



## Sailing Instructions 2023– H

### Hut Starts-Fixed Mark Courses

### Tuesday and Saturday Racing

See “DBSC Racing Programme 2023” for Fleets Starting at West Pier Hut on Saturdays

These Sailing instructions should be read in conjunction with the General Sailing Instructions

The notation [NP] in a rule in these Sailing Instructions means that breaches of these rules will not be grounds for protest or redress by a boat. This changes RRS63.1

#### H1. The Start

1.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26

1.2 The starting line will be a transit formed by bringing in line the two rectangles on top of the starters hut. Boats shall pass between the hut and the limit mark designated on a board displayed at the hut.

1.3 (NP) A boat starting later than 10 minutes after starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A3 and A5.

1.4 When at her starting signal, any part of a boats hull, crew or equipment is On Course side of the starting line or its extensions a Black Shape shall be hoisted, accompanied by a sound signal until all such boats are wholly on the pre-start side of the starting line or its extensions or four minutes after the starting signal whichever is the earlier. (Amends RRS 29.1)

1.5 The Race Committee may broadcast the sail numbers of boats that were OCS by VHF. Failure to do so or the order of the broadcast will not be grounds for a request for redress. (this changes RRS 29.1 and 62.1(a)).

#### H2. The Course

**The course will be sailed around fixed marks as shown on the chart “DBSC Racing Marks” for the appropriate year and day of the week. Approximate positions are given in the “Yacht Racing Marks - Bearings” table for the appropriate year**

2.1 Fleets Starting at the West Pier Hut shall use Course Card “Saturday West Pier Hut Starts”.

2.3 Tuesday fleets shall use course card “Tuesday West Pier Starts”.

2.4 Marks in Red to be rounded to Port and Marks in Green to be rounded to Starboard.

2.5 (a) All Marks with the exception noted below in 2.5(b) are rounding marks to be rounded on the required side and in the order shown on Course card.

2.5 (b) When Turning Mark is the last mark of the course, it shall be left to Port and is a passing mark

2.6 No later than 3 minutes before the starting signal of each class the race committee shall designate the course to sailed, by displaying the letter and number reference from the appropriate course card” (This changes RRS 27.1)

### **H3 Platonic Courses**

3.1 Platonic courses:

3.1 (a) No later than 3 minutes before the starting signal for each class the race committee may display a series of letters designating fixed marks or an orange symbol designating a laid mark. Boats shall round the marks in the order communicated by VHF. A number completing the series designates the number of laps to be sailed.

3.1 (c)The race committee will communicate the course to be sailed by VHF, failure to do so or failure to receive such message will not be grounds for redress.

(This changes RRS 27.1)

3.2 Finish will be as described in A5 unless shortened.

### **H4 Exceptional Changes to Fleet Starts**

*This procedure is intended for use only when racing cannot be started from a committee vessel*

*Effectively when the clubs are displaying DBSC over Z special attention should be given to VHF CH68, the DBSC website and emails sent by DBSC on the day of racing*

4.1 In the event that afloat starts are not possible, DBSC races will be started from the DBSC hut. Flag ICF'X' may be flown below the DBSC burgee from the yard arms of the waterfront clubs & the Marina not later than 60 mins before racing commences. Classes for which races will be started will be denoted by their Class Flag. The Combined Hut Starts Course Card will apply. Communication on Ch68.

### **H5 Shortening the Course**

5.1 Courses may be shortened by a Committee Vessel taking up position beside any mark of the course, displaying Flag S and class flags if appropriate. Two sound signals will be made on approach of the leading boats. If the entire fleet is to be shortened the appropriate fleet pennant will replace all class flags. This is in addition to RRS32.2

### **H6 The Finish**

6.1 When returning to round Turning Mark for the last time no boat shall pass between the west pier and each of the three west pier starting marks which are marked as O, 2 & 3 on the DBSC Racing Marks Chart 2022

6.2 All boats finishing having sailed the course indicated shall pass Turning mark to port before proceeding to the finishing line.

6.3 The line shall be between the orange limit mark and an orange line on the northeast corner of the DBSC West Pier Hut.

### **H7 Time Limits**

**Tuesdays**

7.1 i) The time limit for the first boat of a class to sail the course and finish is 2 hours.

ii) Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the second boat of her class sails the course and finishes or before 21.05 (whichever is the earlier) shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. (Changes RRS 35 and A5)

iii) Should only two boats start a race any boat failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat of her class sails the course and finishes or before 21.05 (whichever is the earlier) shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. (Changes RRS 35 and A5)

**For the last two Thursday races in August and any subsequent races held in September SI 7.1i and 7.1 ii shall be deleted and 7.2 shall be in effect.**

7.2 The time limit for any boat of a class to sail the course and finish is 20.30Hrs. Any boats failing to finish by this time shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. (Changes RRS 35 and A5).

### **Saturdays**

7.3 i) The time limit for the first boat of a class to sail the course and finish is 17.00Hrs

ii) Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the second boat of her class sails the course and finishes or before 17.30 (whichever is the earlier) shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. (Changes RRS 35 and A5)

iii) Should only two boats start a race any boat failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat of her class sails the course and finishes or before 17.30 (whichever is the earlier) shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. (Changes RRS 35 and A5)