

Babbacombe Corinthian Sailing Club

BCSC CLUB RACING 2024

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1** Club sailing will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024.
- 1.2** Class rules for one design entries and boats sailing under a standard one-design rating will apply.
- 1.3** In the event of conflict between the Notice of Race, any Supplementary Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.
- 1.4** Entries and eligibility are to be in accordance with the Notice of Race.
- 1.5** Racing Rules are changed as follows:
 - 1. RRS 29.1 and 29.2. are changed (see 5.4)
 - 2. RRS 40 is changed (see 11.1)
 - 3. RRS A4.2 and A9 (see 9.2)
 - 4. RRS 27.3 is changed (see 7.8)
 - 5. RRS 32.1 and 32.2 (see 7.8 and 8.2)
 - 6. RRS Part 5 Sections A to D are not applied, during club racing (see 10.1)

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1** Notices to competitors will be displayed in the Oddicombe Beach clubhouse.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1** Changes to these sailing instructions will be announced to competitors at the briefing.

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4 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 4.1 The Club Racing Programme 2024 will be displayed on Club notice boards and is available on the website www.babbacombe-sc.com or from the St Marychurch Club House.
- 4.2 Club Racing is planned to take place on Tuesday evenings. Generally, two races will take place during the session. The first race in each session will form part of the series, but the Race Officer may, at their discretion, change this.
- 4.3 The warning signals are planned to be at 1800 on Tuesday, at 1400 on Saturday afternoons or at 1000 on Sunday mornings. See 2024 sailing calendar for sailing schedule. Boats must be fully rigged and ready to launch within 30 minutes of this time.
- 4.4 It is the competitor's responsibility to read the briefing information for the sailing session which will be posted on the notice board at least 1 hour before the planned warning signal times. The Race Officer will usually check with each boat crew either whilst they are rigging their dinghies or at a collective briefing.
- 4.5 Each races series will comprise two classes: Senior Class and Junior Class. Both of these classes may contain a mixed fleet and will be handicapped accordingly. Note that if there is an adult and junior in a double hander this will be classified as Senior Class. Other classes may be introduced if the number of boats in that class are deemed to be sufficient.
- 4.6 Club racing will comprise one, or more series. Each series will consist of eight races, of which the two worst results, for each competitor will be discarded, when the results table is published. The Sailing Committee may, at its discretion, amend the number of races in the series, if cancellations due to weather or other external difficulties, make it impossible to maintain the published sailing calendar.
- 4.7 In addition there will be a number of Special races throughout the season (eg Vice Commodores Cup, Commodores Cup, BBQ Cup). These will be stand-alone races and will not count towards any series points.

5 COURSES

- 5.1 Courses will normally be triangular and port-handed with a committee boat (RIB) start and finish.
- 5.2 The diagram of the courses and marks are shown in Appendix A.
- 5.3 All rounds will normally be triangle and races will normally consist of three rounds. However, variations (eg. "triangle-sausage-triangle") may be employed. The exact sequence of marks will be notified in the Notice of Race.
- 5.4 An individual recall or general recall may be signalled by use of sound signals only. This changes Rules 29.1 and 29.2.

6 MARKS

- 6.1 Marks will normally be spherical buoys.

7 START AND FINISH

- 7.1 The Start Line will be between the port/starboard flag on the Committee Boat and the start gate mark. If this has not been laid, the Race Officer may set the start line by the leeward mark.
- 7.2 At the discretion of the Race Officer, the first race may be started before all boats are in the starting area if there would be a significant delay in waiting for late boats to arrive. The first race will, wherever possible, be completed without adjustment to the course length, or number of laps, stated in the Notice of Race.
- 7.3 The Finish Line will normally be between the port/starboard flag on the Committee Boat and the leeward mark. For the final race, the mark closest to shore may be used instead of the leeward mark.
- 7.4 A boat will be deemed to have finished the race, once it has sailed the required number of laps and has crossed the finishing line. Boats that have finished the race are required to leave the course and the finishing line area, to sufficient distance that they do not obstruct the view of the Race Officer.

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- 7.5 If the committee boat is performing safety cover at the completion of a race, the times will be planned to be recorded from the beach clubhouse.
- 7.6 A red flag displayed on the Committee Boat will signify that all marks are to be left to PORT. A green flag will signify that all marks are to be left to STARBOARD.
- 7.7 The Race Officer will decide at each session whether there will be a two-class start or a single start. For a two-class start, the 2nd Class Flag will be specified the briefing and the starting sequence will be as follows:

Minutes (1st class)	Minutes (2nd class)	Signal	Flags	Sound Signals
5	(10)	Warning	Flag "R" displayed	one
4		Preparatory	Flag "P" displayed	one
1		Preparatory down	Flag "P" removed	one long
0	5	Start (1st class) Warning (2nd class)	Flag "R" removed 2 nd Class Flag displayed	one
	4	Preparatory	Flag "P" displayed	one
	1	Preparatory down	Flag "P" removed	one long
	0	Start (2nd class)	2 nd Class Flag removed	one

For a single start, the starting sequence will be as follows:

Minutes (All)	Signal	Flags	Sound Signals
5	Warning	Flag "R" displayed	one
4	Preparatory	Flag "P" displayed	one
1	Preparatory down	Flag "P" removed	one long
0	Start (All)	Flag "R" removed	one

- 7.8 Club racing flags are:



Flag P (Preparatory)



Flag R (Senior/All Classes)



Flag S (Shorten Course)



Flag N (Abandon Race)



Port course



Starboard course

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Flag Q (Junior Class)



Blue flag (Finish)

Flag N will be used to signal that all racing is completed for the day, and will have the same meaning as the combination of flag N over flag A. Three short blasts will be sounded, when the flag is hoisted. This changes rules 27.3 and 32.1. Flag S will be used to signal a reduction in the number of laps to be sailed. Two short blasts will be sounded when the flag is hoisted. This changes Rule 32.2.

8 TIME LIMIT

- 8.1 The Mark 1 time limit is set at 15 minutes after the start. (see RRS. S/12.1) If no boat has passed the first mark at this time, the Race Officer will abandon the race. (see RRS. S/12.2)
- 8.2 In order to avoid delays between back-to-back races and late returning to shore, any boat still with significant distance to cover after the majority of the fleet have finished may, at the discretion of the Race Officer, be instructed to cease racing. In this case the boat will be given a finishing position after those boats completing all rounds. The Finishing Window is set at 30 minutes after the first boat finishes the race (see RRS. S/12.1)
- 8.3 The Race Officer has the discretion to shorten the course at any mark without signalling. This changes RRS 32.1 and 32.2.

9 SCORING

- 9.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply. Where competitors do not sail in the same boat for all races in a series, the person who helms the boat will be deemed to be the competitor for purpose of scoring.
- 9.2 For mixed fleets of different classes of dinghy, the Portsmouth Yardstick scheme will be used to calculate handicap corrected times. The PY handicap rating for each dinghy will be that listed in the RYA website, for 2024 (Note: normally updated in February of each year)
- 9.3 Rule A4.2 and A9 are changed to provide that a boat that does not come to the starting area shall be scored as number of starters in the series plus one point.
- 9.4 Any boat that enters after a series has commenced will score the number of starters in the series, plus one point for each race in which she did not compete.
- 9.5 Competitors may discard their worst points allocation for a number of races in each Series. The number of Discards will be as shown in 4.4.above.
- 9.6 If a race is abandoned for any reason, no points will be allocated. The race may be re-sailed at the discretion of the Race Officer or the Race Committee.
- 9.7 Separate scoring for each Series shall be applied to each Class.
- 9.8 Scoring for Special races shall be in accordance with the above or as modified with any special instructions issued for that race.
- 9.9 Any competitor who does not compete in a race(s) due to duties of race organisation of any Club event, will be awarded Series Average Points, excluding Discards. Those wishing to claim should notify the Race Officer who should record this on the result sheet on the day. This should be done on the day, or within seven days of the race.

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10 PROTESTS AND PENALTIES

- 10.1 For club racing, where it is expected that many competitors are inexperienced, the Sailing Committee has decided that no penalties will be imposed for (often inadvertent) breaches of the Rules of Racing. Therefore, no Protest Committee has been set up and competitors are requested to discuss matters, on an informal basis. (Rules 60 to 74 will not be applied)

11 PERSONAL BUOYANCY AND SAFETY

- 11.1 All competitors shall wear life jackets or buoyancy aids at all times whilst afloat. This changes Rule 40.
- 11.2 The crew of all dinghies shall wear clothing and safety equipment (including harnesses) in the manner intended by the manufacturer. Long hair shall be restrained to avoid any risk of entanglement with equipment.
- 11.3 No dinghies shall launch until a safety boat or patrol boat has launched.

12 DECLARATION REQUIREMENTS

- 12.1 Competitors must register their intention to participate in each race session prior to the pre-launch briefing by writing the boat type, PY number, sail number and name of helm and crew on the appropriate form held at the beach clubhouse.

13 PRIZES

- 13.1 The main prize-giving event for Club Racing will be held at the end of the season at the St Marychurch Club House.
- 13.2 Each Series will have a prize for the winner in each class.
- 13.3 Each Special race may attract prizes at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 13.4 The Race Committee may also at their discretion direct prize-giving events to occur at any time throughout the sailing season, particularly in relation to the 'Special' races.

14 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 4.1 Competitors participate in Club Racing entirely at their own risk. See RRS rule 4 "Decision to Race". Babbacombe Corinthian Sailing Club will not accept any liability for damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the Club Racing events.

115 INSURANCE

- 15.1 Each participating boat shall be required to hold adequate insurance including valid third-party liability insurance which, in the case of dinghies, shall be a minimum of £2M.

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 16.1 For further information please contact the Vice Commodore, Babbacombe Corinthian Sailing Club, Fore Street, St Marychurch, Torquay, TQ1 4LY.

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APPENDIX A – THE COURSE

