice-Presidents, Honorary Members and Officers of the Club and Auditors and to fill vacancies on the Executive Committee for the ensuing year.

Nominations for all officers and members of the Executive Committee must be duly proposed and seconded by members having full voting rights and must include the consent of the nominee to serve if elected. Such nominations and all other matters for inclusion in the Agenda must be made in writing and must be in the hands of the Honorary Secretary not less than fourteen days before the date of the Meeting. Any questions not included in the Agenda shall not be considered by the Meeting except as a matter of urgency and with the consent of the presiding officer. The quorum at the Annual General Meeting shall be fifteen members with full voting rights.

Associate and Junior members are entitled to attend the Annual General Meeting, but are not permitted to vote, except where otherwise provided for in these Rules.

12. Extraordinary General Meeting

The Executive Committee may at any time and shall on the requisition of any twelve members with full voting rights (or one-fifth of the total number of such members,

whichever shall be the less) stating the business for which it is required, convene an Extraordinary General Meeting for any specific purpose. Not less than twenty-one clear days' notice in writing shall be given and the quorum shall be not less than fifteen members with full voting rights. In all matters the Club is deemed to have given twenty-one days notice by emailing on that day, or for those few members without email, posting first class post the day before, or second class post three days before.

13. Boat Storage

The boathouse should be used for storage of members' non-motorised craft, and the club's RIBs. Should the boathouse run out of space, the Sailing Committee will decide on priority of storage, with the expectation that priority will be given to sailing dinghies, ahead of kayaks, windsurfers, paddleboards etc.

14. Sailing Rules

The Sailing Rules shall be those of World Sailing unless otherwise ordered by the Sailing Committee.

15. Clubhouse

(a) The clubhouse shall be opened to members at such times as the Executive Committee shall by bye-laws determine.

(b) Conditions of Sale

(i) Intoxicating liquor for consumption off the premises shall only be supplied to members of the Club aged 18 and over.

(ii) The supply and sale of intoxicating liquor for consumption on the premises shall be restricted to:-

(a) Members of the Club aged 18 and over.

(b) A person visiting the Club who is already a fully-paid member of another recognised yacht or sailing club and aged 18 and over

(c) Permitted hours

These shall be decided from time to time by the Executive Committee within the licensing laws as may be enforced by Hastings Borough Council.

(d) Guests

Any member shall be entitled to introduce three guests to the Club, at any one time, provided that no guest shall be introduced on more than three occasions in any one year and provided that no person whose application for membership has been declined or who has been expelled from the Club shall be introduced as a guest. A member introducing a guest shall be responsible for such guest's

conduct and ensure that the Visitors' Book is properly completed on each occasion.

(e) Control

Any Officer of the Club, or any member of the Executive Committee, or any person authorised by the Honorary Secretary of the Club shall have power to prohibit the entry to, or order the removal from the Club premises of any person at any time for just cause.

(f) Games

The Executive Committee shall have power to prohibit any games on the Club premises which in its opinion are unlawful games or are injurious to the interests of the Club.

16 Voting

Every Full, Honorary and Associate member shall be entitled to vote. Family membership shall entitle each parent, spouse or guardian to one vote. In every case where the number of candidates is greater than the number of vacancies, the election of Officers and Committee members shall be decided by ballot. In other cases voting shall be by show of hands unless a ballot is requested by twelve members with full voting rights present at a General Meeting. When an equal number of votes is cast for and against a proposal, the presiding officer shall have a second or casting vote. Postal or proxy voting will not be permitted at any General Meeting.

17 Liabilities

The Club shall not be liable for personal injury sustained by any member or visitor, nor for any damage or loss by fire, theft or other causes to boats, masts, spars, gear, or any other property either in or near the Club premises, notwithstanding such injury, damage or loss be caused, occasioned or rendered possible by the negligence of the Club, its Officers, members, servants, or any other person.

All owners must have adequate insurance for any property stored in or around the Club Boathouse including as a minimum third party insurance.

Junior Members (under age 18 years of age): Parents and guardians have sole responsibility for their children and wards and must appreciate that the Club cannot be expected to exercise supervision or control.

18 Rules

The Rules of the Club shall be deemed to be accepted by all members and by all other persons using the Club premises. These Rules may be added to, repealed, or amended by resolution at any General Meeting. The Executive Committee shall have power to decide any question not provided for in these Rules or arising upon the interpretation thereof.

19 Income/Profit

All surplus income or profits are re-invested in the club. No surpluses will be distributed to members or third parties. This does not prevent donations by the club to charities or to other clubs that are registered as community amateur sports clubs.

20 Dissolution of the Club

In the event of the dissolution of the Club, any assets remaining after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities shall not be paid or distributed among the members of the Club, but shall be given or transferred to one or more of the following approved sporting or charitable bodies.

- (1) A registered charitable organization(s).
- (2) Another Club which is a registered CASC.
- (3) The sport's national governing body for use by them for related community sports.

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Hastings & St Leonards Sailing Club

Sailing Rules and Instructions for Club Races

(Reviewed November 2019)

1.0 Sailing Rules

The safety of the boat and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/competitor racing the boat who must ensure that the boat and crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of the race.

Neither the establishment of these Sailing Instructions nor the inspection of the boat under these conditions in any way limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner/competitor for his/her crew, his/her boat and the management thereof.

The Club or race organisers shall not be liable for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/competitor as a result of their taking part in the race or races, or other water based activities. Moreover, every owner/competitor warrants the suitability of their craft for the race/races, or other water based activity. Any participating craft must be covered by third party insurance to a minimum of £2 million.

All helms and crews must wear suitable and adequate personal buoyancy whilst sailing. Wet suits do not constitute adequate buoyancy.

If a boat is in difficulty its occupants or other participants must comply promptly with any instructions issued by the crew of any Club patrol boat.

Any person entering a Club race must comply with the Club rules in relation to the payment of membership fees. Persons not complying will not be eligible to race and will not benefit from awards under the Sailing Instructions.

2.0 General Sailing Instructions

All races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 - 2020, the prescriptions of the RYA, the rules of the class, (except where any of these are altered by the sailing instructions), and these sailing instructions. The Club has implemented the RYA Racing Charter and competitors will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter.

- Competitors must enter each race by completing the name of the helm and crew of the boat and its class and sail number on the signing-on form.
- Competitors must sign the declaration after completing each race, second race if back to back, including when retiring. Declaring your retirement must be done within 30 minutes of returning to shore by signing the Declaration Notice. Please note the Declaration Notice may be situated by the Course Board or at the Patrol

- Boat during recovery. The location will be at the discretion of the Race Officer.
- The Declaration Notice must be signed to declare that a competitor has sailed the race/races in accordance with World Sailing Rules.
 - Competitors must comply promptly with any directions issued by the Race Officer.
 - Protests must be handed in on a Protest Form to the Race Officer within 30 minutes of coming ashore. Protest applications for the first race of the day will be accepted within 30 minutes of returning to shore after the second (or subsequent) races in a back-to-back series. The display of a Protest Flag is not required.
 - The course to be sailed, direction of rounding marks and any additional instructions or variations to these instructions will be posted on the course board in the boathouse.
 - The Sailing Committee may amend the Club's fixture list at any time. Please consult the club notice boards for further information.
 - All sailors are expected to help launch and recover the Club Patrol Boats. The Race Officer may require competitors to declare their retirement at the Patrol Boats.

3.0 Starting

The Start Line will be an imaginary line drawn between the Red/White mast bearing an Orange flag above the Race Office, through a Yellow/Black pole topped with a triangle on the Lower Promenade. A Limit Mark, which may not necessarily lie on that line, will mark the end of the line. For Committee Boat starts separate instructions will be issued.

The Starting System to be used is RRS 26 and is described in the Appendix to these instructions.

4.0 Recalls

Individual recalls will be signalled by leaving the relevant class flag signal in place and raising International Code (IC) flag 'X'. These will remain in place until the offending boat has cleared herself or for four minutes whichever is the earlier.

General recalls will be signalled in accordance with World Sailing 29.2 'First Substitute' flag. Procedure for subsequent starts will be World Sailing 26.

Prohibited Area Penalties.

After a General Recall at the discretion of the Race Officer, either of the following prohibited area penalties may be implemented:-

- a) 'Round the Ends' - World Sailing Rule 30.1 shall apply when IC Flag 'I' is flown with the new preparatory signal.

- b) 'Black Flag' Rule - The rule shall apply when a black flag is flown with the new preparatory signal. Boats which race within the triangle formed by the starting line as defined earlier and the first mark during the minute before their starting signal shall immediately retire from that race and subsequent restarts and re-sails of that race. The start of the one minute period shall be signalled by lowering the black flag with a long sound signal.

5.0 Shortened Courses

IC Flag 'S' (and 2 sound signals) indicates that the race will finish at the end of that leg still to be completed by the leading boat, i.e. a line between a mark of the course and the finishing line as defined earlier (or a patrol boat flying a blue flag).

6.0 Finishing

The Finishing Line will be an imaginary line drawn between the Red/White mast above the Race Office and the designated mark shown on the Course Board. Boats must cross the finishing line in the direction of the course from the last mark, and therefore hooked finishes are not permitted or valid.

7.0 Abandonment

If it is decided to abandon the race in progress all boats must go ashore immediately, report to the race office and sign off.

Abandoned Races will be signalled by displaying IC flag 'N'. Three sound signals may also be given.

8.0 Time Limits

The following time limit will apply for all Series and Handicap races.

- 15 minutes after the first finisher for back-to-back races and,
- 30 minutes after first finisher for single races.

A longer time limit may be set at the discretion of the Race Officer and boats 'out of time' given a placing.

9.0 Changes to Sailing Instructions

Changes to Sailing Instructions will be posted at least 30 minutes before the advertised start of the race or races concerned.

Changes in the sailing instructions will be indicated by displaying IC flag 'L' and a numeral pennant signifying the number of notices posted if more than one change. When no further changes have been made, IC flag 'L' will be lowered after the start of the first race of that day.

10.0 Race Points

- 1 Point for first place, 2 points for second etc. awarded to club members only.
- Did Not Finish - DNF - Number of starters in that race + 1.
- Retired after finishing - RAF - Number of starters in that race + 1.
- Disqualified - DSQ - Number of starters in that race + 2.
- Did Not Start - DNS - Number of starters in that race + 1.
- Did Not Compete - DNC - Number of starters in that Series.

Points are awarded to the helm, not the boat.

To calculate Overall positions for the season a helm will be awarded 1 point for a series win, 2 for second etc. the helm with the lowest total, with no discards, will win the overall trophy. If a helm fails to sail any races in a series, the points awarded will be as DNC (number of starters in all series + 1).

11.0 Scoring

Series Races to count - the discard profile for Club races:-

Races Sailed	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Discards	0	0	1	1	1	2	2	2	3	3	3	4	4	4	5	5	5	5	6	6	6

Allowance may be made to a helm who is scheduled to and undertakes a duty on a day when racing takes place. If that helm's 'number of races sailed' falls short of the minimum requirement for that series score (after discards) in compensation for the races missed, the Sailing Committee will award that helm the average score of his/her points achieved overall in that series for each race missed. This compensation will only apply to the day when a helm's name appears on the duty roster or a previously arranged exchange of duties has taken place.

Ties - When there is a tie in accumulated series points between two or more helmsmen, the tie will be broken in favour of the helm with the most first places or, if the tie remains, the most second places or lower places if necessary, using only the scores for each helmsman that count for his/her series. When the tie still remains, it will be broken in favour of the helm that has the best score in the last race in which the tied helmsmen raced and scored differently.

Overall Scoring

To calculate the overall positions each series will be counted as a race, i.e. a win in the Spring Series will be 1 point, second in the Early Summer Series 2 points etc. the helm with the lowest score will be the winner of the Overall Trophy for that season.

When there is a tie in the accumulated points for the overall trophy between two or more helms, the tie will be broken in favour of the helm with the most series wins, or if the tie remains, the most second places or lower places if necessary, when the tie still remains it will be broken in favour of the helm that has the best result in the last series sailed.

Handicap Races to Count - the discard profile for the season's Handicap Series will be as above. However, specific named handicap events shall be as follows:-

Races Sailed	1	2	3	4	5	6
Discards	0	0	1	1	1	1

Series – Definitions

A series race is a race in which 3 or more of the same class of dinghy compete. Only a series race with 3 or more of the same class of dinghy will qualify for their own start. If less than 3 boats are competing they will start with the Handicap Fleet but the points gained will count towards their own Class Series.

Handicap Racing

The Club will from time to time organize and run separate named Handicap events. Helmsmen may sail different classes of boat within the same series or event, however for the purpose of scoring, the points will be awarded as if that helmsman was a different competitor.

This rule will also apply the Tiddler's Nip Trophy.

Tiddler's Nip Trophy - This Handicap event is for both helm and crews who will be under the age of 18 on the date the event finishes.

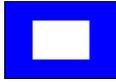
Alternative Penalties

Touching a Mark; a boat shall exonerate herself in accordance with World Sailing 44.2.

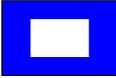
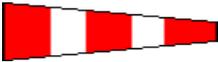
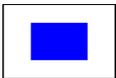
Other infringements World Sailing 44.1/44.2 '720 degree Turns Penalty' will apply for infringement of a rule of Part 2 of the World Sailing Rules.

Appendices

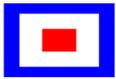
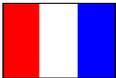
Starting Sequence:

Sequence No.	Signal	Flag and Sound	Visual	Mins before Start
1	Class Start Warning	Class Flag displayed Laser or 'V' or 'W' or 'T' or 'O' or '2') with 1 Sound Signal	Appropriate Class Flag	5
2	Preparatory	Normal = Class Flag + 'P'. Optional = Class Flag + 'P' + 'T' or Optional = Class Flag + 'P' + Black All with 1 Sound Signal	Appropriate Class Flag +  or... Appropriate Class Flag +  or... Appropriate Class Flag + 	4
3	One Minute Warning	Normal = Class Flag with 'P' removed Optional = Class Flag + 'T' or Optional = Class Flag + 'T' + Black All with 1 Long Sound Signal	Appropriate Class flag or... Appropriate Class Flag or... Appropriate Class Flag	1
4	Starting	All Flags removed with 1 Sound Signal (and next Class Start displayed if appropriate)	Normal = 'empty' or Appropriate next Class Flag	0
5	Starting sequence 2, 3, and 4 applied to following classes as appropriate			

Flag Identification

Preparatory Signal 'P'	
'Around the Ends' Rule (RRS) I	
Black Flag Rule (RRS)	
Postponement 'Answer Pennant'	
Shortened Course 'S' (Sierra)	
Abandon All Races 'N' (November)	
General Recall (1 st Substitute)	
Individual Recall 'X' (X Ray)	
Changes in the Sailing Instructions L (Lima)	

Class Flags (Current 2019)

Dart 16 Class Flag 'W' (Whiskey)	
Laser	
Topper Class Flag 'T' (Tango)	
Miracle, Merlin, Magno 'O' (Oscar)	
Shearwater Class Flag 'V'; (Victor)	
Handicap Fleet Num. Pennant '2'	