
Desborough Sailing Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR OPEN MEETINGS - From 1st April 2020

All races will be held under the rules of the ISAF, RYA and the specific rules of each Class concerned with the exception of:

ISAF	Rule. 26	Starting signals
	Rule. 29	Recalls
	Rule. 31	Touching a mark
	Rule. 32	Shortening course
	Rule. 35	Time limits

Specific reference will be made in the following Sailing Instructions by heading notation.

MINIMUM NUMBER OF STARTERS

There must be a minimum of 2 starters for each race.

ENTERING

The helmsman must sign and complete the official entry form and pay the appropriate entry fee.

STARTING AND FINISHING LINE

This is formed by bringing into line the two posts with Triangular top marks on the Clubhouse end of the start line, EXCEPT when course Z is set and there is a Committee boat in use, in which case the details will be indicated on the Notice Board.

LIMIT MARK

When a Limit Mark is placed at the Clubhouse end of the line, it must be passed to starboard at the start and on completion of each lap.

CLASSES AND THEIR FLAGS

National 12	Code Flag T
GP14	Code Flag A
British moth	Code flag E
Handicap	Numeral Pennant 1

THE PORTSMOUTH YARDSTICK SCHEME

The Portsmouth Yardstick Scheme is as set out in the current YR2 will be used.

Portsmouth numbers will be those published by the race committee prior to the start of each race or as posted on the notice board.

Yachts without Portsmouth Numbers published in the current YR2 will be allocated Numbers by the use of the Trial Number method described in paragraph 7.3 of the current YR2.

Portsmouth Numbers may be adjusted by the method set out in the current YR2 periodically at the discretion of The Sailing Committee.

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STARTS

Time of start - First race normally at 11.00hrs but this will be posted on the notice board for each race.

Rule 26 Amended	WARNING SIGNAL	broken Class flag out. 5 minutes before start and bell or horn sounded
	PREPARATORY SIGNAL PREPARATORY SIGNAL REMOVED	Code flag 'P' broken out 4 minutes before start and bell or horn sounded. Code Flag P lowered and bell or horn sounded 1minute before start
	START	Warning signal lowered and bell or horn sounded.

RECALLS

Rule 29 amended	If a boat is on or over the line when the starting signal is made, the bell or horn will be repeated and the Race Officer will TRY to hail the number on any such boat. Failure of any boat to return will result in disqualification.
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GENERAL RECALLS

Rule 29 amended	This will be indicated by hoisting the 1st substitute code flag and two rings of the starting bell immediately after the starting signal sounds. The start will then take place 1 minute after the first substitute flag is lowered, unless there is another race or second section of the same race is scheduled to take place after the start in question, in which case the restart will take place 5 minutes after the last start.
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TOUCHING A MARK

Rule 31 amended	When a yacht touches a Mark surrounded by navigable water, she may exonerate herself by completing the rounding of the Mark, leaving it on the required side and thereafter rerounding it or re-passing it without touching it, as required, to sail the course in accordance with rule 28.1, (Sailing the Course) and the Sailing Instructions. During the re-rounding or re-passing manoeuvre, she shall give way to all yachts which are rounding or passing correctly.
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SHORTENING COURSE FOR ALL RACES

If it is necessary to shorten the course, the respective **Class Flag** or **Numeral Pennant 1** or **Numeral Pennant 2** if applicable, will be hoisted over **Flag S** and the bell sounded twice (normally when the leading boat is in the vicinity of the penultimate buoy).

As soon as this signal has been given each boat crossing the line will be finished *irrespective of the number of laps completed.*

In exceptional circumstances it may be advisable to shorten course on a boat, other than the leading boat, to avoid some boats having to sail a further lap in failing light or wind.

In the event of a split start all boats are finished as if there had been only one start.

TIME LIMITS

One hour races 1.5 hours
Other Races 2.0 hours

If the leading boat finishes within the time limit, the time limit for that race will be extended by half an hour only. In the event of the leading boat being unable to complete the course within the time limit, the Sailing Committee may, at its discretion use the previous lap times as the result of the race (rule 35 amended).

RETIREMENTS, DISQUALIFICATION, DECLARATION & PROTESTS

RETIREMENT:	Boats will score one point more than the number of entries
DISQUALIFICATION:	Boats will score two points more than the number of entries.
NUMBER OF RACES TO COUNT	SEE NOTICE BOARD AND ATTEND THE BRIEFING
DECLARATION	All helms must sign a Declaration Form at the Club House within 30 minutes of finishing, even when retiring, when the word 'retired' should be added to the name. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.
PROTESTS:	Protests in writing must be handed to the Race Officer, together with the Protest Fee of 50p within 30 minutes of completing the course or withdrawing from the race. This may be extended in special circumstances by the Race Officer at his discretion. Protests will be heard at the Club House as soon as possible after the Race

SCORING SYSTEM

First:	1 point
Second:	2 points
Third:	3 points
Retirement:	See above
Disqualification:	See above

PERSONAL BUOYANCY

All cadet members are required to wear personal buoyancy whilst racing.
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BUOYS

Bank	D.S.C. buoy	approximately between 70 yards and 300 yards downstream from the entrance of the Desborough Channel
Club	D.S.C. buoy	near the Club House
Manor	D.S.C. buoy	in front of The Manor House in sight of the Club House
Desborough	D.S.C. buoy	placed between Club and Bank

COURSES

Standard courses are displayed at the back of the race box on the notice board.
Special Z courses will be detailed on a notice board and will be described at the pre- race briefing.

The Course letter and the number of laps for Class races will be displayed on the Race Box.

For Handicap races there will be no set number of laps.

A	All buoys to Port. Upstream start to Bank (R), to Club (P), to Manor (R), to Club (R), to line.
B	All buoys to Starboard. Upstream start to Bank (R), to Club (R), to Manor (R), to Club (P), to line.
G	All buoys to Port. Upstream start to Bank (R), to Club (P), to Manor (R), to Club (R), to Manor (R), to Club (R) to line.
H	All buoys to Starboard. Upstream start to Bank (R), to Club (R), to Manor (R), to Club (R), to Manor (R), to Club (P), to line.
M	All buoys to Starboard as B course above but the upstream buoy Bank is rounded to port.
N	All buoys to Starboard as H course above but the upstream buoy Bank is rounded to port.
Y	Letter Y in conjunction with another letter indicates that the course is modified to include the 'Desborough' buoy which must be passed to starboard on the upstream leg, but is not a mark of the course on the downstream leg.
Z	Special course - details displayed on the Club Board near Race Box and will be described at the pre- race briefing.

Note. Course M and N are useful when a strong stream is running.

N.B. (P) and (R) indicate whether a buoy is to be passed or rounded.