



Hamble River Sailing Club

Warming Pan 14th & 15th March 2009

Sailing Instructions

(V1.1- issued 12/3/09)

Merlin Rocket Class
Firefly Class
National 12 Class
Foxer Class

1. Rules

1.1. **General** - The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

1.2. **Shipping** - It is a local bye-law that shipping in the Solent and Southampton Water has right of way over sailing boats at all times. Fines have been imposed in the recent past for infringements of this rule. Boats seen or reported to have obstructed shipping will be protested. A Protest under this SI may be brought only by the Race Committee (RC) and not by a competitor.

1.3. **Clothing** - Dry or Wet-suits suitable for winter sailing shall be worn at all times.

1.4. **Buoyancy Aids** - Each member of the crew must wear an approved buoyancy aid at all times when afloat. Flag Y will not be flown. This modifies RRS 40.

1.5. **Clearing the Course Area** - When flag N over H or N over A is displayed, all boats shall immediately return to shore.

1.6. **Prohibited Area** - The transit between the HRSC Clubhouse and the Start Line Inner Limit mark is a prohibited area. Boats must not pass between the Start Line Inner Limit mark and the Hamble Shore at any time while racing.

2. Notices to Competitors

2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board in the entrance hall of the HRSC clubhouse.

3. Safety Tally System

3.1. Every boat is given a number at registration which is its tally number

3.2. A beach master is in charge of the issue and return of tallies in the launching area

3.3. Tallies are in the form of thick numbered plastic bands

3.4. Tallies are kept on a numbered hook, one colour for helm and one for crew

3.5. Tallies are to be worn around the wrist at all times until returned.

3.6. On returning to shore the Tallies must be returned to the beach master as soon as possible

3.7. A boat will take a 20% scoring penalty for each race completed while infringing this SI. This scoring penalty (defined in RRS 44.3(c)) will be imposed by the race committee without a hearing

4. Changes in Sailing Instructions -

4.1. Any changes in the Sailing Instructions will be posted at least 1 hour before the advertised starting time of the race or races concerned.

5. Signals made ashore -

5.1. Signals made ashore will be hoisted on the flagpole located on the end of the HRSC clubhouse.

6. Schedule of Races

6.1. The schedule of races, the classes to race and the order and times of starting signals are as follows: -

Day	Class	Merlin	Nat 12	Firefly
	IC Flag	O	T	F
Sat	1st Start	1100	1105	1110
Times and number of subsequent races to be given at the morning briefing.				
Sun	1st Start	1030	1035	1040
Times and number of subsequent races to be given at the morning briefing.				

Day	Class	Foxer
	IC Flag	E
Sat	1st Start	The Foxer Class will start as signalled at least 10 minutes after the last start of the 3 classes above;
Sun	1st Start	Times and number of subsequent races to be given at the morning briefings.

7. Class Flags

7.1. The Class Flags are as shown in SI.6. Depending on the number of entries classes may be combined.

8. Course Area

8.1. The course area will be the River Hamble and Southampton Water within 1 mile of Hamble Point Navigational buoy. The Start will be at the HRSC Clubhouse. **See Appendix A.**

9. The Course

9.1. The course to be sailed for each race will be announced at the briefing each day, posted on the Official Notice Board and may be repeated on a course board outside the club steps.

9.2. If a course is subsequently changed, flag 'L' will be displayed.

10. Marks

10.1. A description of the marks may be displayed on the official notice board and described at the briefing each day.

11. The Start

11.1. The starting line will be the transit formed by the mast on the HRSC Clubhouse and the Start Line Inner Distance Mark, a dan buoy with a coloured topmark.

11.1.1 In the event of a general recall, the starting procedure for the succeeding class (es) will continue, and recalled classes will start as signalled after the last scheduled start. This changes RRS 29.2 & Race Signal 1st Substitute

11.2. A boat shall not start more than ten minutes after her starting signal.

12. The Finish

12.1. The finishing line will be the same as the start line. Boats will finish after the specified number of laps.

12.2. Shortened Course Finish

When flag 'S' is displayed over flag 'U' boats will finish the next time they cross the finish line in an upstream direction. When flag 'S' is displayed over flag 'D' boats will finish the next time they cross the finish line in a downstream direction.

13. Time Limit

13.1. The time limit for a boat will be 30 minutes after the first boat in her class finishes. There will be no time limit for the first boat in a class.

13.2. Boats not finishing before the time limit will be scored the average of the points available to those boats in her class still racing had such boats finished. This changes RRS A4.2.

14. Protests

14.1. Protests shall be written on forms available at the race office, and delivered there within 60 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day, unless extended at the discretion of the Race Committee. Protests will be heard in the HRSC Clubhouse in the approximate order of receipt as soon as possible.

15. Scoring System

15.1. Merlin Rocket, Firefly & National 12 classes only

15.1.1 Four (4) races are scheduled; 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

15.1.1.(a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores.

15.1.1.(b) When all scheduled races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score

15.2. Foxer class only.

15.2.1 Eight (8) races are scheduled; 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

15.2.1.(a) When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores.

15.2.1.(b) When 6 or more races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score

16. Prize giving

16.1. Prize giving for Saturday's racing will be held in the Clubhouse on Saturday afternoon as soon as possible after racing.

16.2. Overall Prize giving will be held in the Clubhouse on Sunday afternoon as soon as possible after racing. The time of the prize giving will be displayed on the blackboard outside the club steps.

Appendix A

