

WEST MERSEA WHITE SAIL SERIES

APPENDIX TO 2017 WMYC AND DSC JOINT NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Preamble

BOATS WITH A 2017 IRC RATING ARE STRONGLY DISCOURAGED FROM PARTICIPATING IN RACES IN THIS SERIES WHEN AN IRC RACE IS SCHEDULED ON THE SAME DAY. The White Sail Series is intended to appeal to boats which are less than fully crewed and which are not flat out race boats. Handicaps used for the series will be NHC

1. RACING RULES

Races will be sailed under the *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*, together with the RYA National Prescriptions, the 2017 West Mersea Yacht Club & Dabchicks Sailing Club Joint Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions and this Appendix, together with any subsequent amendments issued to those Sailing Instructions and this Appendix.

2. SERIES & ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 The series will consist of eight races, as detailed in the 2017 Sailing Programme published by each club.
- 2.2 The series is open to boats using only cotton, dacron, cruising laminate or pentex sails. Sails made from other materials are NOT permitted to be used at any time during the series.
- 2.3 Spinnakers and cruising chutes are NOT permitted to be used at any time during the series. However, a headsail, the luff of which is fully attached to the forestay, may be boomed out on downwind legs using any type of pole or jibstick.

3. CLASS FLAGS

Numeral Pennant 4 class flag shall be flown from the backstay of yachts competing in all races in this Series. Sail numbers shall be clearly seen from at least the Mainsail

4. COURSES

White Sail Series races may be sailed over a different course to the course selected for any IRC race being held on the same day. The course for the White Sail Series race will be displayed on the Committee Boat after the start of any IRC race being held on the same day and before the preparatory signal for the White Sail Series race. The course may also be broadcast by the Committee Boat on VHF Channel 77.

5. TIME LIMIT

- 5.1 The target time for all races in this series is two hours. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes Rule 62.1.
- 5.2 The time limit for all races in this Series is three hours. Any boat finishing within this time limit shall make the race valid. Boats failing to finish within 60 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be deemed to have retired and scored as DNF. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

6. DISCARDS ALLOWED

If all eight of the scheduled races are completed, three discards will be permitted, and the best five scores of each boat will therefore count for the Series.

If only six or seven of the scheduled races are completed, two discards will be permitted.

If fewer than six of the scheduled races are completed, then SI 14.13 will apply.

At the discretion of the Sailing Committee, races which are postponed or abandoned may be re-sailed.
