

Gulf Harbour Radio Yacht Club

IOM SCRATCH & HANDICAP SAILING INSTRUCTIONS as at 1st Feb 2017

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 Meter (IOM) class rules, these Sailing Instructions and the Equipment Rules of Sailing.

2) ELIGIBILITY

Competition is open to any IOM class yacht, the skipper of which is affiliated to their National Association and is a current financial member of a radio yacht club affiliated to their National Association, and holding 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 change to these sailing instructions will be advised verbally by the RO at a skippers meeting prior to the start sequence for the next race.

5) RACING SYSTEM

Dates of racing shall be as per calendar published in GHRYC website (www.ghryc.co.nz)

The entry fee on all race days will be \$2 for GHRYC members and \$3 for members of other clubs.

Racing will be sailed under the Rules set out in Clause 1.

Each race day comprises a Regatta when a minimum of 6 races have been completed. The maximum number of races sailed each Regatta day and the time between warning signals shall be at the sole discretion of the RO.

A minimum of 5 entries each Regatta Day is required for the Regatta to count towards the Seasonal Series.

A skippers briefing will be called at 1250 hours.
The first race will not start before 1300 hours.
The last race will not start after 1550 hours.

There will be **two** Seasonal Series annually;

NOTE change to series and racing format

New Summer Series - October to March.

New Winter Series - April to September.

Racing will consist of Scratch and Mark Foy races sailed on alternate Saturdays.

The new format, will commence Saturday 11th February 2017, with Scratch Race 8

The scoring for this summer series, will included races sailed from 5th November 2016.

Handicapping will be adjusted manually by the club appointed handicapper.

Race Officer

There will be no one designated RO for the day. Competitors will each take a turn, acting as RO for individual races, recording the finisher's placings and recording their role as RO on the score sheet.

A committee member or member will oversee and appoint the days RO's and collect any race day fees.

6) SCORING

Scoring, Breaking of Ties and Guidance on Redress shall be as per 2017 - 2020, RRS Appendix A.

a) Scoring

Each boats Regatta Day net score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her days discards.

The two Seasonal Series results shall contribute to an Overall Annual Series Score.

If a competitor, acts as a RO for a race or races, they shall be awarded the average of their scores for that day excluding their discards.

b) Discards (excluded scores):

For Regatta days discards will be permitted as follows;

After 4 races have been completed 1 discard

After 8 races have been completed 2 discards

Plus a further discard for every 8 races completed after that.

C) **Series discards**

In each series a competitors two worst day's scores, will be discarded, providing there are no cancellations due to bad weather or lack of wind. If there is one or more days cancelled, then only one discard will be allowed.

7) **RACING AREA**

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

8) **THE COURSE**

The course to be sailed will be advised verbally by the RO prior to the warning signal for the first race of the day. A board showing the course may be used from time to time.

The RO shall verbally advise any change of course no later than the warning signal for the next race.

The course will not be shortened by the RO, but a 15 minute time limit will apply to any race.

Boats still sailing the course and failing to finish within 5 minutes of the first boat finishing will be scored their position on the water at the time as judged by the RO.

Should any yacht reach the first windward mark on a single tack the RO may, at their discretion, abandon the race and reset the course.

9) **MARKS**

All marks are round buoys.

10) **THE START**

Scratch races will be started as follows: 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 start the signal.

Recalls: Following a General Recall rule 30.1 will apply. Following a Second General Recall in the same race rule 30.2 will apply except that notification will be verbal.

Handicap races will be started as follows: A verbal call of "Boats to the water" shall be made approximately 1 minute before the start of a 1 minute countdown. Boats should then start on their designated time as published on the GHRYS website and/or advised by the RO prior to the start of the first race of the day. Handicaps will be at 10 second intervals with the first boat away at 60 and the last away at the start signal.

Handicaps advised at the start of a days' racing shall apply to all the races held on that day.

The club handicapper will review individual handicaps as necessary throughout a Seasonal Series.

The starting line will be a line drawn between the course side of 2 buoys as verbally advised by the RO.

11) THE FINISH

The Finishing line will be a line drawn between the course side of 2 buoys as verbally advised by the RO.

12) PROTESTS AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS

Protests and requests for redress shall be advised to the RO within the appropriate time limit.

The protest time limit is 5 minutes after the last boat has finished the race in which the incident occurred OR just prior to the warning signal for the next race, whichever is the sooner.

The RO will inform competitors of any hearing in which they are parties or names as witness. Hearings will be held as soon as possible after the completion of the race in which the protest arose.

Decisions of the protest committee will be final.

13) RACE OBSERVANCE

The RO may appoint Race Observers who may be competitors, not competing in the current race.

Competitors will be advised of any observers appointed.

14) SAFETY REGULATIONS

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RO as soon as possible after retirement.

Competitors and officials should familiarise themselves with the GHRYC Risk Management Plan a copy of which is available on the clubs website.

15) 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 immediately to a designated area for inspection.

16) CONDUCT

Please be aware that the concrete path is a public walkway and every effort should be made to ensure the safe and uninterrupted passage of members of the public.

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.

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 in disrepute will result in a hearing in accordance with rule RRS 69.

17) DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participation GHRYC club events entirely at their own risk, Neither the GHRYC nor any of the organising bodies or appointed officials or volunteers can accept 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.