

## Welton Open Meeting Sailing Instructions

### **1.0 Rules**

1.1 The racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (RRS).

### **2.0 Notices to Competitors**

2.1 Notices to competitors and changes to the Racing Programme will be posted on the notice board in the clubhouse.

2.2 Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 1 hour before the Warning Signal.

### **3.0 Personal Buoyancy**

3.1 Flag Y will not be displayed. Adequate personal buoyancy must be worn at all times afloat and on the jetty. Wetsuits and dry suits do not constitute personal buoyancy. **This changes Rule 40.**

### **4.0 Class Flags**

4.1 The Class Flag for racing will be determined by the Race Officer.

### **5.0 Courses**

5.1 Courses will be initially displayed on the club house course board but should the Race Officer decide, once he is out on the water, that a change of course is advisable he will indicate the new course on a board on the Committee boat and fly a large J flag (blue, white, blue horizontal stripes) with THREE short, sharp, distinct sounds on the horn. Competitors should therefore check this board before the start of the race to enable them to sail the correct course.

### **6.0 Number of Laps**

6.1 In all Open meeting races, the number of laps will be displayed on the clubhouse course board; such races may be shortened at the discretion of the Race Officer.

### **7.0 Marks**

7.1 The positions of the club racing marks are displayed on the clubhouse course board.

7.2 The race officer may lay additional marks.

### **8.0 The Start**

8.1 Starts will be governed by Rule 26.

### **9.0 Start Lines**

9.1 The starting line will be between the mast of the committee boat and the designated start mark. An inner limit mark may be laid.

### **10.0 The Finish**

10.2 For all races flag S has its conventional meaning (shorten course).

### **11.0 Finish Lines**

11.1 The finish line will be between the mast of the committee boat and the designated finish mark.

### **12.0 Time Limits**

12.1 There will be no time limits, but Race Officers may shorten or abandon any race at their discretion.

### **13.0 Protests**

13.1 Protest forms are available from the Race Officer or the Reception desk.

**13.2** Protests must be delivered to the Race Office not later than 30 minutes after the last boat finishes the relevant race.

**14.0 RYA Racing Charter**

**14.1** The RYA Rules Dispute Advisory Hearing is available for all races.

**14.2** The RYA Rules Dispute Mediation Hearing is available for all races.

**14.3** Details of the RYA Rules Dispute mechanisms are posted on the club notice board and at <http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter>

**15. Scoring**

The low point scoring system will apply as set out in RRS A4. Additionally:-

§ Retirement or DNF points equal to the number of starters in the race plus 1. This changes RSS A4.2

§ Did not start will not be awarded points for that race. This changes RSS A4.2

§ Disqualification points equal to the number of starters plus 3. This changes RSS A4.2

**16.0 Discards.**

**16.1** The number of races to count in the Open meeting is shown in the Notice of Race.