

Gulf Harbour Radio Yacht Club

GHRYC ANNUAL IOM SIX HOUR RACE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

All racing will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 - 2020 (RRS) as changed by RRS appendix E, the International One Metre (IOM) class rules, these Sailing Instructions, and the Equipment Rules of Sailing.

2. ELIGIBILITY

Competition is open to any IOM class yacht, the skippers of which are affiliated to their National Association and are current financial members of a radio yacht club affiliated to their National Association, and holding both a current registration and measurement certificate.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be verbal by the appointed Race Officer (RO)

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to these sailing instructions will be advised verbally by the RO at a skippers meeting prior to the start sequence for the race.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACE

5.1 Date of racing shall be Sunday 2nd April 2017.

5.2 Number of races: A single race of 6 hours duration will be held on the day.

The race will not start before 0930.

The race finish signal will be made at 1530.

5.3 The entry fee is \$20:00 per boat.

5.4 Registration and boat scrutineering from 0900

5.5 A skippers briefing will be called at approx. 0920.

5.6 A signal will be made at 1530 to signal the end of the race. Boats should complete the lap that they are on at the time of the finishing signal. As this is a time duration race the next boat to cross the finish line after the signal may not necessarily be the winner of the race.

5.7 The winners will be decided by the highest number of completed laps sailed. Where boats have completed the same number of laps their placing will be decided by their finishing order following the signal for the expiry of the 6 hours.

6. RACING AREA

Hobbs Wharf, Fairway Bay Marina, Gulf Harbour.
(Alternate venue is Regency Lake, Gulf Harbour)

7. THE COURSE

- 7.1** The course to be sailed will be advised verbally by the RO at the skippers briefing prior to the start of the race. A board showing the course will be displayed adjacent to the race area.
- 7.2** The RO shall verbally advise any change of course no later than the warning signal for the race.
- 7.3** The race may be shortened by the RO by two sound signals and verbal advice. When course is shortened boats should complete the lap they are on.
- 7.4** A lap will be counted each time a boat passes through the start/finish line on completion of the full course.

8 MARKS

All marks are round orange buoys.

9 THE START

- 9.1** The race will be started as follows: A sound signal will be made approximately 3 minutes before the countdown is about to start. A verbal call of "Boats to the water" shall be made approximately 1 minute before the start of a 1 minute countdown. A verbal call will come every 10 seconds until the final 10 seconds which will be counted down individually to the start signal.
- 9.2** Recalls: Following a General Recall rule 30.1 will apply. Following a Second General Recall in the same race rule 30.3 will apply except that notification will be verbal.
- 9.3** The starting line will be between 2 orange buoys as verbally advised by the RO.

10 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between the same 2 orange buoys used as the start line and as verbally advised by the RO.

11 TIME LIMITS

- 11.1** The race will be of 6 hours duration (*Unless shortened by the RO ref: 7.3*)

12 PROTESTS, REQUESTS FOR REDRESS & PENALTIES

- 12.1** Protests and requests for redress shall be advised to the RO within the appropriate time limit.
- 12.2** The protest time limit is 5 minutes after each changeover of skippers is signalled.
- 12.3** The RO will inform competitors of any hearing in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held as soon as possible after each changeover of skippers.
- 12.4** Decisions of the protest committee will be final.
- 12.5** Penalties:

Penalties taken at the time of the incident shall be 1 x 360-degree turn including 1 x tack and 1 x gybe.

Penalties subsequent to a protest hearing shall be 2 x 360-degree turns including 2 x tacks and 2 x gybes except for Rule 69 infringements for which the penalty may be disqualification.

13 RACE OBSERVANCE

13.1 The RO may appoint Race Observers.

13.2 All competitors will be advised of any observers appointed.

14 RACING SYSTEM

14.1 Each boat will be sailed by 2 skippers who will alternate control of their boat every 30 minutes. Substitution of skippers after the race has started is not permitted.

14.2 There will be 2 trophies. An Open Class trophy available to all competitors, and a His and Hers trophy for a male/female skipper combination.

14.3 A sound signal will be made approx. 1 minute before changeover is due. A second sound signal will be made at the 30 minute mark. Skippers will then have a maximum 1 minute to hand over control to their co-skipper.

14.4 Skippers may communicate with their co-skipper at any time during the race.

14.5 In the case of damage to a boat that is unable to be rectified within a reasonable time the boat may be replaced, after consultation with, and agreement from the RO.

14.6 There will be no maximum fleet size.

15 SAFETY REGULATIONS

A boat that retires from the race shall notify the RO as soon as possible after retirement. Skippers and Officials should familiarise themselves with the GHRYC Risk Management Plan (Safety Plan).

<http://ghryc.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/GHRYC-Club-Risk-Management-Plan.pdf>

16 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by the RO to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

17 CONDUCT

17.1 Please be aware that the Hobbs Bay Wharf/Fairway Marina (and Regency Lake) are public spaces and every effort should be made to ensure the safety of members of the public.

17.2 The GHRYC recognises that events such as ours offer considerable publicity opportunities to our club and the sport in general and asks that competitors take the opportunity to promote radio sailing to any visitors to the venue.

17.3 Poor competitor behaviour can impact unfavourably on our sport. Gross misconduct by any competitor, including gross breach of a rule, good manners, sportsmanship or any action that may bring our sport into disrepute will result in a hearing in accordance with rule RRS 69.

18**DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in GHRYC club events entirely at their own risk. Neither the GHRYC nor any of the organising bodies or appointed officials or volunteers accept any liability for damages (Material or Personal) suffered during the races or at any other time, nor are they responsible for the seaworthiness of any yacht whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.