

Wi-Manx Isle of Man Dinghy Championships

Manx Sailing & Cruising Club

1st & 2nd September 2012

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS.

Rules

The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and these Sailing Instructions. No boat or rig changes will be permitted during the event.

Notices to competitors

Notices to competitors will be displayed on a whiteboard located in the garage, under the 'Lookout'.

Signals made ashore

Signal flags ashore will be flown from the mast on the 'Lookout'.

If flag AP is displayed ashore, racing will start not less than 1 hour after the AP is lowered.

Schedule of races

Saturday 1 September:	Races 1, 2 & 3	Warning Signal Race 1 @ 10:30 Races 2 & 3: as soon as possible.
Sunday 2 September:	As above	Warning Signal Race 4 @ 11:00 Races 5 & 6: as soon as possible.

Racing area

The racing area will be Ramsey Bay - South of the Grand Island Hotel, North of the Iron Pier.

Courses

The course will be indicated by a letter displayed on the committee boat and sailed according to the attached diagram.

Classes

All boats shall sail within the same mixed handicap fleet.

Marks

All marks will be round orange inflatable buoys.

The Start

Races will be started under rule 26 with the warning signal (ICF Numeral 1) made 5 minutes before the start.

The starting line will be between the mast of the committee boat at the starboard end and the port end starting mark.

Boats not starting within 4 minutes after the start signal will be scored DNC

Change of position of the next mark

The race committee may move marks to maintain the configuration of the course relative to the wind. Such changes will not be signalled to competitors. This amends rule 33.

The Finish

The finishing line will normally be between the mast of the committee boat displaying an orange flag and the nearby finishing mark.

Penalties

RRS Rules 44.1 and 44.2 will apply (Two turns).

Handicap System

The duration of each race will be approximately 40 minutes.

The Average Lap/Portsmouth Number system will apply

Protests

Boats wishing to protest shall inform the Race Officer immediately after finishing. Protest forms are available at the club office. Protest forms shall be delivered to the Race Committee within 1 hour of the finish of the last boat in the last race of the day.

Protest Notices will be posted on the whiteboard within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Competitors must check the notice-board as there will be no onus on the Race Committee to contact individuals.

Scoring

The low point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.

Three races completed will constitute the series.

When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

When five or six races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores

excluding her worst score.

Safety

Adequate personal buoyancy for crew members must be worn in the yacht at all times. Wetsuits do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy. Inflatable type buoyancy aids will not be considered adequate unless fully inflated. It is the intention of the Committee that this rule will be implemented at all times. Anyone not in compliance with this instruction will be disqualified without a hearing.

Competitors are reminded that the first consideration of safety boats is the safety of competitors.

Safety boats are provided on race days for competitors taking part in club racing. In the normal sequence of events, they will not be available to other boats outside the race area, nor will they be available once club racing has finished.

Boats retiring from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

Prizes

Prizes will be given as follows:

The MYA Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner. Prizes will also be awarded to boats finishing in 2nd and 3rd places overall.

Social

The Prize Giving will be held in the Lookout after racing at approximately 16:00 and will be accompanied by a Regatta Tea

WIND

Mark 1

Mark 2

Mark 3 **Start**

Mark 4

Course

- T - 1,2,4,1,2,4 and so on, passing through the start/finish line “gate” at Mark 3 on upwind legs.**
- P - 1,2,3,4,1,2,3,4 and so on, passing through the start/finish line “gate” at Mark 3 on both downwind and upwind legs.**
- S - 1,4,1,4 and so on, passing through the start/finish line “gate” at Mark 3 on upwind legs.**