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Haversham Sailing Club

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NOTICE OF RACE
for
CLUB RACE SERIES
and
TROPHY EVENTS

Effective from 1st January 2018



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1.0 DEFINITIONS

1.1 Fast Handicap Fleet

Boats racing in a Fast Handicap Series that have a PY lower than a Laser. (Current PY 1098)

1.2 Slow Handicap Fleet

Boats racing in a Slow Handicap Series that have a PY the same or higher than a Laser. (Currently 1098)

1.3 Helm / Boat

1.3.1 In a series, each boat will be counted as a different entry, unless the helm sails the same class of boat. Club boats used by different helms will be classed as a separate entry.

1.3.2 A boat with a choice of rig (e.g. a Laser) is counted as a separate class, except that a boat sailing with a smaller rig may be scored as the faster boat if it has been signed on as such.

1.4 Handicap System

1.4.1 The Portsmouth Yardstick, as notified by the RYA in document YR2, is used to determine corrected time.

1.4.2 The Committee reserves the right to use CNs (Club Numbers) as allowed by the Portsmouth Yardstick Scheme.

1.4.3 Handicap numbers in use are displayed on the official club notice board, which is located in the corridor outside the changing rooms.

1.4.4 Personal handicapping systems may be introduced for future series.

1.4.5 To this end, lap times are to be recorded for all handicap and class racing.

1.4.6 Average Lap Racing will be used for all club racing (even if in the same Class), except for pursuit races.

1.4.7 Race durations shall be as defined in the Sailing Instructions.

2.0 RYA RACING CHARTER

Competitors should note that Haversham Sailing Club implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book and on the official club notice board.

3.0 SCORING SYSTEM

3.1 Abbreviations

DNC Did not start; did not come to the starting area.

DNS Did not start (other than DNC and OCS)



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OCS	Did not start; on course side of starting line.
DNF	Did not finish.
RAF	Retired after finishing.
DSQ	Disqualification
DNE	Disqualification, not discardable
RDG	Redress granted
OOD	Race Officer (and Assistant Race Officer)
SBC	Safety Boat Crew
MKC	MK Cup and other absences authorised by the committee.
SUP	Bar and Galley Duty

3.2 Points

3.2.1 Points will be scored as detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

3.2.2 Unless stated otherwise the number of discards allowed will be half the number of races sailed (rounded up) less one.

3.2.3 Except as detailed in 3.2.4 below, a helm must have competed in half the number of races sailed (rounded down) plus one to qualify for a series, as follows:-

No. of Races	1,	2,	3,	4,	5,	6,	7,	8,	9,	10,	11,	12
Discards	0,	0,	1,	1,	2,	2,	3,	3,	4,	4,	5,	5
To Qualify	1,	2,	2,	3,	3,	4,	4,	5,	5,	6,	6,	7

3.2.4 In the long series' (i.e.- the Dennis Cooke, Civil Service Cup, Early Risers', Ice Maiden, Winter Willie, Weatherhead, Frostbite, Icicle, Frostbite and Ladies' Series), a helm must have competed in one third of the number of races sailed (rounded down) plus one to qualify for a series, as follows:-

No. of Races	13,	14,	15,	16,	17,	18,	19,	20,	21,	22,	23,	24
Discards	6,	6,	7,	7,	8,	8,	9,	9,	10,	10,	11,	11
To Qualify	5,	5,	6,	6,	6,	7,	7,	7,	8,	8,	8,	9

3.2.5 The qualification rules will not be applied until the end of the Series.

3.2.6 In a Series covering more than two days, the OODs, SBCs, SUPs and MKCs will be given the average score of all races sailed by them (other than DNCs) in the series. This will only apply to one boat / helm combination.

3.2.7 Except as detailed in 3.2.8 below, a helm may not take more than two average point scores in a series.

3.2.8 In the long series' (i.e.- the Dennis Cooke, Civil Service Cup, Early Risers', Ice Maiden, Winter Willie, Weatherhead, Frostbite, Icicle, Frostbite and Ladies' Series'), a helm may not take more than four average point scores in a series.

3.2.9 Helms not "Signing On" may be classified as DNC by the Race Officer.

3.2.10 In club racing, the Race Officer may class a boat as DNF if it sails an incorrect course.

3.2.11 If there is an overall trophy for all classes in a series then there will be a single start.



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3.2.12 Series Ties will be resolved in accordance with the rules of RRS Appendix A 8.1 and then Appendix A 8.2.

3.2.13 Aggregate points are the sum of points for two or more series.

4.0 TYPES OF RACE

4.1 Fast/Slow Handicap Fleet Racing

2 Starts - Fast Handicap Fleet starts first followed by Slow Handicap Fleet.

PN Ratings are used to calculate corrected time.

Corrected time = (Actual Time / (PH / 1000))

Average Lap times will be used for boats not completing the same number of rounds.

With average lap racing being used the start and finish line must be in the same position.

4.2 General Handicap Racing

1 Start, PN Ratings are used to calculate corrected time.

Corrected time = (Actual Time / (PH / 1000))

Average Lap times will be used for boats not completing the same number of rounds.

With average lap racing being used the start and finish line must be in the same position.

4.3 Fleet Racing

4.3.1 General

The helm / boats will be split into Gold / Silver / Bronze / Rookie Fleets.

Fleet Races shall have two starts: Gold and Silver Fleets together, followed by Bronze and Rookie Fleets together.

4.3.2 Allocation to a Fleet

Helms will be allocated to a Fleet in accordance with the qualification rules outlined below.

New Members and infrequent sailors will be categorised according to their experience at the discretion of the Rear Commodore. Appeals can be made to the Sailing Committee.

4.3.3 Rookie Fleet

The Rookie Fleet consists of any helm in his or her first year of racing at any club.

4.3.4 Bronze Fleet

The Bronze Fleet consists of any helm not in his or her first year of sailing at any club and not having qualified for the Silver or Gold Fleet.

4.3.5 Silver Fleet



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To qualify for the Silver Fleet, a helm shall have been placed first in any Bronze Fleet series.

4.3.6 Gold Fleet

To qualify for the Gold Fleet, a helm shall have been placed:-

- 1st helm in any Silver Fleet series, or
- 1st helm in any pursuit race, or
- 1st helm in any one-day non-team event.

4.3.7 Fleet Adjustment

Fleet adjustments will be made once a year, prior to the Spring Series.

If, in the three years prior to the Spring Series, a helm has not qualified for a Fleet Racing Series, then that helm will be relegated by one fleet level, i.e.- from Gold to Silver Fleet or from Silver to Bronze Fleet. There will be no relegation from the Bronze Fleet to the Rookie Fleet.

Mid-year promotions will be considered upon request: Such requests are subject to the qualification criteria having been met and may be granted at the discretion of the Rear Commodore.

4.4 **Pursuit Racing**

The Pursuit Race will be based on the time a Mirror should take to complete the race time. The duration will be between 60 and 240 minutes. Corrected start times for each class will be calculated using the published Haversham Sailing Club Portsmouth Yardstick Handicaps to the nearest 30 seconds, rounded up or down to match the Mirror corrected time as closely as possible.

4.5 **Match / Team Racing**

This will always use boats of the same Class / Rig.

4.6 **Personal Handicaps**

Personal Handicaps are expressed as a percentage and are calculated from actual performance in handicap races.

Personal Handicaps will be applied to any boat sailed by that helm.

The mechanism for calculating Personal Handicaps will be published when required.

4.7 **Prizes**

Prizes will be awarded as follows:-

A 1st Position will be awarded if one boat qualifies for a series.

A 2nd Position will be awarded if two boats qualify for a series.

A 3rd Position will be awarded if three boats qualify for a series.



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Additionally, a prize will be awarded to the first-placed qualifying Junior helm (and crew, if applicable) in each of the 10h00 handicap series. A junior is considered to be a person under the age of 19 on 31st August of the current year.



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5.0 OUTLINE OF SERIES

Note that exact series dates are published in the calendar on the Club website (www.havershamsc.co.uk).

Winter Series	Normally from the 1 st week after the start of daylight saving time to the New Year. 10h00 General Handicap (All classes) 11h30 General Handicap (All classes) 13h30 General Handicap (All classes) Single start
Midwinter Series	Normally from the New Year until the end of daylight saving time. 10h00 General Handicap (All classes) 11h30 General Handicap (All classes) 13h30 General Handicap (All classes) Single start
Ice Maiden Series	Aggregate Score of the 13h30 start in the Winter and Midwinter Series' The Series is open only to female helms.
Winter Willie Series	Aggregate Score of the 11h30 and 13h30 starts in the Winter and Midwinter Series' The series is open only to male helms.
Weatherhead Series	Aggregate Score of the 11h30 and 13h30 starts in the Winter and Midwinter Series' The Series is open only to two-handed boats.
Early Risers' Series	Aggregate Score of the 10h00 start in the Winter and Midwinter Series'
Icicle Series	Aggregate Score of the 11h30 start in the Winter and Midwinter Series'
Frostbite Series	Aggregate Score of the 13h30 start in the Winter and Midwinter Series'
Spring Series	Starts as daylight saving time ends 10h00 Series Class Racing: General Handicap (All classes) 11h30 Series Class Racing: General Handicap (All classes) 13h30 Series Fleet Racing with separate start for Bronze and Rookie Fleets 15h00 Series Fleet Racing with separate start for Bronze and Rookie Fleets
Summer Series	From early-June to early-August 10h00 Series Class Racing: General Handicap (All classes) 11h30 Fast/Slow Handicap Fleet Racing: 2 Starts 13h30 Fast/Slow Handicap Fleet Racing: 2 Starts 15h00 Series Fleet Racing with separate start for Bronze and Rookie Fleets
Autumn Series	From early-August to the start of daylight saving time. 10h00 Series Class Racing: General Handicap (All classes) 11h30 Fast/Slow Handicap Fleet Racing: 2 Starts 13h30 Fast/Slow Handicap Fleet Racing: 2 Starts 15h00 Series Fleet Racing, with separate start for Bronze and Rookie Fleets



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Note that 10h00 Series Class Racing will also be held on the dates of the ARC Bowl and Barclays Bucket events.	
Hot Ladies' Series	Aggregate Score of the 11h30 start in the Spring/Summer and Autumn Series'. The Series is open only to female helms.
Evening Series	From early-May to early-July. 19h00 Wednesday Fleet Racing Combined or separate starts Gold and Silver Fleets Separate start for Bronze and Rookie Fleets
Twilight Series	From early-July to mid-September 19h00 Wednesday Fleet Racing Combined or separate starts Gold and Silver Fleets Separate start for Bronze and Rookie Fleets.
Civil Service Cup	The Civil Service Cup is awarded to the helm placed first in the Silver Fleet on the aggregate score of the Evening and Twilight Series'.
Dennis Cooke Trophy	The Dennis Cooke Trophy is awarded to the helm placed first in the Bronze Fleet on the aggregate score of the Evening and Twilight Series'.
Buccaneers' Racing	Held from April to mid September Race starting 18.30 except September races starting at 18.00 Racing is open only to helms aged under-19 on the 31 st August of the current year.

6.0 OUTLINE OF SPECIAL EVENTS

Commodores' Whiskey Race/ Rum Do	11h30 Boxing Day Handicap Race (All Classes)
Ice Breaker Trophy	11h30 New Years' Day 120-minute Pursuit Race
Anniversary Pursuit	12h00 race held on early-May Bank Holiday Monday 120-minute Pursuit Race
Jubilee Jug	Held on late-May Bank Holiday Weekend. Six Handicap Races over 2-days 11h30, 13h30 and 15h00 starts 4 races to qualify – one discard per day.
Ladies Helm	Held on a Saturday in mid-June. Three Handicap Races – one discard 11h30, 13h30 and 15h00 starts The Series is open only to female helms.
Match Race	Held on the Saturday of the Summer Solstice weekend Match Racing for single class boats over a short course. 14h00 start
Solstice Race	Held on the Saturday of the Summer Solstice weekend



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	<p>Handicap race 21h00 start to 00h00 Open only to two-crew boats with teams of four or more people. Crews must sail four rounds and then hand over to other team members. The Race Officer may change the number of rounds. Each boat is to have port and starboard stay lights and a white light shining on its mainsail.</p>
ARC Bowl	<p>Held in early-July Three race Handicap Series – one discard 11h30, 13h30 and 15h00 starts</p>
August Pursuit	<p>12h00 August Bank Holiday 120-minute Pursuit Race</p>
Rank Xerox Trophy	<p>Team handicap event held on a date and in a format to be agreed and communicated by the Sailing Committee before the event.</p>
Trafalgar Trophy	<p>Held on the Saturday closest to 21st October 180-minute Pursuit Race 10h30 start</p>
Barclays Bucket	<p>Held on the Sunday closest to 6th November 11h30 General Handicap race</p>
Lottery Pot	<p>Held in the afternoon after the Barclays Bucket. 13h30 start 120-minute Pursuit Race.</p>
Wellington Cup	<p>The Wellington Cup is a fun event, generally held on a Friday afternoon in June. The format, basis for qualification, scoring and prizes awarded are at the total discretion of the Race Officer. Personal Handicaps will be awarded according to ability and penalties will be announced at the prize giving. The Race Officer's decision is final.</p>
In Memorium Trophy	<p>Held on Easter Monday Four 50-minute race Handicap Series – one Discard Two races held back-to-back in the morning and two races held back-to-back in the afternoon.</p>



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7.0 OTHER EVENTS & AWARDS

Chile Plate	A charity event to be run in conjunction with any of the spring, summer or autumn series. 11h30, 13h30 and 15h00 races. This event may be sailed more than once per year.
Chaton Trophy	A discretionary trophy awarded to the member who has given rise to the "Most Schadenfreude". A speech is mandatory.
William Lyman Trophy	A discretionary trophy awarded by the Sailing Committee to the most improved senior helm.
Phil Lyon Trophy	A discretionary trophy awarded by the Sailing Committee to the most improved junior helm.
Denbigh Cup	Held in September. 2 Handicap races held back to back 1 st race starting at 10.30. This race is open only to helms aged under-19 on the 31 st August of the current year.
RNLI Pennant	A Charity event to be run in conjunction with any of the Spring / Summer events.