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WHITSTABLE YACHT CLUB

Founded 1902 Affiliated RYA

Dart 18 TT9 and B14

Open Meeting

30th Sept and 1st Oct 2023



3-4 SEA WALL
WHITSTABLE
KENT CT5 1BX

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

1.1 The event will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 - 2024, the prescriptions of the RYA, the rules of the Dart 18 and B14 class associations, the event Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions. In cases of conflict, the Sailing Instructions will prevail.

1.2.1 Advertising on the **boat** chosen by the owner or person in charge is permitted.

2 LIABILITY EXCLUSION

2.1 A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.

2.2 The boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £3,000,000.

3 CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

3.1 **Measurement.** Boats must have current measurement certificates as required by her class rules or for the B14s comply with class rules. Protests and disputes on measurement or other class rules will be referred to the class association and results will be announced "subject to protest".

4 SAFETY

4.1 **Personal Buoyancy.** Adequate personal floatation devices (PDF) for all crew members shall be worn at all times whilst racing. Neither a wetsuit nor drysuit constitute adequate personal buoyancy. Flag Y will not be displayed. This alters RRS 40.

4.2 **Tallies.** A tally system shall be in use. A tally number will be allocated to each boat at registration. All competitors shall tally out on the box provided, before launching and shall tally back in the appropriate box immediately after coming ashore, and certainly WITHIN 30 MINUTES OF THE FINISH OF THE LAST BOAT IN THE LAST RACE OF THE DAY. This procedure is for the safety of competitors, so that the organisers know who is afloat and ashore if an emergency arises. The penalty for failing to comply with this sailing instruction may be disqualification or a contribution of £10 to the RNLI made before the end of the protest time, as provided for in Rule 64.1 (Penalties and exoneration).

5 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 5.1 **Notice to Competitors.** Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board in the Sea Room.
- 5.2 **Changes in Sailing Instructions.** Any changes in the Sailing Instructions will be posted 1 hour before the advertised starting time of the race concerned, except for a change to the starting time of the first race of the following day, which will be posted by 2000 hrs on the day before it will take effect. Changes in Sailing Instructions will be indicated by Flag “L” flown from the WYC flagstaff until such time as deemed reasonable.
- 5.3 Competitors must NOT go afloat until the ‘D’ flag is flown from the club mast. The first warning signal will not be made less than 45 minutes after flag D is displayed’.
- 5.4 **Briefing.** There will be a mandatory briefing for all competitors on WYC deck on Saturday at 11-30am

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

The schedule of races for the Dart 18 Fleet is:

Date	Race	Time of Warning signal	HW
Saturday 30 th Spt	Race 1	1225 hrs	14:01
	Race 2	Back to back after Race 1	
	Race 3	Back to back after Race 2	
Sunday 1 st Oct	Race 4	1055 hrs	14:43
	Race 5	Back to back after Race 4	
	Race 6	Back to back after Race 5	

The schedule of races for the B14 Fleet is:

Saturday 30 Sept	Race 1	1231 hrs	14:01
	Race 2	Back to back after Race 1	
	Race 3	Back to back after Race 2	
Sunday 1 st Oct	Race 4	1101 hrs	14:43
	Race 5	Back to back after Race 4	
	Race 6	Back to back after Race 5	

7. CLASS WARNING SIGNAL

- 7.1. The Dart 18 class warning signal will be: International Code Flag T
- 7.2. The B14 class warning signal will be: International Code Flag B

8 COURSE INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1 The committee boat may display the Whitstable Yacht Club burgee.
- 8.2 **Course.** The course will be as per the attached diagram with the a fixed Start and Finish line a short distance to leeward of the leeward gate.
- 8.3 The course configuration and order of rounding marks is shown on the attached diagram. The diagram indicates the number of legs required to complete particular rounds.
- 8.4 The number of laps for each race will normally be 3. Any variation to this will be shown on the Committee Boat before the Warning signal.
- 8.5 **Magnetic bearing of Mark 1.** The approximate magnetic bearing of Mark 1 from the committee boat may be displayed on the committee boat before the warning signal.

8.6 **Description of course marks.** Course marks will be orange inflatable buoys, and a new mark used in the event of a course change will be a large inflatable black ball - See SI.10. (Change of course after the start). The starting marks and finishing marks will be a race committee boat or an Inner Distance Mark (IDM) at the Starboard end and a black spherical buoy at the port end.

9 STARTS

9.1 **The Committee Boat.** will take station approximately three quarters of a mile to leeward of Mark 1

9.2 **Starting Line** An orange flag will be displayed on the starting committee boat. The starting line is defined as the line between the mast displaying an orange flag on the committee boat, and the centre of the port end starting mark which is a black cylindrical buoy. The committee boat at the starting line may hold station using engines.

9.3 An Inner Distance Mark (IDM) **may** be laid to mark the starboard end of the line. The IDM may not be on the line. When an IDM is laid, boats must start between the IDM and the port end starting mark. The IDM will be described at the briefing.

9.4 A boat shall not start later than 5 minutes after her starting signal.

9.5 **Black Flag Rule.** Rule 30.4 will apply to all B14 starts.

9.6 **Starting Procedures.** The starting procedure will be in accordance with Rule 26 with warning signals 5 minutes before starts. The race officer may alert competitors that he is about to make the warning signal by sounding a number of short blasts.

9.7 Dart 18s will start 1st in all races.

9.8 There will be minimum 1 minute gap between the start signal for the Dart 18s and the warning signal for the B14s.

9.9 In any race in the event of a general recall for the Dart 18s they will start under Black Flag AFTER the B14s have started, with a minimum 1 minute gap between the start signal for the B14s and the warning signal for the Dart18s.

9.10 No race will start if sustained wind across the course is less than 5knts or more than 25knts.

10 CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

10.1 After the start, should the course be changed, a new mark (a black inflatable ball) will be used. Any change of course will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg to the new mark, although the new mark may not then be in position. The new mark will be in position before the leading boat is adversely affected. The original mark will be lifted as soon as is practicable.

10.2 To signal a change of course, a race committee vessel near the mark preceding the new mark will display a red or green flag to indicate whether the new compass bearing is to port or starboard respectively of its previous bearing, and will make repetitive sound signals. Any mark to be rounded after the new mark may be re-located, without additional signals, in order to maintain the original course configuration.

10.3 When, in any subsequent change of course, a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with an original mark. SI.10 alters Rule 33.

11 FINISHING

11.1 **Finishing Line.** The finishing line will be between the mast displaying a blue flag, aboard a committee boat and the finishing mark, which will be a Yellow spherical buoy or, for a shortened course, the nearby course mark. The committee boat at the finishing line may hold station using engines.

11.2.1 **Time Limit**

11.2.2 The target time for lead boats in each class is 40 mins. The time limit for each race will be 60 minutes from the starting signal. The race will be valid for all boats finishing within this limit.

11.2.3 At the discretion of the Race Officer, boats at the back of the fleet, and whose finishing positions are unlikely to change, may be given their observed position on the course and instructed to return to the starting area for the start of the next race. Any such boat will be signaled with a 'W' flag.

12 **PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 12.1. Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 12.2. B14s, when an incident occurs where a penalty applies while the head of the spinnaker is above the main-boom gooseneck, the penalty may be taken immediately after the next time the head of the spinnaker is lowered below the main-boom gooseneck but shall always be taken prior to rounding the next mark or crossing the finishing line. This changes Rule 44.2.
- 12.3. Touching a mark (other than a starting or finishing line mark) with any part of the boat or crew shall not constitute an infringement of the Rules. Manhandling a mark which results in an advantage is not allowed and a boat so doing shall promptly retire. If a boat touches a start or finish mark they shall complete a one-turn penalty as described in RRS 44.2. This changes RRS 31.

13. **PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 13.1. Protest forms are available at the race office, located in the clubhouse. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 13.2. The protest time limit is 1 hour after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee and protest committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes RRS Rules 61.3 and 62.2. The time limit may be extended at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 13.3. 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.
- 13.4. Notices of boats protested by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS Rule 61.1(b).
- 13.5. Breaches of instructions 18, 21, 22 or 23 will not be grounds for protest by another boat. This changes RRS Rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the Protest Committee so decides.
- 13.6. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
 - 13.6.1. Within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day.
 - 13.6.2. No later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS Rule 66.
 - 13.6.3. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress from a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS Rule 62.2.

14 **SCORING:**

- 14.1 The low point system of appendix A (Scoring) will apply, with 6 races scheduled, with the following discards.

3 - 6 races sailed	1 race to be discarded
1 or 3 races sailed	All races to count

15 **PRIZES**

- 15.1 **Dart 18:**

Prizes will be awarded for the first 3 boats overall. There may be additional prizes.
- 15.2 **B14:**

Prizes will be awarded for the first 3 boats overall.

COURSE DIAGRAM

Rounding

Order

1p,2p, Gate (3s/4p)

1p, 2p, Gate (3s/4p)

1p,2p, Fin



