

Combs SC

Open Meeting Sailing Instructions

Races will be sailed under ISAF, RYA and Class Association Rules and the following instruction, the last taking precedence.

Personal Flotation devices: All sailors shall wear an appropriate personal flotation device at all times whilst afloat. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices.

STARTS: Starting Time: First race will start at 12.00 hours Saturday 2nd September.

Start Line: This will be at the discretion of the OOD and may be;

- i) A line taken from a point in the control hut through a transit pole at the water's edge to one of three moored markers, or
- ii) A line taken from a mast in the committee boat to a moored marker,

Starting Signals: For a single Class Open Meeting the signals shall be;

- i) 5 minutes before the start, the class flag will be broken out and a sound signal made,
- ii) 4 minutes before the start, the international code flag 'P' will be broken out and a sound signal made,
- iii) 1 minute before the start, code flag 'P' will be lowered and a sound signal made,
- iv) At the start the class flag will be lowered and a sound signal made.

For an Open Meeting for two or more classes, the signals shall be explained at the briefing prior to the first race, together with the starting sequence. Those instructions may be posted on the official notice board.

COURSES - Will be decided by the Officer of the Day on the day and will be displayed at least 15 minutes before the start, marks are numbered clockwise around the reservoir as shown on the plan. Courses are shown by reference to mark numbers and mark letters, with the Port and Starboard marks indicated by the appropriate colour. All boats must pass through the finish line as indicated on the course board.

ONE MINUTES RULE - In the event of a General Recall, the ISAF rule 30.1 shall apply, "round the ends". Any boat in the triangle formed by the start line and the first mark in the period of one minute before the new start shall return behind the start line outside the limit mark or the Committee boat. A sound signal will be made one minute before the start to signify this rule is taking effect.

GENERAL RECALL - If a number of unidentified boats start prematurely or if the Officer of the Day is not satisfied with the start a general recall will be made. This will be signaled by hoisting the First Substitute pennant and making two sound signals. For a single Mass Open Meeting the signal for a recalled start will be the five minute warning signal for a new start. For a Joint Open Meeting, the recalled start will be put after any other fleets have started. The procedure will be given at the briefing and posted on the notice board.

INDIVIDUAL RECALL - If any part of a boat is across the line at the start, a sound signal will be made immediately after the starting signal and the class flag will be left flying at the dip until boats on or over the line have returned correctly, in accordance with the one minute rule and to the satisfaction of the Officer of the Day. The responsibility for correct starting is entirely that of the helmsman.

FINISHING LINE - The finishing line shall be between the transit pole in front of the control hut and the moored marker which formed the start line. Or, in the case of the course being shortened, between a mast on the Committee boat and the nearest numbered or lettered mark.

POSTPONED RACE - A postponement will be signaled by hoisting the answering pennant and giving two sound signals. A further postponement of 15 minutes will be indicated by dipping the flag and making further sound signals. Postponement signals will be made either aboard the Committee boat or from Race Control.

ABANDONED RACE - Flag 'N' will be hoisted and three sound signals made either on the Committee boat or at Race Control. All boats must immediately go ashore and helmsmen report to Race Control.

CANCELLED RACE - Flag 'N' will be hoisted over the class flag and three sound signals made either on the Committee boat or at Race Control.

SHORTENED RACE - Flag 'S' will be hoisted on the flagstaff at Race Control and two sound signals made as the leading boat approaches the last mark before the finishing line. A race will normally be stopped at the conclusion of a whole number of laps within the time limit or for any other valid reason, the Committee boat will proceed to any suitable mark on the course and form a finishing line between its mast and the mark.

TIME LIMITS - The following time limits will apply;

- i) If the leading boat has not reached the first mark after three-quarters of an hour, the race will be abandoned.
- ii) If the leading boat fails to complete the course or shortened course within two hours, the result will be decided on the placing of boats on the last full lap to be completed.
- iii) If any boat fails to complete the course within half an hour of the first boat finishing, it will be deemed to have retired.
- iv) At the expiration of the time limit flag 'T' will be hoisted either on the Committee boat or at Race Control or both and two sound signals will be made.

DECLARATIONS – Signed declaration not required.

PROTESTS - Protests must be made in writing on a protest form obtainable from the Officer of the Day. Such completed forms must be handed in as soon as possible the time limit being half an hour from the finish of the race in which the infringement is alleged to have occurred.

ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES - As current R.Y.A. rule book.

RETIREMENTS - Boats retiring from a race must, on coming ashore inform the OOD accordingly.