

THE PRICE PLATTER (Match Racing Event)



Sailing Instructions

16 October 2019

1.	Rules
1.1	The organising authority will be West Kirby Sailing Club.
1.2	The event will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, including Appendix C but only in respect of the starting procedures, the RYA prescriptions, the Rules for Handling Boats, the LBFA class rules and these Sailing Instructions
1.3	Competitors shall wear adequate personal buoyancy when afloat. This amends RRS 40.
1.4	Races will be umpired and the right of appeal is denied in accordance with RRS 70.5
1.5	The Umpires and the PRO shall have the authority to withdraw any team from the competition who in their opinion have behaved in a reckless manner likely to cause damage to the boats.
1.6	Spinnakers will not be used.
2.	Entries
	Only teams who have entered and signed the declaration may compete.
3.	Notice to competitors and changes to sailing instructions
3.1	Changes to the Sailing Instructions made before competitors go afloat will be posted in the Clubhouse - Flag L will be flown.
3.2	On the water, any notices and changes to the Sailing Instructions shall be advised verbally but flag L will be flown from the committee boat.
3.3	Competitors briefing will be in the club house at 09.30 on Saturday 19 October.
4.	Boats
4.1	The event will be sailed in Liverpool Bay Falcon One Design boats.
4.2	Boats will be identified by their sail number
4.3	The Blue or yellow starting entry shall be signalled by fixing a coloured sleeve provided around the vang or the starboard shroud. Colours shall be changed between races as per the schedule provided.
4.4	Boats will be exchanged in accordance with the pairing list and race schedule.
4.5	The centreboards will be tied off at about half board. Any competitor found to change or tamper with that setting will be disqualified without a hearing.
4.6	Competitors will not be allowed to make any adjustments to the fixed or running rigging or any other part of the boats structure. The penalty for making any adjustments will be a disqualification without a hearing.
5.	Racing programme
5.1	Racing will commence at 10.30 and should finish by 16.30. The start of a race will be the warning for the next unless signalled by the start boat.
5.2	The proposed schedule of races will be available at the briefing.
5.3	The race committee can change the schedule at any time.
5.4	The matches to be sailed in a flight will be displayed in order of starting on the start boat.
6.	Breakdown
6.1	Before the attention signal of a flight or within two minutes of finishing or within five minutes of changing into a new boat, whichever is later, a boat may display a red flag to signal breakdown or damage to the boat, her sails or injury to her crew and request a delay to the next start, this amends rule Appendix C 6.2. She shall proceed as soon as possible to close to leeward of the RC boat and remain there, unless otherwise directed.
6.2	The time allowed for repairs shall be at the discretion of the Race Committee.
6.3	After the attention signal of a flight, a match will not be postponed or abandoned due to breakdown unless the breakdown signal was displayed as required by SI 6.1.

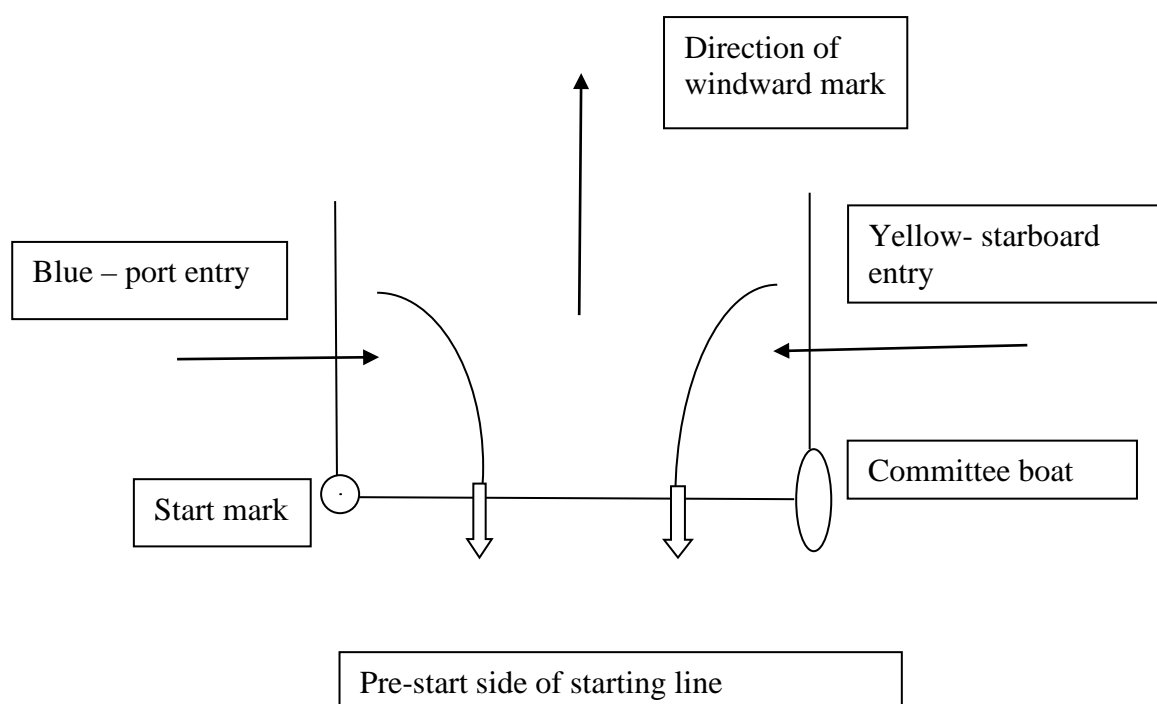
6.4	When a boat is unable to finish she shall retire immediately.
6.5	In either case if she considers that she has been prejudiced she shall contact the umpire as soon as possible. The umpire will decide what action will be taken. This may be a re-sail or no action.
6.6	This decision will not be subject to protest or further calls for redress.
7.	Racing Area
7.1	The racing area will be West Kirby Marine Lake
7.2	The racing area shall be bounded by a caution zone extending one boat length clear of the wall. Boats should not sail in this area.
7.3	RRS 20.1 shall be amended to include: (d) a right of way boat shall give room to a boat approaching the caution zone without waiting for a hail. This does not eliminate the requirement to hail or arm signal. A boat entering the zone will not be penalised unless such entry is being used for tactical advantage
8.	The Course
8.1	The course will be displayed at the briefing.
8.2	The course may be changed at any time by PRO verbally if necessary.
8.3	The PRO may change the position of any mark at any time, without notification. This amends RRS 33.
9.	Marks
	The marks will be described at the briefing.
10.	Starting/Finishing Line – Match Racing
10.1	The starting line will be a straight line between the course side of the starting mark and the staff with an orange flag on the RC boat. The starting box is shown on the attached sketch
10.2	The finishing line will be between the staff with an orange flag on the RC boat and the course side of the finishing line mark.
10.3	A buoy may be attached to the RC boat anchor line just below keel depth. Boats shall not pass between this buoy and the RC boat at any time. This buoy is part of the RC boat ground tackle.
11.	The start
11.1	The next flight number will be displayed on the start boat.
11.2	The starting sequence will be 3,2,1 with boats needing to enter the box at 3 minutes and cross the start line from the course side at 2 minutes. . This changes RRS C3.1.
11.3	Starting will be in accordance with extract below this amends RRS Appendix C, rule C4
12.	Time limit
	A boat that does not finish within 5 minutes after her opponent has completed the course and finished will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35 and A5.
13.	Prizes
	The Price Platter will be awarded to the winning team.
14.	Liability exclusion
14.1	The attention of all skippers and crews is drawn to RRS 4 (Decision to Race).
14.2	Skippers and crews should be fully aware and conscious of the actual and potential risks involved in active watersports, including drowning, hypothermia and other physical injuries including head injuries. Skippers and crews should be aware of the particular risks of match racing where yachts are manoeuvred in close proximity and that the actions of other competitors, the actions or inactions of the organisers, including drivers of escort craft, can also endanger their safety.
14.3	The safety of the yacht and her crew and her entire management are the sole responsibility of the skipper and he/she should satisfy himself / herself that the yacht and crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of the event.
15.	Protest Procedure
	This is described in the RRS Appendix C, Section C 6. In summary if a boat wishes to protest she must fly a Y flag (provided in the boat). The umpires will respond in accordance with RRS Appendix C, Section C 5 and C 6.5 by flying either a green (no penalty), a blue or yellow flag, or both, which awards a penalty to

	<p>either or both boats or a black flag with either a blue or yellow flag which means that boat is disqualified. At the same time the umpires will put a coloured shape on the post of the umpire boat notifying an outstanding penalty.</p>
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REQUIREMENTS BEFORE THE START

C4.1 At her preparatory signal, each boat shall be outside the line that is at a 90° angle to the starting line through the starting *mark* at her assigned end. In the pairing list, the boat listed on the left-hand side is assigned the port end and shall display a blue flag at her stern while *racing*. The other boat is assigned the starboard end and shall display a yellow flag at her stern while *racing*.

C4.2 Within the two-minute period following her preparatory signal, a boat shall cross and clear the starting line, **the first time from the course side to the pre-start side**.



Starting sequence

Attention signal – a series of rapid sound signals from the committee boat.

3 minutes: Preparatory signal P Flag boats enter box

If one or both boats enters early their respective flag, blue or yellow will be flown indicating a penalty

2 minutes: If one or both boats fail to cross from the pre-start side of the start line their respective flag blue or yellow will be flown indicating a penalty

1 minutes: P Flag removed

0 minutes: START