

PART C

Additional Sailing Instructions

Applicable to Competitors in Dinghy Classes & MFOBs EVENTS 10 - 15 only

C1 RULES

In addition to the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions Events 11 - 15 (class dinghies) will be governed by respective dinghy class rules.

Event 10 MFOBs will also be governed by the Class Rules and safety regulations of the Mersea Fisherman's Open Boat Association. For details please contact:-

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C2 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag mast at Dabchicks Sailing Club.

C3 CLASSES AND START TIMES

i Classes and Start Times

No	EVENT	Start Time Daily see ii below	Warning Signal
10	Mersea Fisherman's Open Boats	12.30 & 11.30	J
11	Slow	12.35 & 11.35	K
12	Medium & Laser 4.7	12.40 & 11.40	R
13	Lasers Standard & Radial	12.45 & 11.45	T
14	Medium fast	12.50 & 11.50	U
15	Fast	12.55 & 11.55	V

ii For Tuesday & Wednesday the first start times given above will apply. For Thursday, Friday & Saturday the second time given will apply.

iii If any start is subject to a General Recall, subsequent starts will be delayed.

iv If races are not sailed on their scheduled day, the Committee reserves the right to re-schedule such races on later days. However no more than three races per event will be sailed on any one day.

C4 RACE AREA

The race area situated to the north east of the Nass beacon is shown in the diagram in this programme. The Committee Vessel and start line will be located within the Race Area.

Competitors are strongly advised to go afloat in adequate time to reach the start area.

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- C5 START LINE
The Start Line for all races will be between the signal mast displaying an orange flag aboard the Committee Vessel and the outer limit mark which will be a yellow inflatable buoy laid for the purpose. An Inner Limit mark may be laid.
Competitors will start in the direction of the first mark of the course.
- C6 COURSES
- i No later than the Preparatory (4 minute) signal for each class, the Committee Vessel will display the course to be sailed by that class. The course displayed will be either:
 - a) A course taken from the courses printed elsewhere in this programme or
 - b) A list of marks to be rounded or passed on the hand and in the sequence shown.
 - ii If more than one lap is set, the Committee Vessel will also display the number of laps to be sailed, INCLUDING THE FIRST WINDWARD MARK.
NOTES; The course and number of laps displayed at the Warning (5 minute) signal for each class will relate to the preceding class.
For information purposes encapsulated course cards & chart will be included in the entrants pack.
 - iii First Mark
The first mark of all laps of all courses will be a yellow inflatable buoy laid approximately to windward of the start line.
The Committee Vessel will display a letter 'W'; if the letter 'W' is red then the first mark is to be rounded or passed to Port, if the letter 'W' is green the first mark is to be rounded or passed to Starboard.
 - iv After passing or rounding the first mark, the course to be sailed will be that displayed by the Committee Vessel.
 - v After starting competitors must NOT pass through the start/finish line at any other time than when completing a lap or finishing a race. The penalty for breaching this Sailing Instruction will be disqualification without a hearing. This amends RRS 63.
 - vi Competitors must pass through the finish line at the end of each lap and when finishing.
 - vii If flag 'L' is displayed at Dabchicks sailing Club then the start times, start line and courses for the day will be displayed at the signing on station at DSC.
- C7 FINISH LINE
- i The finish line will be the same as the start line; competitors will cross the line in the direction from the last mark of the course.
 - ii Competitors are reminded that the sound signal usually given on finishing a race is not required by the Racing Rules and may be omitted, particularly when such a signal could cause confusion with another classes' start sequence.
- C8 TIME LIMITS
RRS 35 is changed. The time limit for each race shall be three hours. For any race to be valid the first boat must finish within three hours of the start time. In a valid race any boat that has not finished 45 minutes after the time limit has expired shall be scored DNF.
- C9 SIGNING ON AND OFF
All competitors covered by Part C of these instructions shall before going afloat sign on, using the form provided at the Dabchicks Sailing Club, and shall sign off as soon as practicable and in any event no later than 90 minutes after finishing racing for the day. This is a vital safety measure and failure to comply with this Sailing Instruction WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION without a hearing. This changes RRSs 63.1, 64 & A5.

C10 IDENTIFICATION STREAMERS

All competitors in classes 11,12,13,14 & 15 (Dinghies) are required to carry a coloured streamer tied to the head of their mainsail. Streamers will be available from the Race Office prior to racing. Failure to display the correct streamer whilst racing may incur a discretionary penalty without a hearing. This changes RRSs 63.1,64 & A5

C11 POINTS SERIES

The five scheduled races (to be sailed on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday) comprise a series. If four or five races are sailed boats will discard their worst score. If three or fewer races are sailed, no discard is permitted.

C12 SAFETY BOAT DUTY

The race committee may request that competitors assist with safety boat duties. Any boat prevented from sailing any race or races by such a request will be awarded average points for any such race or races, calculated at the end of the series.

C13 CLASSES AND HANDICAPS

- i Handicaps for all competitors will be allocated on the basis of information available.
- ii For event 10 the MFOB Association will allocate the division between Fast and Slow classes.
- iii The division between classes 11,12,14 & 15 will be determined by the Race Committee.

C14 MARKS

The marks to be used are as follow:-

- Orange Race Marks - Numbers 4,8 & 11.
- Orange Inflatable tetrahedron buoys laid for the week - T1, T2, T3 & T4.
- Yellow Inflatable buoy laid each day - First Mark
- Yellow Inflatable buoy laid each day - Outer limit Mark.

Note: All marks are shown in their approximate positions on the diagram printed elsewhere in this programme.