

STOKES BAY SAILING CLUB

International Moth Class Ronstan Open Meeting

31st May & 1st June 2014

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the International Moth Class rules and these sailing instructions (SIs).
- 1.2 All competitors shall be members of IMCA UK or in the case of overseas competitors they shall be members of their local Moth Class Association or IMCA
- 1.3 No national authority prescriptions will apply.

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board(s) located at the Clubhouse entrance lobby.

3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the SIs will be posted 90 minutes before the advertised starting time of the race, or races, concerned, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000hrs on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

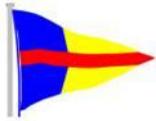
- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be hoisted on the Clubhouse mast.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The schedule of races and the times of warning signals are:

Day	Race Number	Warning signal	High Tide
Saturday	Race 1	1225hrs	1406
	Race 2	ASAP after Race 1	
	Race 3	ASAP after Race 2	
	Race 4	ASAP after Race 3	
Sunday	Race 5	1025hrs	1448
	Race 6	ASAP after Race 5	
	Race 7	ASAP after Race 6	
	Race 8	ASAP after Race 7	

- 5.2 When Flag 'U' is displayed ashore no competitor may go afloat until the signal is removed. No starting signal will be given for at least 30 minutes after Flag 'U' is removed.
- 5.3 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1530hrs.



6. CLASS FLAGS

6.1 The Class flags will be: class insignia on a white background.

7. RACING AREA

7.1 The course area will be within a 3 mile radius of the Clubhouse.

8. THE COURSE

8.1 The diagram in Attachment A shows the course including the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.2 The number of laps will be displayed on the committee boat.

9. MARKS

9.1 Marks will be orange or yellow inflatable buoys.

10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

See Attachment B.

11. STARTS

11.1 Races will be started by using rule 26.

11.2 The Starting Line will be between a mast displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat and mark 'S' or a mast displaying an orange flag on a boat at the port end.

11.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after the starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rules A4 and A5.

12. THE FINISH

12.1 The finishing line will be between a mast displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee Boat and Mark 3.

12.2 When the leading boat completes the course and finishes, all boats that cross the finish line within 20 minutes after the leading boat has finished shall be deemed to be finishing irrespective of the number of laps they have completed. Their position in the race will be noted from their finishing order and number of completed laps with those having the most laps being recorded ahead of those with less completed laps. This means that boats that have only completed 1 lap shall be ranked behind boats which have completed 2 laps. Boats that have completed 2 laps shall be ranked behind boats that have completed 3 laps, etc.

12.3 Boats failing to cross the finish line within 20 minutes after the first boat has sailed the course and finished will be scored after those finishing as per 12.2 who completed more laps, according to their position at the previous passing through, if completed, the Gate, otherwise they will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

13. PENALTIES

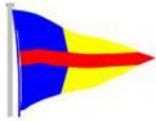
13.1 Rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that the penalty is only one turn, including one tack and one gybe.

14. TIME LIMITS

14.1 If no boat has completed 1 lap within 30 minutes the race shall be abandoned and re-sailed where possible.

15. PROTESTS & REDRESS

15.1 Protest forms will be available from the Race Office situated on the top floor of the Clubhouse.



- 15.2 Protests and Requests for Redress must be lodged in writing with the Race Office, within one hour of the last boat finishing the last race of the day.
- 15.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties to a hearing or named as witnesses. It shall be the responsibility of competitors to check the notice board for such notices.

16. SCORING & RESULTS

- 16.1 The low point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.
- 16.2 One race must be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.3 When fewer than 4 races are sailed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 16.4 When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1 PERSONAL BUOYANCY

Adequate personal flotation devices for crew members shall be worn at all times whilst afloat. Failure to do so may result in disqualification. Neither a wet-suit nor a dry-suit constitutes adequate personal flotation devices. Rule 1.2 and 40 are amended accordingly.

17.2 TALLY SYSTEM

The requirements of this instruction are specified for the safety of competitors.

- a) A tally system will be in operation.
- b) The location of the tally board will be indicated on the Official Notice Board.
- c) Your tally (a yellow wristband) must be collected from the tally board and worn at all times whilst afloat.
- d) On completion of (or retirement from) the race, or races where they are held back to back, you must return directly to Stokes Bay Sailing Club and replace your tally on the tally board in its correct position.
- e) In the event that you come ashore away from Stokes Bay Sailing Club, you must telephone the club on 023 9258 1513, as soon as practicable, to report your position and safety.
- f) Any boat(s) that fails to comply with the safety/tally system will be disqualified from the race/races concerned. The race committee may consider reinstatement of the boat(s) concerned upon donation of £10 to Gosport & Fareham Inshore Rescue Service.

17.3 DECLARATIONS

Declarations are not required except for boats retiring. This is to be declared on the sheets on the Official Notice Board.

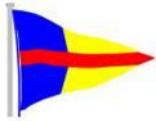
18. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

18.1 HELM SUBSTITUTION

Boats must sail with the nominated helm entered for the event. Any change to the nominated helm constitutes a new entry and must be requested in writing to the Race Officer and their written approval given before leaving the shore.

19. ADVERTISING

Boats shall display the advertising of the event sponsor, supplied by the organising committee on both sides of the forward 25% of the hull. Additional sponsorship material may also be supplied and will be displayed in the lower 25% of the mainsail.



20. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the integer of the square root of the number of entries. Prizes are kindly provided by **SailTek Ltd.**

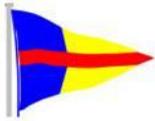
21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

21.1 GENERAL

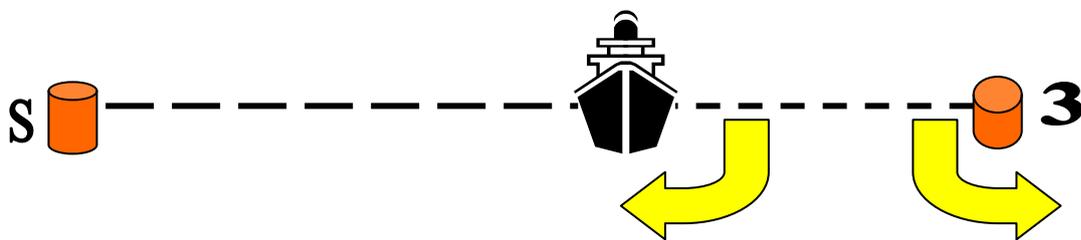
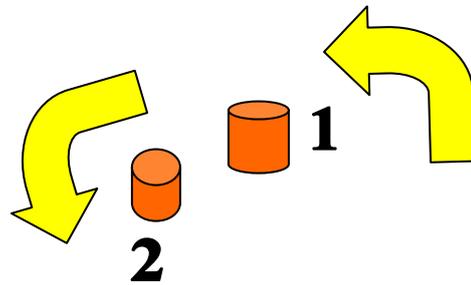
A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility. It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail the conditions in which she will find herself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and her crew is competent to sail and compete in them. Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the organising authority, the race committee, the race officer, patrol boats and beach masters. The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities.

21.2 INSURANCE

No boat shall race unless the boat is currently insured for third party risks to the minimum sum of £3,000,000 per incident (or its equivalent in any other currency) and such insurance shall be valid for the helmsperson who will be racing her.



ATTACHMENT A - COURSE DIAGRAM



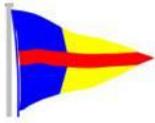
1 Lap: Start, 1 (P), 2 (P), Gate

Where:

Gate is between the Committee Boat, which will be left to starboard, and Mark 3, which will be left to Port.

Finish is between the Committee Boat, which will be left to starboard, and Mark 3, which will be left to Port.

The number of laps will be displayed on the committee boat and the Finish indicated as in Sailing Instruction 12



ATTACHMENT B

SHORELINE PROHIBITED AREA

- 1) No boat shall sail within 50 metres of the Gosport shoreline or to the landward side of the line parallel to the shoreline which joins any yellow Prohibited Area buoys (including the yellow buoy off the local inshore rescue service slipway), or its extensions (whether more or less than 50 metres from the shoreline) except:
 - a) If a boat is capsized or disabled or requires attention ashore or is helping those in danger
 - b) If a boat is sailing to or from the slipway area off the Club
- 2) The prohibited area is an obstruction for the purpose of RRS Rule 18 and 19.
- 3) The Race Committee will monitor the prohibited area and may disqualify any boat seen infringing this Instruction without a hearing (although any boat disqualified may seek redress under rule 60.1).
- 4) The Race Committee may direct a patrol boat to monitor the rule if he deems it necessary
- 5) A boat infringing the prohibited area may also be liable to other penalties under RRS Rule 69 -Gross Misconduct).
- 6) This is a variation to the Racing Rules of Sailing as the Race Committee does not have to raise a protest against a boat seen infringing this rule, in order to disqualify them from the results of that race.

OTHER NON-COMPETING VESSELS

All non-competing vessels (small or large) are to be accorded their rights under the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS). In particular, IRPCAS 9(b) states:

A vessel of less than 20 metres in length or a sailing vessel shall not impede the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway.

The racing area may cross or go near a channel, and all commercial shipping is to be treated as being in a narrow channel or fairway.