



BRIGHTLINGSEA SKIFF FEST

International B14 Class, RS700 Class, RS200 Class, 2000 Class and Rooster 4000 Class

7th & 8th October 2017

Organised by Brightlingsea Sailing Club in conjunction with the Class Associations

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS)
- 1.2 Competitors shall wear lifejackets or other adequate personal buoyancy at all times when afloat except for short periods while changing clothing. Wetsuits and drysuits are not adequate personal buoyancy. This changes RRS 40.
- 1.3 Part 5, Section B of The Racing Rules of Sailing, as well as rules 44.1 and 63.1 are changed to permit Protest Arbitration.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 The Race Office will be in the main Club House. Official communications will be posted on the designated Official Race Notice Board in the Club House.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted not later than 60 minutes before the advertised warning time of the race or races concerned, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the designated flagpole which is a halyard on the Club Starting Hut.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The Race Committee may increase the number of races on any day to a maximum of 4 - without making a change to the Sailing Instructions – on the water, this will be indicated by the Committee Boat displaying Flag ‘W’.

Saturday 7 th October	Competitor Briefing	approx. 10:30
	3 Races	First start 12.30
Sunday 8 th October	3 Races	First start 10.30
	Prize giving	ASAP after racing

- 5.2 Races will be sailed back to back. 6 Races are scheduled.
5.3 No racing will be started after 15.30 on Sunday 8th October.
5.4 The O.A. and/or the R.C. reserve the right to modify the programme due to weather conditions or other causes.

6 CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 The class flags will be:-
RS 200 / 2000 - numeral 9
B14 / 4000 - numeral 8
RS 700 - numeral 7

7 RACING AREA

- 7.1 The racing area will be in the Colne/Blackwater Estuary.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The diagram in Annex A shows the course, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
8.2 Where the course includes a pair of marks as a gate, if one of the gate marks is missing or removed the remaining mark shall be rounded to port.
8.3 The 2000 & RS200 classes will sail course A. The 4000, B14 & RS700 classes will sail course B.
8.4 The approximate magnetic bearing of Mark '1' from the Committee Boat may be displayed on the Committee Boat before the warning signal.
8.5 The number of laps will be displayed on the Committee Boat before the warning signal.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 Rounding marks will be black or orange pyramid inflatable marks, approximately 1m high.
9.2 Starting marks will be a race committee boat at the starboard end, including any attached boats or buoys, and a white or pink spherical buoy approximately 0.5-0.8m in diameter at the port end.
9.3 Finishing marks will be a race committee boat, including any attached boats or buoys, at the port

end and white or pink spherical buoy approximately 0.5-0.8m in diameter at the starboard end.

9.4 An Inner limit mark, if used, will be a yellow cylinder buoy approximately 0.6m diameter.

10 LOCAL NAVIGATION REQUIREMENTS

10.1 Competitors are reminded of their personal responsibilities for complying with International and National Regulations and Local by-laws governing marine navigation.

10.2 Abridged extract from the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at sea, 1972:

"A boat shall not impede the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway. A boat shall not cross a narrow channel or fairway if such crossing impedes the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway. The latter vessel may use five short and rapid blasts of her sound signal if she is in doubt as to the intention of a crossing boat."

10.3 Competitors are asked to note that the beach known as Second Beach which lies to the East of the estuary is a Nature Conservation area with landing restricted to an area designated between the two arrows.

11 THE START

11.1 The starting line will be between the mast on the Race Committee boat at the Starboard end and the Port end start mark.

11.2 An Inner Limit mark may be laid adjacent to the Race Committee boat, which will be a mark of the course. No competitor shall pass between the limit mark and any part of the vessel it guards after warning signal.

11.3 Races will be started in accordance with rule 26.

11.4 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4. & A 5

11.5 Class starts:

The start order will be:

1 - RS 200 & 2000

2 - B14 & 4000

4 – RS 700

11.6 Starts will follow each other at five minute intervals. In the event of a general recall the offending fleet will go to the back of the sequence.

11.7 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

12 CHANGING THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will either lay a new mark of a different colour or move the original mark. In the case of a new mark they will remove the original mark as soon as practicable. If there is a subsequent change the "new" will be replaced

by an original mark.

12.2 RRS 33 (a) (2) is modified in that the shape of the flag or board shall have no significance.

13 SHORTENING COURSE

13.1 Courses may be shortened:

- a) Either when the leading boat approaches Mark A or B, appropriate to the course they are sailing, in accordance with RRS 32.2(a).
- b) Or when the leading boat approaches Mark G1/2 by the Committee Boat displaying flag S with two sounds. Boats shall pass through the gate Marks G1/2 and sail directly to the Finish Line as defined in SI 14.1. For the convenience of competitors, another boat appointed by the Race Committee *may* repeat the display of flag S near Mark 3 with repeated sound signals to draw attention to the shortened course, but this does NOT change the requirement to finish as defined in SI 14.1. This changes RRS 32.2 (a), (b) and (c).

14 THE FINISH

14.1 The finishing line will be between the mast on the Race Committee boat at the Starboard end and the port end finishing mark.

14.2 In recognition of the wide range of abilities attending this meeting and the possibility of wind dropping a “Grand Prix” finish maybe be implemented . Once the leading boat finishes, either the full course or a shortened course, all boats will finish in accordance with SI13.1 irrespective of the number of laps they have completed. Finishing places will be awarded appropriately taking account of the number of laps completed.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

15.1 The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, will not apply.

15.2 RRS 44.1 is modified to replace the Two-Turns Penalty with a One-Turn Penalty.

15.3 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 31 or 44.1 shall sign the declaration sheet to this effect at the same time as tallying off (see SI 19.1).

15.4 RRS Appendix 'P' will apply. The Race Committee and specifically nominated Rescue Boat crews are designated observers for the Protest Committee in the application of RRS Appendix P.

16 TIME LIMITS

16.1 The time limit for each race will be 80 minutes for the first boat. If no boat has reached Mark B within 30 minutes of the start the race will be abandoned.

16.2 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat finishes that has sailed the course may be allocated a finishing position by the race committee based on their position round the course. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

17 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

17.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall

be delivered there within the protest time limit.

- 17.2 The end of protest time is 30 minutes after the last boat that has raced reaches the shore. This time will be recorded by the race office.
- 17.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. This notice will include the time and place of the hearing.
- 17.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 17.5 A list of boats that, under instruction 15.4 that, have been penalised for breaking RRS 42 will be posted before the protest time limit.
- 17.6 Breaches of sailing instructions 10.1 – 10.3, 11.7, 15.3, 19, and 22 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for breaches of these and the class rules may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.
- 17.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing will be delivered
- a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes RRS 66.

- 17.8 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2
- 17.9 Arbitration will be available for rules of part 2 which do not involve damage or injury.

18 SCORING

- 18.1 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.2 When fewer than 3 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 18.3 When from 3 to 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1 **Boats shall 'tally out' before launching by removing their tally band from the tally board and 'tally in' by returning the tally band to the appropriate hook on the tally board as soon as practicable on returning ashore.** Failure to comply with this SI will result in a 5 point penalty in the race closest to the infringement, other boats will not be rescored. The 5 point penalty may be avoided by payment of a £10 donation to the RNLI for each infringement. Donations will be collected by the club. This changes RRS 63.1.
- 19.2 The tally board will be located in the area at the head of the club launching ramp. Individual

tally numbers will be issued at registration.

- 19.3 Retirements and penalties taken shall be declared on the declaration log sheet in the Race Office.
- 19.4 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. Competitors must still comply with Sailing Instruction 19.1

20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 20.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior approval of the race committee. Requests shall be submitted to the race office in writing not less than 1 hour before the start or the first race of the day.
- 20.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 21.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.
- 21.2 All boats shall hold a valid measurement certificate where required by their Class Rules. Only certified sails – if required - shall be used.
- 21.3 The Race Committee or their instructed representative may weigh, measure or inspect a boat and/or her equipment before, during or after any race.
- 21.4 Under exceptional circumstances, the Race Committee may permit a boat to carry a distinguishing number other than that required by RRS 77 and Appendix 'G' or her class rules. Requests shall be submitted to the race office in writing not less than 1 hour before the start or the first race of the day.

22 SUPPORT BOATS

- 22.1 Except when acting in a direct and immediate safety capacity, team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the warning signal of the first race until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. The penalty for failing to comply with this SI will be applied to the competing boat associated with the infringing support boat and a scoring penalty calculated using the formula in RRS 44.3 will be applied to the race sailed nearest in time to the incident.

23 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 23.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

24 PRIZES

- 24.1 Trophies and/or prizes will be given to the winners or each class and to a number of other boats at the discretion of the organisers.

25 RISK ASSESSMENT

Rule 4 of the RRS states “the responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone”.

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- (a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk while taking part in the event;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss caused by their own actions or omissions;
- (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;

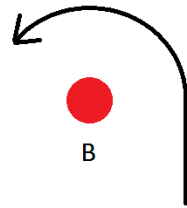
N.B When applicable, parents or guardians of competitors under 16 years old will be required to take full responsibility for their dependents throughout the event and to sign the parental permission form provided at registration.

- 25.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

26 INSURANCE

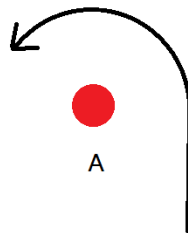
Each participating boat shall be insured with adequate valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

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COURSE B - B14, 4000, RS700

Lap 1 - Start, B, Gate
Lap 2 - B, Gate
Lap 3 - B, Gate, Finish



COURSE A - 2000, RS200

Lap 1 - Start, B, Gate
Lap 2 - A, Gate
Lap 3 - A, Gate, Finish

