

WEST MERSEA SPORTSBOAT SERIES

APPENDIX TO 2019 WMYC AND DSC JOINT NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RACING RULES

Races will be sailed under the *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*, together with the RYA National Prescriptions, the 2019 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 10 races, as detailed in the 2019 Sailing Programme published by each club.

2.2 A Sportsboat is defined as:-

- A keelboat with a valid 2019 IRC rating of 1.100 or less.
- A maximum Length (HL) of 9.5 metres.
- A displacement to length ratio (DLR) of 160 or less.
- Boats outside these limits may be accepted at the sole discretion of the Joint Sailing Committee.
- This Class will race under IRC. A boat racing in this fleet must be in possession of a valid 2019 IRC certificate. A copy of the certificate must be lodged with the Sailing Secretariat of WMYC who will copy Dabchicks Sailing club
- Owners of all yachts sailing under IRC one-design certificates are reminded that, under IRC rules 13.7 and 22.4.1, they are required to comply with their respective class rules.
- IRC Rule 22.4.2 will not apply. There will be no limitations on crew number or weight except as required for boats rated as one-designs, which shall comply with IRC Rule 22.4.1.

3. CLASS FLAGS

Numeral Pennant 6 class flag shall be flown from a convenient stay. Sail numbers shall be clearly seen from at least the Mainsail

4. COURSES

The course for Sportsboats shall be displayed on the Committee Boat at their warning signal. The courses may be Round the Cans (RTC), from a course card, or Windward/Leeward as shown in Appendix A of this Appendix. The course may also be broadcast by the Committee Boat on VHF Channel 77.

5. TIME LIMIT

- 5.1 The target time for Windward/Leeward races is 1 hour, RTC races will have a target time of 2hrs. 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 1.5 hours or 1730hrs. Any boat finishing within this time limit shall make the race valid. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes shall be scored TLE. This changes RRS 35, A4, A5 and A11.

6. DISCARDS ALLOWED

- 6.1 If four or fewer races are sailed no discard.
- 6.2 five to eight races sailed one discard.
- 6.3 Greater than eight races sailed two discards.

7. Prizes

The series will be split in two halves for scoring purposes

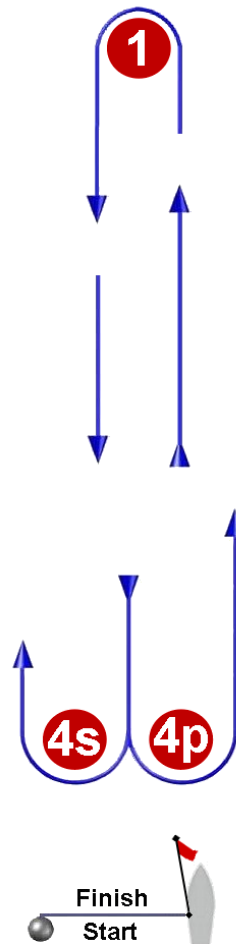
- Prizes will be awarded to the boats positioned 1st/2nd/3rd after the first five races
- Prizes will be awarded to the boats whose scores place them 1st/2nd/3rd from race six to the end of the series

Prizes will be awarded for the finishing positions for the whole series.

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Appendix A

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Course: Windward/Leeward

Signal	Marking Rounding Order
L2	Start - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - Finish
L3	Start - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - Finish
L4	Start - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 4s/4p - 1
	- Finish