

New SIs and Programme for 2017

Context, Guidance and Explanation for PROs and Competitors

1. New SIs (separate attachment)

- a. Instead of Round 1 always being a triangle, and round 2 W/L we now have types of round: A = triangle, B= W/L, (SI 2.1), so on the board the course will be displayed (SI 2.3.b) for example as:

Either

CLASS	FAST	SLOW
W	ORANGE	BLUE
G	ORANGE	BLACK
L	ORANGE	ORANGE
F	START	START

Rds A B A A B

or

CLASS	FAST	SLOW
W	ORANGE	BLUE
G	ORANGE	BLACK
L	ORANGE	ORANGE
F	START	START

Rds A B B A A

OR

CLASS	FAST	SLOW
W	ORANGE	BLUE
G	ORANGE	BLACK
L	ORANGE	ORANGE
F	START	START

Rds B X 3 A B

One of the benefits of this, apart from greater options, is that if it goes light on an ABA course the RO can change it to ABB under new SI 4.2

- b. Double Cross is no longer used for Club start or finishes. The thinking is that the channel is obvious and by removing it, given that club starts and finishes are generally at high water, it is less of a procession and there are greater opportunities for passing when sailing directly between Black Can and Smithy. (SI2.2.1 & 2.2.2)
- c. There is an option (SI 7.1.2), when a blue flag is flown at the start, for the finish line to be on the other side of the cttee boat from the start line if a dan buoy with a blue flag is laid; if it is not laid then the start line is the finish line. The reason for introducing this is that there are occasions when the fast fleet have 3 races programmed, and the slow fleet one race. This option allows the RO to start a second race while the slow fleet are still racing and ensuring that the slow fleet do not finish on the same line as the fast fleet are starting on. **ROs, it would make this very clear if the dan buoy with the blue flag is laid before the start** (even if it is slightly repositioned later). We endeavour to ensure that there is a dan buoy with a large blue flag on it in the race store.

When you have digested the changes you might like to clear the highlights and remove reference to Double cross

2. Length of legs and duration of races

The fast fleet need a beat which is long enough to “stretch the legs” –eg Pivot to F Brooks, John Davis to S W Pilsey. The slow fleet may want shorter legs, depending on the classes sailing, and so an inner triangle can be laid, with a shorter beat to a nearer windward mark (blue) and a separate gybe mark (black). The time a race takes with a function of the number of rounds and wind strength. Intended times are 45min if more than one race, 1.5 hours if only one race. Where there is only one race for the slow fleet, but more for fast, we would expect the fast and slow to use the same marks (no inner triangle).

3. Harbour courses

The intention of the Harbour race series is to sail to the further reaches of the harbour, rather than just over the sands. This implies a Z course using harbour marks, rather than all inflatables, but one inflatable might be needed to ensure a reasonable beat.

The detailed programme is at the printers but now available on the Club web site You should have had your duty dates from dutyman, and if on duty before 10/4 your own PDF of the whole programme showing in particular on page 19 the reporting times for duties. Let's see if both PROs and competitors alike can start on time this season!

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