

DELL QUAY SAILING CLUB

Bass Cup Races

Sunday 17th September and 21st October 2017

The Organising Authority is Dell Quay Sailing Club (DQSC)

Apuldram, Chichester, PO20 7EE

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020*

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Official communications will be posted on the Official Notice Board, located in the clubhouse.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change in the Sailing Instructions or Notice of Race will be posted on the Official Notice Board for a minimum of one hour before the published start time of the event or can be made on a board on the Committee Boat not less than 20 minutes before the warning signal of the first race affected. Changes on the Committee Boat board take precedence. Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be signalled by displaying Flag L and one sound signal.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals for shore based line starts will be displayed at the DQSC race box at the western end of the red brick building.

4.2 Other signals will be displayed on the club mast.

5 SIGNALS MADE AFLOAT

Signals made afloat will be displayed on the Committee Boat and may in addition (after the start) be displayed on a patrol boat displaying a Dell Quay Sailing Club burgee.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

The Bass Cup will be held on Sunday 17th September, warning signal 09:25 and Sunday 21st October, warning signal 11:55. Three races are planned each day, back to back. Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series. An orange flag will be displayed on the committee boat approximately 5 minutes before each warning signal.

7 THE COURSES

7.1 The courses will be displayed on the Committee Boat for a Committee Boat start, and in the clubhouse for a shore based start. In addition, a course change may be displayed on the Quayside at the race officer's discretion.

7.2 Racing marks shall be either large orange cylindrical buoys bearing the initials DQSC and a number or any of the Chichester Harbour racing marks.

7.3 A change to the course already displayed will be signalled by displaying flag L until the warning signal of the race affected.

8 THE START

- 8.1 **Committee Boat starts.** The Committee Boat will be situated approximately between CYC and DQSC.

The starting line will be between the mast of the Committee Boat displaying an orange flag and an orange coloured mark indicating the outer end of the line situated approximately between CYC and DQSC. An inner distance mark may be laid but will not necessarily lie on the start line.

- 8.2 **Shore based line starts.** The starting line is the extension of a line joining the striped post on the DQSC race box and a striped post on the edge of the quay. Inner and outer distance marks may be laid but will not necessarily lie on the start line.

- 8.3 The starting line will be closed five minutes after the start of a race; any boat not then started will be scored as DNS (*this changes RRS A4.1*).

9 THE FINISH

- 9.1 **Committee Boat finishes.** The finishing line will be between the mast of the Committee Boat displaying an orange flag and an orange coloured mark indicating the outer end of the line.

- 9.2 **Shore based line finishes.** The finishing line will be a line joining the striped post on the DQSC Race Box and Quay racing mark and its extension westwards.

10 TIME LIMIT

- 10.1 The time limit shall be one hour. A boat failing to finish within thirty minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF without a hearing (*this changes RRS 35, 63.1, A4 and A5*). The limits may be extended at the Race Officer's discretion.

11 Scoring

- 11.1 The number of races to count will be half the number of races started plus one, rounded down.
- 11.2 The Average Lap System may be used. Corrected times for each competitor will be calculated based on their average lap time.
- 11.3 The overall club trophy winner between CYC and DQSC will be determined by taking the best 5 overall results from each club over the series, the lowest aggregated score will win the Bass Cup. The Bass Cup Trophy shall remain the property of the respective club and must be returned prior to the organising club before the following year's event.

12 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 12.1 Protests and requests for redress must be notified to the Race Officer within 30 minutes of the last boat finishing in the last race of each day. In addition, for any earlier race, competitors must advise the Race Officer before the next start of their intention to protest or request redress. The time limit may be extended at the Race Officer's discretion (*this changes RRS 61.3*).
- 12.2 Protest forms will be available in the clubhouse.

13 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 13.1 All competitors must sign-on at either CYC or DQSC when going afloat and sign-off within 60 minutes of the last boat finishing the last race each day. Failure to do so will result in the boat incurring a 25% scoring penalty. The time limit may be extended at the Race Officer's discretion (*this changes RRS 63.1*)
- 13.2 Boats not coming ashore at DQSC and having entered at CYC, may sign-on and sign-off by advising the Race Officer.
- 13.3 A boat that retires from a race must notify the Race Officer or a patrol boat as soon as possible.

14 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 14.1 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee.
- 14.2 A change of crew must be notified to the Race Officer before the start of the race(s) affected.

15 BOATS AND COMPETITORS IN DIFFICULTY

When the race committee considers that a boat or competitor is in difficulty it may instruct the boat or competitor to accept outside help, retire or sail ashore. Competitors shall obey such instructions from boats acting as patrol boats.

16 RISK STATEMENT

- 16.1 Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."
- 16.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, competitors agree and acknowledge that: (a) 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; (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore; (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission; (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate; (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve competitors of their responsibilities; (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.