



St Catherine's Sailing Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Channel Islands Open Dinghy Masters Championship

Friday 24th June - Sunday 26th June 2016

**Organising authority:
St Catherine's Sailing Club**

All times Local Time (UTC +1)

Date	High Water	Height (m)
Friday	22:00 hrs	10:33
Saturday	10:24 hrs	9.98
Sunday	11:09 hrs	9.65

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Royal Yachting Association prescriptions will apply and will be stated in full in the sailing instructions.
- 1.3 The Racing Rules will be changed as follows:
Rule 35 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course & finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5
Rule 61.3 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the race committee, protest committee and to requests for redress. The protest committee may extend the protest time limit. This changes rule 61.3 (Ref. S14.2) will be changed by the sailing instructions in which the changes will appear in full.
The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in St Catherine's Sailing Club, clubhouse.

3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 hours on the day it will take effect except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the signal mast at St Catherine's Sailing Club.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The main championship will take place over Saturday 25th June & Sunday 26th June with six open handicap races over the two days. Four races are scheduled for Saturday & two races on Sunday.

5.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on Saturday is 10:25 hrs and on Sunday at 08:55 hrs.

6. CLASS FLAGS

Racing will be controlled by a race committee boat, Class Flag O will be displayed

7. RACING AREA

The racing area will be held in St Catherine's Bay

8 THE COURSES

Courses will be indicated in **Schedule A**;

The course number as detailed in **Schedule A**, will be displayed on the race committee boat; Marks A, B, and D shall be rounded to port and Mark C shall be rounded to Starboard. **Average lap will apply.** Mark L indicates the port end of the start & finish line & must be left to port with committee boat to starboard at the completion of each lap.

9 MARKS

Courses set by **race committee boat** will use inflatable **yellow cylindrical** buoys

10 THE START

10.1 Races will be started as specified in rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal;

10.2 The starting line will be between a mast or staff displaying a **yellow** flag on the race committee boat marking the starboard end of the line and an Orange inflatable mark marking the port end.

10.3 Where an inner limit mark is laid it must be left to starboard to protect the committee boat that it guards. Boats shall not pass between that mark and the race committee boat at any time. An inner limit mark will not form part of the starting line transit.

10.4 A boat failing to start within five minutes of its starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This changes rule A 4.1.

11 CHANGE OF POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK

11.1 To change the position of the next mark the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the moved mark may be relocated without further signaling to maintain the course configuration;

11.2 Boats shall pass between a race committee boat signaling the change of course and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes rule 28.1.

12 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a mast or staff displaying a blue flag on the relevant race committee boat marking the starboard end of the line and an Orange inflatable outer limit mark marking the port end.

13 TIME LIMIT

13.1 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1 Protest forms are available at St Catherine's Sailing Club's Race Office. Protests shall be delivered to the Race Office before the protest time limit;

14.2 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat in the relevant class has finished the last race of the day. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the race committee, protest committee and to requests for redress. The protest committee may extend the protest time limit. This changes rule 61.3;

14.3 Notices of competitors' protests will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings to which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Race Office.

15 SCORING

- 15.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply;
- 15.2 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series
- 15.3 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worse score when six races are completed. No score will be excluded when less than six races are completed.

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1 Any boat that retires from a race shall notify a race committee boat or other competitor as soon as possible.

17 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 17.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee
- 17.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity

18. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

Any boat or equipment may be checked for compliance with class rules and sailing instructions at any time. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for measurement checks.

19. RESULTS AND PRIZES

- 19.1 Results will be posted on the official notice board at St Catherine's Sailing Club at the end of each day's racing. The confirmed and final results will be announced at St Catherine's Sailing Club on Sunday 1st July as soon as possible after completion of the final race. Prizes will be given as follows:
 - 19.2 The Francis Le Brocq Masters Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner.
 - 19.3 Prize awarded to the first Apprentice Master (helm aged between 35 - 44)
 - 19.4 Prize awarded to the first Master (helm aged between 45 - 54)
 - 19.5 Prize awarded to the first Grand Master (helm aged between 55 - 64)
 - 19.6 Prize awarded to the first Great Grand Master (helm aged 65+)
 - 19.7 Prize awarded to the first lady (lady helm aged 35+)
 - 19.8 Prize awarded to the first "Ton Up Team" (total age of boat crew 100+)
 - 19.9 Note that competitors are only eligible to win the Francis Le Brocq Masters Trophy plus one age group category detailed above.

20 RISK STATEMENT

Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue is hers alone'.

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- 20.1 They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- 20.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- 20.3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- 20.4 Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- 20.5 The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- 20.6 The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

21. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 (three million pounds), throughout the event, to include racing.

Schedule A

Course 1 = A, B, C, D, L (Average Lap)

Course 2 = A, D, L (Average Lap)

Wind direction

