

Friday Series Sailing Instructions

- 1) The Club start line and finish line will be used. Boats will be allowed to start at any time between 18.45 and 19.00. It is the skipper's duty to record the start time in GPS time.
- 2) The course may be selected by any competitor to arrive at the Club.
- 3) The course letter will be displayed against the railings by the Club mast by 18.30 hrs. The number of laps to be sailed will be displayed immediately to the right of the course letter. (You will need a key to the Clubhouse to access number/letter boards).

| Courses | | Distance Nm |
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| A | Downham (P), finish E | 2.6 |
| B | Bay (P), finish W | 1.4 |

- 4) The first boat must finish within 90 minutes.
- 5) All boats should sail through the No5-PMSC Club line "gate" between A and B courses. When more than 1 lap of A or B is sailed No 5 will be the turning mark and must be left to port.
- 6) The races are open to PMSC members only and will be based on the honour system whereby the skipper will agree to accurately note their start and finish time. Points will be awarded according to each yacht's finishing position, and the overall winner of the series will be the yacht with the least number of points from their best three results. A trophy will be presented by the Club for the winner.
- 7) The races will be conducted under the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) except as amended by PMSC. All yachts and dinghies may take part as long as they have a rating within the Byron handicap system or recognised PY rating. There will be no alteration of handicaps from those used within the above systems.
- 8) Entry will be via standard race entry forms which must be presented at the Club after the race. The results will then be calculated and sent, together with the race entry forms, to the Sailing Secretary for checking. It will be the owner's responsibility to calibrate his time piece on the day of the race to UTC time taken from a GPS source.
- 9) Shortening Course Procedure:
After approximately 1 hour the leading boat should decide whether it will be possible to finish the race within the 90 minute timeframe. If, due to unfavourable wind/tide conditions the leading boat recognises that a shortened course should be sailed as it is unlikely that most yachts shall finish the race, the leading yacht may take its own finishing time as it passes through the Club line and finish. Upon finishing the leading boat should lower its sails as soon as possible in order to signal that a shortened course is being sailed. As each subsequent racing boat passes through the "gate" they should finish noting their own finishing time.
- 10) Any boat finishing after 2100 will be deemed retired.

| Race Number | Date | HW |
|-------------|-------------------------|---------|
| 1 | 3 rd July | 2147BST |
| 2 | 31 st July | 2010BST |
| 3 | 14 th August | 1752BST |
| 4 | 28 th August | 1809BST |
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