

TRESAITH MARINERS SAILING CLUB

Open on 25th & 26th August 2018

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 Race Programme

Saturday 25th August 2018

Race 1 warning signal at 11.55

Race 2 warning signal as soon as possible

Race 3 warning signal as soon as possible

Sunday 26th August 2018

Race 4 warning signal at 10.55

Race 5 warning signal as soon as possible

Race 6 warning signal as soon as possible

2 Rules

- 2.1 The races are organised by Tresaith Mariners Sailing Club with launching from Tresaith beach.
- 2.2 Competitors shall not sail in the swimming area marked with red / yellow flags.
- 2.2 The races will be governed by the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), except as any of these are changed by these sailing instructions.

3 Eligibility

- 3.1 Without exception, all helms must ensure their race entry fee is paid and they have registered their intention to race by completing the event entry form, at least 30 minutes before the race start time.
- 3.2 All boats shall use correctly numbered sails unless prior permission has been given and endorsed on the entry form, varying rule 77.
- 3.3 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed. In exceptional circumstances, the race committee may allow a variation.
- 3.4 No variation of Portsmouth Number will be allowed during the regatta.
- 3.5 Adequate personal buoyancy shall be worn by all competitors whilst racing, varying rule 40.
- 3.6 A minimum of 3 starters are required to constitute a race.

4 Disclaimer of Liability

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.

5 Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

6 Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted in the Club Marquee.

7 Changes to Sailing Instructions

Other than postponements any changes to these sailing instructions will be posted one hour before the first race on the day it will take effect.

8 Scoring

- 8.1 RYA Portsmouth Yardstick Scheme as set out in the current RYA-YR2 will be used.
- 8.2 Portsmouth Numbers (PN) will be those published in the current RYA-YR2 for each class.
- 8.3 Boats without Portsmouth Numbers published in the current RYA-YR2 will be allocated numbers by use of the Trial Number (TN) method as described in the current RYA-YR2.
- 8.4 The regatta event will be scored using the Low Point scoring system, Appendix A with each boat's overall series score based on:

Races sailed:	6	5	4	3	2	1
Races to count:	5	4	3	2	2	1

9 Signals Made Ashore

- 9.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Marquee.
- 9.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 20 minutes" in race signal AP.

10 Briefing

- 10.1 A briefing for competitors will be held approximately one hour before the start of each day's racing.

11 Class flag

- 11.1 If all boats are to start together, the class flag will be flag W.
11.2 If catamarans are to have their own start, their class flag will be C. This will be followed by the monohulls' start; their class flag will be W.

12 Racing Area

- 12.1 The racing area is offshore from Tresaith Beach.

13 The Course

- 13.1 This will be specified on the course chart at the time of the briefings and /or indicated by a course number board on the side of the committee boat.
13.2 Average lap racing will be used unless conditions indicate a need for a fixed course race.
13.3 For average lap racing the start and finish lines will be at the same point on the course. Competitors must complete in full the lap of the course they are sailing, until they cross the finishing line.
13.4 Shortening the fixed course. If flag S is displayed, (with two sound signals) the race will be finished at the end of the leg that the leading boat is sailing (i.e. between the next mark and a boat displaying a blue flag).

14 Marks

- 14.1 These will be specified at the time of the briefing. Club marks are Yellow cylindrical shaped inflatable marks.

15 Penalties

- 15.1 A 360 degree penalty turn applies for hitting a mark.
15.2 A 720 degree penalty turn applies to all other infringements.

16 The Start

- 16.1 Races will be started by using rule 26, with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.
16.3 An orange flag on the committee boat indicates that it is on station ready for a start procedure.
16.4 The starting line will be between a staff displaying the class flag on the committee boat and the outer mark "O", as defined on the appropriate course chart; the inner mark "I" is a limit mark. Boats shall not sail between this mark and the committee boat. Any boat so doing has committed an infringement (15.2 above applies and shall be made prior to making a correct start).
16.5 Separate starts may be used for catamarans and monohulls, in which case there will 5 minutes (minimum) between their starts.
16.6 In the event of a general recall, the restart for that group of boats will move to the end of the overall start sequence.

17 Mark Boats

- 17.1 A mark boat may be used to assist the lead boats but failure of this boat to be on station will not be grounds for redress.

18 The Finish

- 18.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying a Blue flag on the committee boat and mark "O" as defined on the appropriate course chart, unless a shorten course, as prescribed in 13.4 is used.
18.2 If average lap racing is used, when the finish line is opened, competitors shall complete in full the lap that they are on until they cross the finish line.

19 Time Limit

- 19.1 Rule 35 is changed as follows.
19.2 The time limit is 2 hours. If no boat completes the course in this time, the race will be abandoned. Provided a boat finishes within this time scale, the time limit will be extended up to one and a half times that of the first boat's time, with a overall maximum of 3 hours. Any boat not finishing within the time limit will be scored 'Did not finish'.

20 Protests

- 20.1 Protests shall be written on forms available at the race office and delivered there within 45 minutes of last boat finishing.
- 20.2 Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible.
- 20.3 Protest notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit, to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a hearing or named as witnesses.
- 20.4 Rule 66 is changed by adding this sentence: 'On the last day of racing, a party to the hearing may ask for a reopening no later than 30 minutes after being informed of the decision.'

21 Radio Communication

- 21.1 Except as an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions whilst racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats.