

Sailing Instructions

Short Course Racing



1 RULES

1.1 The normal HFSC Sailing Instructions apply except where modified by these Sailing Instructions.

2 Mark Location

2.1 The course will be set using the Club's inflatable marks, within an area to the Southwest of the harbour entrance (refer to *Figure 2 - Club Racing Area*). The course orientation will be adjusted according to wind direction but the number of marks and their relative positions will remain essentially the same.

2.2 3 marks will be laid as illustrated in *Figure 1 - Course Diagram*:

- Mark 1 is the Leeward Mark
- Mark 2 is the Windward Mark
- Mark 3 is the Wing Mark

2.3 Mark 2 will be laid directly upwind of Mark 1.

2.4 Mark 3 will be laid so that a line drawn through Marks 1, 2 and 3 forms a right angle, with the distance between Mark 2 and Mark 3 approximately 1/2 to 1/3 of the distance between Mark 1 and Mark 2.

2.5 The size of the course will be set according to wind strength.

3 Course

3.1 The Course shall consist of 3 'Triangle' laps around Marks 1, 2 and 3, interspersed with 3 'Sausage' laps around Marks 1 and 2 as follows:

- Start (Club Line)
- 1*
- 2 Port
- 3 Port
- 1 Port
- 2 Port
- 1 Port
- 2 Port
- 3 Port
- 1 Port
- 2 Port
- 1 Port
- 2 Port
- 3 Port
- 1 Port
- 2 Port
- 1*
- Finish (Club Line)

* Pass on the side of the Mark furthest from the Start/Finish Line, rounding in the direction that gives the shortest path around the Mark; refer to *Figures 3-7, First and Last Rounding of Mark 1*. The OOD may indicate which side to pass the mark if there is cause for doubt because of the course orientation.

3.2 The triangles are on the odd numbered laps, the Sausages are on even numbered laps, remember TOES - Triangles Odd, Even Sausages. From this it follows that you start with a triangle lap and end with a sausage lap.

3.3 All laps start and finish at Mark 1 (the Leeward Mark).

4 Shortened Course

- 4.1 The OOD may shorten the course before or after the start by reducing the number of laps, and should consider shortening the course if it appears likely that the lead boat will not finish within 1½ hours.
- 4.2 On the final lap of a shorted course Competitors shall round Mark 1 on the same side as they would have done on the last lap of the full course (see 3.1).
- 4.3 The number of laps of the shortened course shall be communicated to each competitor by the Safety Boat before each competitor starts the final leg of the last lap. Typically this will be done as each boat approaches the Windward Mark (Mark 2).
- 4.4 The number of laps may be communicated by any appropriate means (e.g. verbal, a number written on a board, holding up that number of items etc). Note this is the total number of laps in the race not the number of laps to go.

5 Moving or Missing Marks

- 5.1 During a race the OOD may request the Safety boat to reposition marks that have moved for any reason, but shall not adjust the size of the course significantly during the race.
- 5.2 A boat attempting to round a mark that is being repositioned shall also round the Safety Boat.
- 5.3 The OOD may start a race with only Mark 1 in position providing the next mark is in position before the lead boat rounds the preceding mark.

Notes

This section is not part of the Sailing Instructions but is provided as a reminder of some of the key rules; please refer to the Racing Rules of Sailing or the HFSC Sailing Instructions for details:

- 1, A boat on port gives way to one on starboard (applies upwind (tacking) and downwind (jibing or running)).
- 2, A windward boat gives way to a leeward boat on the same tack/jibe, (but note that a windward boat on starboard has priority over a leeward boat on port).
- 3, If you touch a mark or break a rule (such as a right-of-way rule) you must do a 360 degree penalty turn (which must include a tack and a jibe).
- 4, You have to be off the beach by the 4 minute signal to avoid a time penalty.
- 5, Don't sail over the outfall opposite the club - you will be disqualified.
- 6, You can sail through the jet ski area – the jet skis have no right-of-way but are allowed to go at full speed within the marked area.

Figure 1, Course Diagram (not to scale)







