



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR OPEN EVENTS

1. General

- 1.1. Racing will take place under the current World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Notice of Race, these Sailing Instructions, and the appropriate class rules. The General Rules and Constitution of Sully SC shall also apply.
- 1.2. The Race Officer will decide whether racing shall take place and shall have given due regard to the club risk assessments, the weather conditions, sea state, and whether the Patrol Boat can be launched and recovered without damage. No scheduled races will take place if the Patrol Boat cannot be launched.

2. Notices to Competitors

- 2.1. Notices will be posted on the sailing notice board in the clubhouse and via the club website.
- 2.2. Postponed or abandoned race details will be displayed on the sailing notice board. (RRS 80 is hereby amended).

3. Changes in Sailing Instructions

- 3.1. Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the sailing notice board in the clubhouse prior to the launch of the Patrol Boat.
- 3.2. The Course will be posted on the sailing notice board prior to the launch of the Patrol Boat.
- 3.3. Any changes to the Course made after the launch of the patrol boat will be notified verbally to all competitors by radio and by the Patrol Boat prior to the sounding of the advance notice for the race.

4. Signals made ashore

- 4.1. Signals will be displayed above the clubhouse balcony (race office).
- 4.2. The Signals to be used are provided in Annex 1. (RRS 26 is amended accordingly).

5. Schedule of Races

- 5.1. Races will be conducted in accordance with the Notice of Race.

6. Racing Area

- 6.1. All scheduled races will be held in Sully. Buoys will not be laid beyond a line between Sully Island and Hayes Point in order to avoid racing in the stronger tide.

7. Courses

- 7.1. Courses will be set by the Race Officer and displayed on the sailing notice board before the launch of the Patrol Boat prior to the day's racing. The marks (as described below) will be shown diagrammatically as will the route and direction of the course.
- 7.2. Changes to the course may be made after the launch of the Patrol Boat but, if so, every effort will be made by the Race Officer or Patrol Boat crew to inform all competitors of such change of course in accordance with section 3.3 above.

8. Marks

- 8.1. The marks to be used will be the permanent yellow start buoy and temporary red or orange club buoys. A flag buoy will occasionally be used as a start mark but will not be a mark of the course after the start.

9. The Start

- 9.1. All boats will start together. The sequence of lights and horn signals are described in Annex 1.
- 9.2. The normal club starting line is the projection of an imaginary line formed by the apex of the Club House and the permanent yellow start buoy. A flag buoy may be used to make the start perpendicular to the first leg of the course in certain wind directions. In this case the line will be between the flag buoy and the yellow start buoy. The flag buoy will not be a mark of the course after the start and where possible will be removed after all boats have started.
- 9.3. Where a race is delayed beyond its scheduled start time the lack of any start signal shall be accepted as a postponement signal. In the case of a protracted delay the Race Officer, through the Patrol Boat, shall attempt to inform competitors verbally.
- 9.4. Race start times will be delayed only to allow those who are on the slipway, or in a queue to launch, ten minutes before the start time of the race, to launch before the warning signal.

10. Recalls

- 10.1. If a small number of boats are over the line (and it is clear to the race office which boats are over) an Individual Recall will be notified by means of one light and one sound signal. RRS 29.1 is amended by the substitution of "one light" for "Flag X".
- 10.2. If more boats are over the line, and it is not possible for the race office to ascertain who is over the line, a General Recall will be indicated (2 lights and 2 sound signals). RRS 29.2 is amended by the substitution of "two lights" for "First Substitute".

- 10.3. Where the start is between the flag buoy and yellow start mark the Patrol Boat will attempt (if not otherwise engaged in Safety Duties) to be in a position to see who is over the line and maintain radio contact with the race office.

11. Finishing

- 11.1. The Club Finishing Line will be the same as the normal club starting line (i.e. a projection of an imaginary line formed by the apex of the Club House and the permanent yellow start buoy).
- 11.2. The race finish will be indicated by showing an S flag, sounding two horn signals and displaying two lights as soon as possible after the first boat to be finished starts the finishing leg (the lights will remain on and flag displayed until all boats have finished). The Race Officer will, as far as is practicable, chose an appropriate gap between boats such that boats in the same class are not split between laps and consider the appropriate time to finish so all boats (except the slowest) finish within 40 to 55 minutes of the start. It is not a requirement to finish the leading boat first, but the leading fastest boats should not be split if they are close.
- 11.3. In the case where conditions dictate that Slow boats (PY 1105 and greater) are finished before the rest, a slow boat finish flag (yellow banner with square shape divided diagonally yellow and white) will be displayed along with the 2 lights and 2 sound signals indicating that only slow boats will be finished until such a time that the S flag replaces the slow boat finish flag along with a further 2 sound signals.
- 11.4. After the appropriate flag is shown all relevant boats will be finished regardless of the number of laps sailed and the results will be worked out on an average lap basis.
- 11.5. The helmsman of any boat that has retired from a race shall inform the Race Officer at the first reasonable opportunity.

12. Time Limits

- 12.1. Races will normally be planned to last approximately 40 minutes.
- 12.2. Where the first boat has not completed a lap in one hour the race will be abandoned and no results will be counted.
- 12.3. If the wind drops and/or tidal current increases after the first boat has completed a lap, and the race is likely to run over one hour the race should be shortened and the results calculated on the last lap completed.
- 12.4. Where a boat fails to finish within 30 minutes of the first boat they will normally be deemed to have retired. If they have already completed one lap they may be allowed (at the discretion of the OOD) to count the last recorded time and number of laps if that doesn't give them an unfair advantage over boats which finished.
- 12.5. If the wind drops and/or tidal current increases following the sounding of the shortened course and boats are unable to complete their lap, the race may (at the discretion of the OOD) be calculated based on the penultimate lap of those boats who have finished and the last recorded lap of boats that have not finished.

13. Protests

- 13.1. Competitors intending to protest must inform the Race Officer in person at the first reasonable opportunity. The protest in writing must be lodged no later than one hour after the completion of sailing on that day.
- 13.2. A protest committee will be formed, if required, in accordance with the RRS.

14. Eligibility

- 14.1. Races are open to all current Sully SC members and visitors who have registered and paid the required fee as declared in the Notice of Race.
- 14.2. Club Trophies, unless specifically designated otherwise, may only be held by club members.

15. Prizes

- 15.1. Prizes will be awarded to the first up to 3 boats with PY 1104 and below and to the first up to 3 boats with PY 1105 and above, depending on numbers entered.
- 15.2. Other prizes may be awarded on the day (e.g. first lady or first youth) at the discretion of the Race Officer if there are enough competitors in that category.
- 15.3. The Sully Sailing Club Regatta Trophy will be awarded to the first boat helmed by a member of Sully Sailing Club.

Annex 1 – Signals made from the clubhouse balcony

Advance Notice	Two lights flashing and repeated horn	Approx 1 minute before warning signal (short duration)
Warning	One light and single horn and flag	5 minutes before start
Preparatory	Two Lights, single horn	4 minutes before start
One Minute	One light, single horn	1 minute before start
Start	No lights, single horn	At start
Individual Recall	One light, single horn	Just after start if applicable
General Recall	Two lights, double horn	Just after start if applicable
Notice of Finish	Two lights, double horn and flag	As soon as practicable after the first boat to be finished starts the finishing leg
Finish	No lights, single horn	As each boat finishes
Race Abandoned	One light flashing and repeated horn	
Sailing Abandoned	Two lights flashing and repeated horn	All boats to come ashore (long duration)