

Changes to the SVYC Sailing Instructions for 2010

Some changes have been made to the Sailing Instructions for 2010. Much that has been altered is simply to bring the paragraphs into line with the recommendations of ISAF contained in the Racing Rules. However there are some changes which need to be noted.

The SIs now contain the requirement for anybody entering any race to have done so each year in writing and at the same time to have signed agreement to the disclaimer contained in the SIs. For children (under 18) the parent or guardian must have signed this disclaimer in respect of each child; the child does not sign this document.

The minor changes that have been incorporated are;

The Race area is now defined as the Eastern Solent rather than just 3 miles off Seaview. This is in line with the Mermaids sailing longer courses and most of the Handicap Cruiser races that are run by the club. An additional Chart for Cruiser races has been produced to include buoys further away. The time limit for cruiser races is increased to 4 hours and may have to be increased for Mermaids and Cruisers for specific longer races.

Course changes made using the boards on the deck are no longer provided for, the better practice of sending a rib to a turning mark will always be used.

When the small ODM near the pile is used, this will apply at the end of a round or at the finish as well as at the start. The use of this buoy is to be encouraged particularly if boats starting are likely to choose the outer end of the line.

A change of SIs made by a committee boat would be signalled by displaying the 2nd substitute flag. This is the recommended practice. Flag L will still be used when SIs are altered by a notice posted ashore, this being the more normal way of so doing.

Under the heading of SAFETY, a new instruction enabling the race committee (which includes a safety boat driver) to instruct a boat or competitor in difficulty to accept outside help, retire and go ashore. The requirement for competitors under 18 to be able to swim, paddle or row a boat is no longer stipulated: however the responsibility for a child being fit to sail in the prevailing conditions rests entirely with the parent or guardian that has signed the disclaimer.

The Victory Class for SVODs has been allocated the Class Flag D.

MERMAID CLASS RULES are altered in that gps is not allowed to be carried on board. Also the rule that stipulates that a crew must have their feet on the cockpit sole when holding out the foresail has been removed. The rule that says that no member of the crew may sit or stand on the side deck aft of the shrouds is considered sufficient.

FOR RACE OFFICERS - USEFUL TIDE MARKS have been painted on the side of the staging. If the marking 3 is below water, buoy no. 3 may safely be used. If the marking 15 is below water, buoy no 15 may also be used. If they are above water (ie visible!) do not use these buoys as there will be insufficient water.

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