



MENGEHAM RYTHE SAILING CLUB

(The Organising Authority)

MENGEHAM RACE WEEK Monday 29th July – 2nd August 2018 BLUE FLEET SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Honorary Membership is extended to all competitors and their family for the week

	High Water	Height
Monday	29 th 09:52;	4.2m
Tuesday	30 th 10:44;	4.4m
Wednesday	31 st 11:32;	4.6m
Thursday	1 st 12:21;	4.8m
Friday	2 nd 13:11;	4.9m

Commodore	Joanna Lewis
Rear Commodore Sailing/ Hon. Sailing Secretary	Graeme McDonald

Principal Race Officer	Roger Kent
Race Officer Blue Fleet	Chris Townsin
Assistant Race Officer Blue Fleet	Nigel Roper

1 RULES

- 1.1 Mengeham Race Week shall be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-2020.
- 1.2 Any changes to these Sailing Instructions or Notice of Race shall be posted on the Official Notice Board in the club house one hour before the start time of the race concerned, and signalled by raising CODE FLAG L at the Club Flag Staff.

2 SAFETY:

Each Competitor shall take a **wristband**, allocated to them on entry, from the board on the slipway prior to their launch on each day. Failure to do so may result in the boat receiving points for a non-starter. Wristbands shall be returned to the **onshore official** within 30 minutes of coming ashore. Failure to do so may result in the boat receiving points for retired after finishing.



3. RACE TIMES, CLASS SIGNALS AND RACE AREA

3.1 The sailing area for the Blue Fleet shall be the area known as **West Mud**

3.2 The Warning signal shall be five minutes before the start of each class.

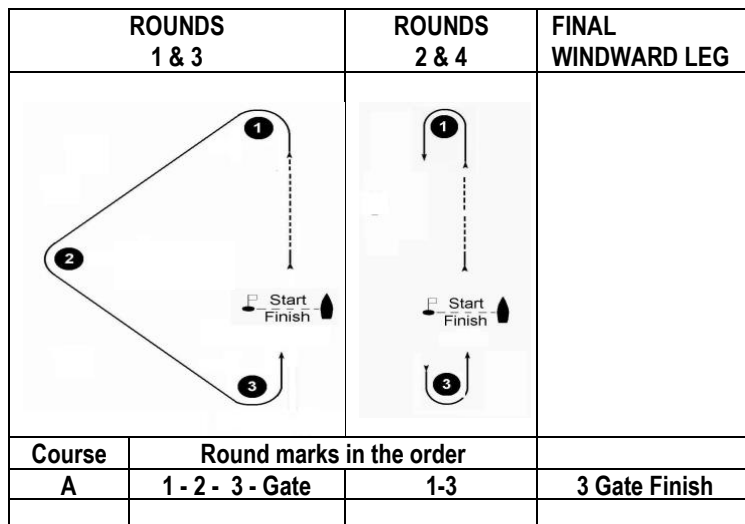
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Class Flag		Numeral Pennant 4	Numeral Pennant 5	Number Pennant 6
		Start Time	Start Time	Start Time
Monday 29th July	Race 1	10.15	10.20	10.25
Tuesday 30 th July	Race 2	10.30	10.35	10.40
	Race 3	Straight after Race 3	Straight after Race 3	Straight after Race 3
Wednesday 31st August	Race 4	10.45	10.50	10.55
	Race 5	Straight after Race 5	Straight after Race 5	Straight after Race 5
	Race 6	Straight after Race 6	Straight after Race 6	Straight after Race 6
Thursday 1st August	Race 7	11.30	11.35	11.40
	Race 8	Straight after Race 7	Straight after Race 7	Straight after Race 7
Friday 2 nd August	Race 9	12.15	12.20	12.25
	Race 10	Straight after Race 9	Straight after Race 9	Straight after Race 9

3.3 In the event of a **General Recall** the recalled Class shall restart 5 minutes after the last class to start; if there is no event still to start, 6 minutes after the general recall signal (first substitute) is lowered.

3.4 The Race Officer may at his discretion apply an individual time limit of not less than 20 minutes after the first boat to finish: boats not finishing within the time limit shall score points for the positions after the last boat to finish according to their relative positions prior to the expiry of the limit at a mark, or marks, determined by the Race Committee. Expiry of the limit shall be signalled by code flag N over a blue flag with three sound signals (amending RRS 35 and A4).

4. COURSE

4.1 Course configuration



- 4.2 Boats shall pass through the gate, defined as the start line, after rounding the leeward mark.
(For the purpose of the diagram marks are to Port – see 4.2; angles are indicative only)
- Marks shall be rounded to Port when a red flag, and to Starboard when a green flag, is flown.
- 4.3 **The number of rounds** to be sailed shall be set by the fleet Race Officer and shall be signalled on a Black Board on the committee boat.
- 4.4 **A change before the start** in a course already displayed shall be signalled by hoisting code flags L over C until the warning signal.
- 4.5 Inflatable marks shall be used, round orange marks.
- 4.6 The Race Officer may use at his/her discretion a 'Z' course (a special course designed by the Race Officer) signalled by flying Code Flag Z over a Red Flag on the Club flag staff one hour before the first start time.

5 **SHORTENING COURSE (Amending RRS32)**

- 5.1 When code flag 'S' (shorten course) is flown by a mark of the course the race shall be shortened and boats shall round that mark and sail to the finishing line, except
- 5.2 When a blue flag is flown below Code Flag S boats shall finish at the mark in accordance with RRS 32.2.
- 5.3 The Race Officer may at his discretion deem a race to have been shortened under 5.2 at the mark rounded, or gate passed, by leading boats immediately previous to the signalling of code flags N over S with three sound signals.

6 **CHANGE IN COURSE**

In the event of a change in wind direction after the start there may be a boat stationed near any mark flying code flag C and displaying a red or green flag indicating that the next mark has been moved to port or starboard respectively. Any subsequent mark or finish line may be relocated to maintain the course configuration without further signalling.

7 **STARTING AND FINISHING**

The starting and finishing lines shall both be in the same vicinity, approximately one third of the way up the windward leg of the course.

- 7.1 The start line shall be between the committee boat mast flying an **orange** flag and the danbuoy flying an **orange** flag.
- 7.2 The finish line shall be between the committee boat mast flying a **blue** flag and the danbuoy flying a **blue** flag
- 7.3 Boat which have not started racing must keep clear of the start line until their start sequence is about to start.

8 **DISCARDS**

If 4 races in the series are sailed there shall be 1 discard, if 5 to 7 races are sailed there shall be 2 discards and if 8 or 10 races are sailed there shall be 3 discards.

9 **PROTESTS**

- 9.1 Protests shall be lodged within one hour of the last boat finishing the last race for that day.
- 9.2 If both parties to a valid protest agree that it be arbitrated by a member of the protest committee and, subject to the arbitrator deciding that the protest should be heard under RRS 63.1, that the decision be regarded for purposes of the RRS as that of the protest committee (**amending RRS 63.1**)



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