



- 1.0 This Notice augments the Racing Instructions which are available from the Race Hut or the Sailing Secretary.
- 1.1 The rules of sailing are as now governed by WORLD SAILING (previously known as the ISAF) and apply save as expressly modified below.
- 1.2 Breaking of rules will incur a time penalty of 10% of race time for a 360 penalty and 20% for a 720 penalty added to the race time if penalty turns not done during the race.
- 1.3 Results of Points and Handicap races shall be ranked by applying a Portsmouth Yardstick ('PY') to each class of boat. The club PY applied to each class of boat for each race series is displayed in the clubhouse and on the club website, and it may be amended from series to series during the season at the discretion of the Sailing Committee in the interests of promoting fair and competitive sailing for all. Where a boat does not appear on the published club PY list it shall be given the PY for that class of boat which appears on the RYA PY list.
- 1.4 The following rules shall apply to any race which includes a Novice:
- Novices shall have their own start 3 minutes before any other class or the main fleet;
 - In points and handicap races the 3 minutes between the Novices start and the main fleet start shall not be counted as part of the Novice's race time;
 - Novices shall be a separate class in class races with the results adjusted by the Club PY number for each type of boat sailed by a Novice;
 - Novices shall display a coloured ribbon attached to their boom to designate them as a Novice and when such a ribbon is displayed other boats shall be obliged (i) to give due regard to a Novice's relative inexperience whenever exercising rights of way when boats meet and (ii) to provide the Novice with assistance, guidance and advice on the Rules of Sailing;
 - Rule 1.2 above shall not apply to Novices. NB. Novices are required to follow the rules of sailing, in particular the obligation to avoid contact with another boat if reasonably possible, but they are absolved from the usual penalties in the event they infringe the rules.
- 2.0 Racing Programme and Trophies**
- 2.1 The sailing programme for 2024 is available to all members on joining. Copies are also available to view in the clubhouse and the club website.
- 2.2 The current list of trophies to be competed for is displayed in the clubhouse and on the club website.
- 2.3 Membership of a class association or class certificate is not compulsory, but owners by entering any club race or competition confirm that their boat conforms to class rules and regulations. Rule amended to avoid accusations of cheating and protest under World Sailing (formerly ISAF) Rule 78/78.1.
- 2.4 In the event of no qualifiers in any series the trophy(s) will not be awarded.
- 2.5 The Points Series for Spring, Summer and Autumn 2024 will consist of a single start for all classes.
- 2.6 The Class Series for Spring, Summer and Autumn 2024 shall be for the following classes (i) Novice Class (ii) Solo Class (iii) Comet class. All other boats shall race as a combined Handicap Class with results based on PY.
- 2.7 The Long Points Series for April to October 2024 will consist of a single start for all classes (save for Novices in accordance with 1.4).
- 2.8 Class series races will start consecutively at 3 minute intervals: (1) Novice, (2) SOLO and then (3) Comet/Handicap. The race officer may combine/divide starts at his/her discretion depending on the number of boats entered and/or sailing conditions.
- 2.1 Boats not starting correctly at their allocated start time will be scored as DNS. Failure of a Boat and its Helm to start within 90 secs will be scored DNS.
- 3.0 **Single Handed Sailing.** A GP14 or other Double Handed Dinghy may be raced single handed in the class, points and handicap series. Rule adopted in amendment to World Sailing rule 87.
- 3.1 **Short Series Trophy Events** All double hand boats must be sailed with a Crew except Mirror (save that a Mirror which starts with a crew cannot then sail without). A breach of this rule will constitute a separate result.
- 3.2 Rule 3.0 has been adopted and will be sailed under the terms of fair play and with understanding that crews do not abuse the rule to suit conditions.
- 3.3 The Sailing Committee in the event of a breach of either rule 3.0 or 3.2 has the right without appeal to remove rule 3.0 and/or penalise those that do.
- 4.0 At least one boat in any race must complete the course for points to be awarded.
- 5.0 The following rules apply to boats which have a choice of different sizes of rig with a different PY for each rig (e.g. Laser Standard / Radial / 4.7, ILCA 7 / ILCA 6 / ILCA 4, RS Aero 9, RS Aero 7, RS Aero 5).
- 5.1 Each rig shall be treated as a separate class of boat (e.g. ILCA 7/ Laser Standard, ILCA 6 / Laser Radial, ILCA 4/ Laser 4.7, RS Aero 9, RS Aero 7, RS Aero 5 are each a separate class of boat) and shall have the relevant PY for that rig applied to its results in all races.
- 5.2 Change of rig during any race Series (including Trophy Series) will apply to all class of dinghy and constitute a separate result/score. Class defined genoas and jibs are exempt.

Definitions

Open; "Open Meeting" permits helms from other clubs to race specified boats at Aylesbury S.C. on the dates given.

Novice: helmed by a person who (a) has been competing in races for less than 12 months, (b) has not placed in the top 3 of any race with more than 5 finishers, and (c) has not finished a race within 20% of the race winner's time. Any person who qualifies as a Novice may choose to start and sail with the main fleet and not take advantage of rule 1.4.

Juniors; helmed by a person less than 18 years as of March 1st 2024.

Seniors; helmed by a person over 18 years of age as of March 1st 2024

Masters; helmed by a person over 60 years of age but less than 70 years of age at March 1st 2024.

Grand Master; helmed by a person over 70 years of age at March 1st 2024.