

**ROYAL WINDERMERE YACHT CLUB**



**NOTICE OF RACE  
&  
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS  
2014**

# NOTICE OF RACE

## Royal Windermere Yacht Club

### Club Annual Racing Programme

#### 1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority is the Royal Windermere Yacht Club.

#### 2. RULES

2.1 Club racing will be governed by:

- a. 'rules' as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*
- b. Windermere Navigational Byelaws 2008 (as amended)
- c. classes' rules
- d. Club Sailing Instructions including any amendments thereto published in the 'Club Fixtures & Entries'.

#### 3. CLASSES & ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 Entries will be accepted for boats of the following classes:- Windermere 17' Class; Flying Fifteen Class; GP14 Class; Laser Class; RS 400 Class; Dinghy Handicap, Cruiser Handicap Class, Junior Handicap Class.
- 3.2 Subject to sub paragraph 3.4 entries will only be accepted from members of the Royal Windermere Yacht Club.
- 3.3 Temporary members of the club or an amateur member of a recognised yacht club may helm a boat entered by a member. Such boat shall count and may take a prize except prizes which are awarded to the helm not the boat (eg Junior Races). Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence temporary members who have sailed regularly at the club and have applied to join may compete and win such prize.
- 3.4 A temporary member who has paid membership fees and racing fees may enter a boat in any race and shall count and may win any prizes, provided that they have submitted a correctly completed nomination form before 1<sup>st</sup> October in the relevant season,
- 3.5 Junior Handicap helms shall be under 18 years old on 1 August in the current season.
- 3.6 Subject to 3.7 Junior helm & crew shall be under 18 Years old on 1 August in the current season
- 3.7 Junior helms:
  - (a) up to 8 years of age - an adult may crew and all races will count.
  - (b) between 8 and 11 years of age - an adult may crew and the first 3 such races will count.
- 3.8 In all races the crew may steer temporarily while the helm makes adjustments. The helm shall at all times be responsible.
- 3.9 The helm in junior races must not attain 18 years of age by 1 August in the relevant season.

#### 4. ENTRIES

- 4.1 The Racing Fee for each class of boat & member shall be fixed annually by the Sailing Committee.
- 4.2 A boat shall not race until she has paid the required Racing Fee.

#### 5. RACING PROGRAMME

- 5.1 The programme of races is set out in the Club Fixtures & Entries List.

- 5.2 The warning signal for each fleet will be 5 minutes before the published start time.
- 5.3 This Notice of Race does not apply to Open Meetings shown on the Club's Fixtures & Entries List.

# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

## Royal Windermere Yacht Club

### CLUB ANNUAL SAILING PROGRAMME

#### 1 RULES

- 1.1 Club racing will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The Windermere Navigational Byelaws 2008 (as amended) apply.
- 1.3 The relevant class rules shall apply subject to these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.4 Club races are open to boats holding a valid certificate of measurement.
- 1.5 Rules of the Flying Fifteen Class are changed as follows:-
  - a) Boat buoyancy must be inflated where fitted
  - b) An anchor and cable need not be carried
  - c) The helmsman and a crew of two are permissible only if 'the two' are both under 14 years of age
- 1.6 Rules of the GP Fourteen Class are changed as follows:-
  - a) the Dinghy Committee may in special cases allow a dinghy without a class certificate to sail under protest
  - b) a helmsman and a crew of two are permissible only if 'the two' are juniors
  - c) Series 1 GP's shall carry a bailer of at least four litres capacity.

#### 2 MEASUREMENT

- 2.1 The 17' class committee shall appoint such Official Measurers as are necessary for that Class.
- 2.2 A boat using sails with numbers other than the correct ones for that boat shall be disqualified unless the helmsman of that boat has notified the Race Officer before the warning signal for that race.

#### 3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice boards located in the club.

#### 4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect.

#### 5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the club notice board or flagstaff.

#### 6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 The schedule of races is as published in the Club's Fixtures & Entries list.
- 6.2 The published times are the start times for each fleet. The warning signal shall be five minutes before the published start time.
- 6.3 A race postponed or abandoned may be re-sailed at the discretion of the Class Committee. The date of any races to be re-sailed will be posted within 24 hours of the race having been abandoned or postponed.

#### 7 CLASS FLAGS

Windermere 17 ft Class	International Code Flag R
Flying Fifteen Class	Naval Numeral 6
GP 14 Class	International Code Flag A
Laser Class	Laser Class Flag

RS 400 Class	International Code Flag K
Cruiser Handicap Class	International Code Flag G
Junior Handicap Class	Numeral Pennant 6
Dinghy Handicap Races	International Code Flag D

## 8 RACING AREAS

8.1 The racing area will be Lake Windermere.

8.2 To indicate the racing area the following flags will be flown from the club flag staff:

U	Upper Lake
L	Lower Lake
C	Club Course*

(\*may include marks in both North & South Lake or bay start for dinghies).

## 9 PERSONAL BUOYANCY

9.1 Personal flotation devices shall be worn by all competitors participating in club activities while afloat.

## 10 THE COURSES

10.1 Courses will be signalled before the warning signal for each fleet. They will be displayed on the committee boat (or blackboard ashore). Marks are to be rounded as indicated, marks to be left to port will be shown on a red background (or marked P), marks to be left to starboard on a green background (or marked S).

## 11 MARKS

11.1 Marks will be either;

- the fixed marks designated on the club map of the lake, or;
- dan buoys, or;
- inflatable orange or yellow marks, or;
- as defined on the blackboard ashore.

## 12 THE START

12.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.

12.2 The starting line will be between a staff on the committee boat displaying an orange flag and a dan buoy flying an orange flag.

12.3 Boats shall avoid the immediate area of the start line until the previous fleet's starting signal has sounded.

12.4 A boat starting later than 20 minutes after her starting signal will be deemed to have retired and scored accordingly. This changes rule A4.1.

## 13 PROPULSION

13.1 When safety demands, in particular to avoid the Ferry, the crew may paddle in an adverse direction and shall not incur disqualification thereby. This changes rule 42.

## 14 THE FINISH

14.1 The finishing line will be either;

- as defined in **12.2** or;
- in the case of a shortened course may be between any mark of the course and the staff on the committee boat displaying an orange flag, the dan buoy displaying the orange flag may be attached to the mark of the course or;
- between the two shore marks located on the club veranda and the adjoining jetty in transit and extending to the far shore (Clubhouse Line).

This changes race signal S.

## 15 **TIME LIMITS & SHORTENING**

15.1 Time limits are as follows:

- a) 17' class 3 hours\*
- b) Cruiser Handicap Class 3 hours
- c) Flying Fifteen class 2½ hours
- d) Dinghy classes 1¾ hours
- e) (\*except club courses which are 4½ hours)

15.2 For evening dinghy races boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rules 35 and A4.1.

15.3 The Race Officer may shorten the course (display flag S with 2 sound signals) at any time. This changes rule 32.

## 16 **PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

16.1 Protest forms are available from the club office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

16.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes from the time that the Race Officer arrives back at the Club jetties. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the race committee and to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.

16.3 Notices of protests by the race committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

16.4 For the purpose of rule 64.3(b) the 'authority responsible' is the measurer appointed by the relevant organizing authority.

16.5 Protests shall be heard by a protest committee appointed by the Sailing Committee.

## 17 **SCORING**

17.1 A race will only count if three boats of the relevant class(es) have started.

17.2 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A as amended at SI 17.3 will apply to series except for the season's points and averages (see SI 17.6 & 17.7 below).

17.3 Except where otherwise indicated in the Class Prize Lists discards will be permitted as follows:- 1 to 3 races sailed- no discard; 4 to 7 races sailed- one discard; 8 or more races sailed two discards.

17.4 RRRS rule A4.2 shall not apply. RRS rule A9 shall apply to series other than the Season's Points and Averages.

17.5 The number of races in each series is as set out in the club's Fixtures & Entries List. Only one race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

### **17.6 Season's Points**

- a) A boat's points' score will be the aggregate of all points scored in counting races.
- b) Each Yacht, Flying Fifteen or Cruiser starting and finishing and not thereafter retiring, being penalised or given redress shall count 1 point plus 1 point for every boat she beats.
- c) Each dinghy starting and finishing and not thereafter retiring, being penalised or given redress shall count 1 point plus 1 point for completing the course plus 1 point for every boat she beats.
- d) Each boat which starts but thereafter retires or is disqualified shall count 1 point.
- e) Ties will not be split.

### **17.7 Season's Averages**

- a) i) Yachts and Flying Fifteens. A boat's average shall be her points as defined at 17.6 divided by the maximum number of points available to that boat in all races which she started, and which were not abandoned, expressed as a percentage to two decimal places.

- ii) Dinghies. The average will be determined in accordance with i) above
- b) The minimum number of races to qualify for the averages is set out in the relevant prize list for each fleet.
- c) Ties will not be split.
- d) For the purposes of the Prince of Wales Trophy only, a boats average is determined in accordance with 17.6 a) & b) and 17.7 a) i).

**18      DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in club racing entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The Royal Windermere Yacht Club will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the club's sailing programme.

**19      INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000.

**20      DEFINITIONS**

- 20.1    Boat means a boat of any of the designated classes.
- 20.2    Yacht means a boat which complies with the specification and rules set out by the Yacht Committee in Schedule A of these rules.
- 20.3    Dinghy means a boat of any of the following classes:- GP Fourteen Class, Laser Class, Junior Handicap Class, RS 400 Class, Handicap class.