

COVID-19: Amendments to the Sailing Instructions

These amendments will be applied to the SYC Sailing Instructions for all races held between 1 October 2020 and 30 March 2021.

5. Class Flags - Race Types

The information in this section is modified by ...

The Club Series race format is modified as follows:

- The junior start is removed.
- Juniors racing in the Slow Handicap Fleet will have series results recorded separately (i.e with only Junior competitors included).

15 Safety Regulations

15.1 Entries (Signing On)

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Competitors must make a separate entry for each race in which they intend to compete.

A computer based entry system is used for most races at Starcross YC - this is accessible from the SYC website. Each competitor shall be solely responsible for entering the race using the supplied system and shall confirm that their name, class and visible sail number is correct. Full instructions for using the system are available from the SYC website.

Competitors shall enter for a race - at least 24 hours before the scheduled start of the race - using the online entry system accessed through the members page on the club website. Entries will open at least 5 days before the race and close no earlier than 24 hours before the event. Competitors must not visit the race box in an attempt to get an entry (or for any other reason).

The Race Committee may opt to use a paper based entry system for particular races. In this case signing on sheets will be provided and competitors informed through the public address system. In this situation each competitor shall legibly print his/her name, class and sail number (and boat number if using a sail with a different number) on the signing on sheet before the warning signal for the first race.

15.2 Declarations

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Competitors wishing to retire or take an exoneration penalty should report that fact to the Beachmaster, who will pass the information to the race committee.

15.3 Personal Buoyancy / Safety

unchanged . . .

15.4 Wind Speed Limits

new section added . . .

A race must not be started if by the judgement of the Race Committee the mean wind speed exceeds 16 knots or gusts. The race start can be postponed to wait for wind conditions within the permitted limit.

If a race has started, and by the judgement of the Race Committee the wind speed exceeds 16 knots for a period longer than 5 minutes then the race shall either be curtailed, or shortened to complete on the current lap.

Races may be cancelled at any time prior to the race by the Vice Commodore or Flag Captain by notification on the Members Page of the club website if the Met Office forecast of mean wind speed is significantly higher than 16 knots for the entire period of the race. Competitors should check the website before travelling to the club.