

# St Mawes Sailing Club

## SALCOMBE YAWL

### Open Meeting 2017

St. Mawes Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2017

Organising Authority: St Mawes Sailing Club

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Abbreviations:

(NP) - A breach of this rule will not be grounds for protest by a boat.

(DP) - Rules for which the penalties are at the discretion of the protest committee.

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). Changes to racing rules are described in the relevant sailing instruction.
- 1.2 In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions then the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence.

### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 The race office is located within StMSC's clubhouse. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the bar area.
- 2.2 To communicate with competitors the race committee shall use flags and boards which may be displayed on the committee boat, the yellow mast on St Mawes Quay, and the balcony of StMSC's clubhouse.

### 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Written changes to these Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board at StMSC not later than 2100 hrs on the day before the change comes into effect.

### 4. SIGNALS FOR RACES USING COMMITTEE BOAT START

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the yellow StMSC mast on St Mawes Quay.
- 4.2 When flag "AP" is displayed ashore, the Warning Signal will be made not earlier than 60 minutes after flag "AP" is removed. This changes RRS "Race Signals AP".
- 4.3 Starting signals will be communicated by displaying flags on the committee boat.
- 4.4 Courses will be signalled by displaying boards on the side of the committee boat. Each board will represent a mark (listed in Appendix A) and the order of the boards will show the order in which they are to be rounded. The colour of the letters on each board indicate the side on which they are to be left (red letter leave to port, green letter leave to starboard). If a black letter O is displayed, boats must pass between the committee boat and the yellow inflatable mark. The finish line, as defined in SI 14.1, will follow the last mark signalled.

### 5. SIGNALS FOR RACES USING StMSC's CLUB LINE START

- 5.1 Signals regarding abandonment of racing will be communicated by displaying flags from the yellow StMSC mast on St Mawes Quay.
- 5.2 All other signals (including postponement, starting and courses) will be communicated by displaying boards on the balcony of StMSC's clubhouse.
- 5.3 Courses will be communicated by displaying a number which will represent a pre-set course (see Appendix B).

### 6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – briefing on the Upper Deck at St Mawes Sailing Club at 1800.

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June – two races back-to-back - first warning signal at 1125.

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June – one race - warning signal at 1055.

With back-to-back races the warning signal for the second race will be approximately 20 minutes after the last boat has finished the first race.

Any races that are cancelled on Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup> June may be postponed until Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup> June.

For the races with committee boat starts, to alert boats that a race will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound approximately five minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

## **7. CLASS FLAG**

The class flag/board is C. This will be International Code Flag C when displayed from the committee boat and the letter C when displayed from the balcony of StMSC's clubhouse. Boats are not required to display the class flag.

## **8. RACING AREAS**

Racing will take place in St Mawes outer harbour and in the Carrick Roads.

## **9. THE COURSES AND MARKS**

**9.1** It is intended that for each race held on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June, there will be a committee-boat start with a first leg to windward and then a regatta-type course. There will also be a committee-boat finish.

**9.2** For each race on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June, boats must not cross the start/finish line except: at or before the start, when finishing, or when the course boards signal for them to do so (see SI 4.4).

**9.3** It is intended that the race (or races if any of the Saturday races are postponed) on Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup> will start and finish on St Mawes SC's club line off St Mawes Harbour, and regatta-type courses will be used.

**9.4** The marks used may be a combination of navigation marks, yellow spherical marks, marks with flags, and an orange inflatable mark.

## **10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS (NP) (DP)**

St. Mawes South Cardinal mark (Lugo) and moving exclusion zones around commercial shipping (see SI 18.4) are designated as obstructions.

## **11. THE START**

**11.1** The Starting Line for committee boat starts will be between the mainmast of the committee boat (which will be displaying an orange flag) and a yellow inflatable buoy.

**11.2** The Starting Line for StMSC club line starts will be an imaginary line through the yellow signal flagstaff on St Mawes Quay and the yellow pole at the apex of the clubhouse roof. Boats must pass Westward between the Inner Mark (Flag I), & the Outer Distance Mark (Flag D). The Distance Marks are not necessarily on the Starting Line.

**11.3** A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNF. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

## **12. SHORTEN COURSE**

**12.1** Courses may be shortened in accordance with RRS 32.2 and, in the case of races starting on StMSC's club line, by displaying an orange flashing light adjacent to the club's balcony together with boards displaying the letter C and International Code S.

## **13. CHANGE OF COURSE for races starting from club line**

If the course is to be changed during the race, a flashing green light will be displayed adjacent to the balcony along with a board displaying the letter C and the course number of the new course, as boats are approaching the Turning Mark. A sound signal may also accompany this. The full number of rounds in the new course applies. No change will be made to the mark rounding side. This changes RRS 27.1. (Note that if the green light is flashing without Class board C being displayed, the change of course will not apply to the Salcombe Yawl class).

## **14. THE FINISH**

**14.1** The Finishing Line for committee boat finishes will be between the mainmast of the committee boat (which will be displaying an orange flag) and a yellow inflatable buoy.

**14.2** The Finishing Line for StMSC club line finishes shall be the same as the starting line, and boats must cross it in the opposite direction to the start between the Outer Distance Mark (Flag D) and the Inner Distance Mark (Flag I).

## **15. TIME LIMITS**

The time limit for the *first* boat in each race will be 120 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat finishes shall be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

## **16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 16.1** Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.2** The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day if that race finishes on the StMSC line, or 90 minutes if that race finishes elsewhere. The actual time limit will be posted on the official noticeboard. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the race committee and protest committee, and to requests for redress. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.
- 16.3** 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 and where those hearings will be held in. Hearings may start before the scheduled time with the agreement of all parties.
- 16.4** Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.5** Breaches of SIs marked [NP] will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 16.6** Penalties for breaches of SIs marked [DP] or class rules are at the discretion of the protest committee
- 16.7** A boat may accept a discretionary penalty for the breaches stated in SI 16.6 before a hearing concerning the same incident by completing a form available from the protest room.
- 16.8** Protests will be heard as soon as possible, in approximately the order of receipt. It is the responsibility of the Protestor, Protestee, and Witnesses to make themselves available for the hearing.
- 16.9** Breaches of SI 1.1(b), 17, 19, 20, 22 and 23 shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. This changes RRS 60.1(a) and A4.2.

## **17. SCORING**

- 17.1** A minimum of 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.2** A boat's series score shall be the sum of her race scores.

## **18. SAFETY REGULATIONS (DP) (NP)**

- 18.1** Safety equipment shall be carried in accordance with class rules. All competitors shall wear an effective personal flotation device when racing.
- 18.2** Boats not leaving their mooring for racing shall make every effort to inform the race committee before the scheduled start.
- 18.3** Boats retiring shall make every effort to inform the race committee before leaving the racing area.

### **18.4 Commercial and Military Shipping.**

- (a) Commercial and military vessels constricted by their draft or size form a moving exclusion zone which competitors are to treat as obstructions. The exclusion zone extends to 100m on all sides of the vessel and includes tugs, pilot boats and Harbour Authority patrol boats. No competitor is to enter the exclusion zone, and if becalmed is to use paddles or other means of propulsion to move out of the way. This should only be sufficient to move out of the exclusion zone by the shortest distance. This changes RRS 42.
  - (b) Competitors who unnecessarily interfere with commercial shipping bring the sport into disrepute and risk protest by the race committee under RRS 69. A complaint by the Harbour Authority will automatically initiate a protest hearing.
- 18.5** Rendering Assistance. If any boat is in serious difficulty and requires assistance, the nearest boat will stand by and assist if possible until the arrival of an official boat. See RRS Fundamental Rule 1.1.
  - 18.6** Committee Boat. Competitors are required to maintain a safe distance from the committee boat at all times. Any costs of repairing damage caused to the committee boat will be the responsibility of the helm of the boat(s) involved and not the Organising Authority.
  - 18.7** St. Mawes Inner Harbour. No boat shall enter or manoeuvre in St.Mawes Inner Harbour during the period commencing 30 minutes before the first preparatory signal and ending 30 minutes after the time limit has expired. A continuous straight line between the southern side of the pier head to the south-eastern corner of the Idle Rocks Hotel is classed as a continuous obstruction. Any boat that fails to comply with this instruction may be disqualified by the Race Committee without a hearing, this changes RRS 63.1

## **19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

There is no restriction on the substitution of crew or equipment.

## **20. ADVERTISING**

Advertising shall be in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.

**21. OFFICIAL BOATS**

Race committee patrol boats will display flag R.

**22. SUPPORT BOATS (DP)**

Support boats shall not be on an extension of the start line from the preparatory signal to the starting signal.

**23. RADIO COMMUNICATION (DP)**

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to other boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

**24. PRIZES**

The prize-giving will take place at 1400 on Sunday at St Mawes Sailing Club. Prizes shall be awarded to the first three boats overall in the New Boat fleet, and the first three boats overall in the Old Boat fleet.

**25. RISK STATEMENT**

**25.1** Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".

**25.2** 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 whilst taking part in the event;
- (b) they are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (c) they accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions and omissions;
- (d) their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- (e) 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) provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

**26. INSURANCE**

All boats competing must have a certificate of insurance for third party risks for at least £3,000,000 (or its equivalent in any other currency) underwritten by an A.B.I. member company or Lloyds of London, such insurance being valid for the helm who will race her.

**Tides**

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June** LW 1244 BST 0.4m

HW 1823 BST 5.3m

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June** LW 1335 BST 0.3m

## APPENDIX A COURSE MARKS

ST MAWES SOUTH CARDINAL BUOY(LUGO) IS A MARK ON EVERY COURSE AND MUST ALWAYS BE PASSED ON ITS SAFE NAVIGATIONAL SIDE.

Abb	Mark name	Description	Sponsor/markings	Approx Position
BR	Black Rock buoy	Port hand lateral mark		50.08.68N – 005.01.74W
CA	Castle	Starboard hand lateral mark		50.09.00N – 005.01.63W
CN	Carricknath	Yellow spherical	SKB Sails	50.08.73N - 005.01.22W
G	Governor	East cardinal		50.09.15N – 005.02.40W
J	St Just	Port hand lateral mark		50.10.44N – 005.01.72W
L	Long Lodge	Flag L		50.09.12N – 005.00.95W
NB	North Bank	Port hand lateral mark		50.10.37N – 005.02.13W
P	Pendennis	Yellow spherical	Pendennis Shipyard	50.08.78N - 005.02.10W
SN	South Narrows	Yellow spherical	Sailtech	50.09.30N - 005.01.73W
T	Trefusis	Yellow spherical	Falmouth Boat Co	50.09.69N - 005.02.97W
TV	Tavern	Flag V		50.09.28N – 005.01.23W
V	Vilt	Starboard hand lateral mark		50.09.99N – 005.02.28W
W	Waterloo	Yellow spherical	Rustler Yachts	50.09.60N - 005.01.93W
WN	West Narrows	Port hand lateral mark		50.09.39N – 005.02.07W
U	Specially-laid windward mark	Orange triangular inflatable		Specially-laid
O	Committee boat Start/Finish line			

Chartlet showing approximate position of marks



## APPENDIX B PRESET COURSES FOR RACES STARTING AND FINISHING ON StMSC's CLUB LINE

See Appendix A for positions and descriptions of marks

Class letter on GREEN background indicates leave all marks to starboard. A RED Class letter on a white background indicates leave all marks to port and sail the course in reverse order.

The TURNING MARK (flying flag “T”) follows the listed marks on all courses with more than one round and should be left on the SAME side as the rest of the course being sailed.

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Course No	Course	No of rounds
1	Carricknath, Trefusis	2
2	Carricknath, Waterloo	2
3	Carricknath, Governor	2
4	Carricknath, Vilt	2
5	Carricknath, Pendennis	3
6	Carricknath, West Narrows	3
7	Carricknath, Castle	4
8	Black Rock, Waterloo	3
9	Black Rock, West Narrows	3
10	Black Rock, Vilt	2
11	Black Rock, Governor	3
12	Black Rock, Trefusis	2
13	Black Rock, Castle	4
14	Black Rock, South Narrows	3
15	Pendennis, West Narrows	3
16	Pendennis, Vilt	2
17	Governor, Vilt	2
18	Governor, West Narrows	3
19	Castle, West Narrows	3
20	Castle, Tavern	5
21	Long Lodge, Castle	5
22	Long Lodge, Tavern	5