



GENERAL SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR SERIES

Our sailing instructions are based on the Model Yachting Association Standard Sailing Instructions (SSI's) for Radio Sailing and race management guide

<https://www.mya-uk.org.uk/kb/race-management-guide/>

1 General

The organising authority is the Great Orme Model Yacht Club.

2 Racing Rules

2.1 Racing will be governed by the current version of the following:

- The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) including Appendix E,
- The Class Rules,
- The MYA Supplementary Class Rules (MYA SCR),
- The MYA Standard Sailing Instructions,
- These Standard Sailing Instructions

2.2 Sail numbers shall be as per the Dragon Flite 95 and Dragon Force 65 rules; if there are two boats with the same number, a prefix '1' will be added to one of the boats

2.3 Launching and re-launching

(a) The launching area will be West Shore Boating Lake

(b) A boat scheduled to race in a heat may be launched, held in the launching area, taken ashore or re-launched at any time during the heat. However, she shall not be released for the first time during a heat she is scheduled to sail in after the first boat in that heat has finished.

(c) While ashore or within a launching area, boats may be adjusted, drained of water or repaired; have their sails/rigs changed; have entangled objects removed; or have equipment repaired or changed.



2.4 Shortening after the start

Courses can be shortened as per RRS E3.8(c).

2.5 Abandoning after the start

A heat or race will be abandoned because of thunderstorms. This amends RRS E3.8(d)

2.6 Time Limits:

- (a) If no boat has passed Mark 1 within 10 minutes, the race will be abandoned.
- (b) If no boat has finished within 20 minutes, the race will be abandoned.
- (c) Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat finishes, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF).

3 Schedule of Races

3.1 Racing will be every Sunday

3.2 The minimum number of boats per race is 3, for it to be counted

3.3 Each day will aim to have a minimum of 6 races

3.4 DF65s nominal start time is 10am, DF95s nominal start time is 12:30

4 Initial Briefing and Changes to the Sailing Instructions

4.1 The initial briefing for day will start at approximately 15 minutes before the first race

4.2 The initial briefing will be held before the start of racing to announce:

- (a) the sound signal which will precede all subsequent briefings, announcements and changes to these sailing instructions,
- (b) any changes to the racing times set out in SSI 5.4,
- (c) a description of the course, the marks, the start and finish lines, the order and sides of the marks to be passed,
- (d) the warning signal for the starting sequence and the sound signal for a general recall,
- (e) the method of sourcing observers,
- (f) the definition of launching areas determining access to shoreline areas and control areas,



including instructions to take account of local conditions,

(g) and the course board with information clearly visible to competitors while racing,

(h) instructions about any safety matters,

(i) the timing of refreshment breaks

4.3 Permitted changes to the sailing instructions as outlined in SSI 4.2 (c) to (j) may be made at any time between heats, while changes as in SSI 4.2 (k) may be made at any time between races, prior to the warning signal. When, after racing has started, any changes are made verbally by the Race Officer, the same information must be repeated before the start of each subsequent heat until all competitors, including those withdrawn from racing, have been informed.

4.4 Short keels

(a) For the DF95, the Joysway and GOMYC 280mm short keel is permitted for this series

(b) For the DF65, the Joysway 240mm short keel is permitted for this series

(c) For IOMs, a ~10" (25cm) custom short keel is permitted for this series

5 Racing Times

5.1 Racing will start as soon as possible, but not less than 15 minutes after the briefing start times in SSI 4.1, or in exceptional circumstances and where all competitors agree, at a later time.

5.2 Except for refreshment breaks announced at the initial briefing, a warning signal will indicate the starting sequence for the next heat as soon as practicable after a heat has been concluded.

5.3 Except where an announcement is made during the initial briefing, or in exceptional circumstances and where all competitors agree, racing will continue until the following times:

(a) no heat will start after 16:00 hours.

(b) any heat will be abandoned if the first boat in that heat has not finished before 16:30 hours.

6 Conduct of a Boat breaking U Flag and Black Flag Rules

6.1 The race committee may inform a boat that she has broken RRS 30.3 or 30.4 and is disqualified, by hailing “UFD [sail number]” or “BFD [sail number]”. The hail should be repeated until the hailed boat responds. The hailed boat shall immediately retire, promptly leave the course area and, under RRS 24.1 shall not, if reasonably possible, interfere with a boat that is racing. This changes RRS E3.7 U Flag and Black Flag Rules

7 Withdrawn Boats

7.1 Any boat that intends to withdraw from the racing, either permanently, or temporarily, is asked as a matter of courtesy to inform the race committee at the earliest opportunity.

7.2 A boat retired from the racing in a single heat event will be recorded as DNC and, subject to SSI 7.4, may return to racing at any start.

7.3 A boat retired from racing or a withdrawn boat shall inform the race committee when she is ready to re-join the racing and before launching.

8 Protests

8.1 A boat that wishes to protest shall deliver their protest to any member of the Race Committee, i.e. the Race Officer or one of the Race Team

8.2 The race committee may use MYA SYRPH, a SYstem for Reducing Protest Hearings. This will apply after the heat and before the related protest hearing that may result from this procedure.

8.3 The protest committee will consist of three persons, who may include competitors, competent persons and Regional, National or International Judges. If a party to a hearing objects to a competitor being a member of a protest committee, because of a conflict of interest, the objection may be made under RRS 63.4.



9 Scoring

9.1 We will be using a Low Point system

9.2 In the case of a draw it will be based on number 1st, 2nd, 3rd etc places

9.3 Boats recorded as DNF, NSC, RET, OCS, DNS, DNC, UFD, BFD, DSQ or DNE shall score one more point than the last boat in the race would have scored if all boats competing in the race had finished correctly.

9.4 There will be two discards per days racing (6 races or more); or one discard for less than 6 races

9.5 The race officer will sit out the races they are overseeing and score the average points for that race, up to a maximum of two races per days racing

10 Objection to action by the race committee

10.1 If a competitor believes that the race committee has not complied with RRS 90.1 (either by breaching these Sailing Instructions or by acting in a manner that may affect the outcome of the event) and redress under RRS 62.1(a) is not an option, the competitor shall bring the matter to the attention of the race committee at the earliest opportunity during the event.

10.2 If the matter persists, the competitor shall submit a written complaint to the race committee on the day during which the matter arose, but before the end of racing as set out in SSI 5.4 or SSI 4.2(b).

10.3 If the race committee fails to address the complaint to the satisfaction of the competitor before the end of the event then the competitor shall refer the matter to the MYA Racing Officer.

10.4 If the competitor fails to record the complaint in writing as above, this will indicate an end to the matter and no further action will be taken by the MYA Racing Officer or MYA Council.



11 SPORTSMANSHIP and CORINTHIAN SPIRIT

11.1 Remember that we are always in Friendly Competition.

11.2 In the event of any protested behavior which is deemed to be a breach of good manners or sportsmanship, or which may bring the sport into disrepute, the Race Committee, any designated race officials, or competitor may protest the party or parties in accordance with RRS #2.

11.3 Penalties available to the RC and/or Protest Committee, include exclusion from the Race in question, or expulsion from the series as per RRS #69.2 and #69.3.

11.4 Any foul language or yelling matches between competitors, and/or all involved competitors or yelling or badgering race director or any race committee member will get a noted warning by the RC/PRO. In the event of a second offense/warning, for the same or subsequent incident during the regatta the offenders will get a DSQ (without a hearing) for that race in accordance with RRS #2 and/or RRS #69.