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## **SEPARATE FOLDER IN BAG**

RECORDING & SCORING SHEETS

## **HELP LINE**

Assistance / guidance is available from Kevin Aitken (07778 788855) or Howard Morrison (07795 183660) or by VHF 69 on the water.

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# **EQUIPMENT REQUIRED FOR EAST PATCH RACING**

## **Contents in East Patch Sailing Bag:**

### **Class Flags (in bag but must be checked ASAP)**

#### **Wednesday evenings:**

Class flags – Pennants One, Two & Three and IC letters O & T, plus signal flags

#### **Summer Luddon Series:**

Class flags – Pennants One and IC letter O & T, plus signal flags

#### **Autumn Series:**

Class flag – Pennant One, IC flag O, plus signal flags

## **Signal Flags**

IC Signal Flags: 9

**C** (change of course); **I** (Rule 30.1 round end rule); **L** (amendment to SI or come within hailing distance); **N over A** (abandon racing today); **P** (preparatory); **S** (shortened course);

**U** (naval movement); **X** (recall individual)

Answer Pennant (postponement), 1<sup>st</sup> Sub (general recall)

Colours – Orange (CV on station start/finish line) between mast of vessel and outer mark.

## **Equipment**

Triatic stay and whistle

Hooter and spare refill, plus manual horn

Course numbers / letter sheets. 0 – 9 including (2 x 1s), A, B

**Timing Device & Pen/Pencil and VHF radio (where practicable to announce time signals with flag hoist)**

Supplied by Race Officer and team

# **RACE OFFICER CHECK LIST FOR EPRC RACING**

## **1. Before Embarking**

- a. Familiarise yourself with EP sailing instructions and access to RRS 2017-2020.
- b. Allocate crew to duties (timekeeper, flags, sound signals and recorder).
- c. Check weather – if racing not possible, show abandonment signal (N over A) at RNCYC and HSC and advise James Watt & Rhu Marina. Race Officers from James Watt should contact the helpline as listed on the Contents Index and Rhu Marina.
- d. Check contents of Race Bag against inventory.
- e. Check for possible major shipping movements with the Duty Operations Officer, QHM, HM Naval Base Clyde (Tel: 674321, Ext 3555) and Clyde Estuary Control, Greenock (01475 726221). If anticipated movement hoist IC flag U when on station.

## **2. Afloat**

- a. Be ready on station and anchored at least 15 minutes before warning gun, erect triatic stay and bent-on appropriate flags on passage out. Hoist Orange flag (committee boat on station). Having selected the course displayed the number (with B if appropriate) on start line side of vessel. The Start Line should be at right angles to the windward leg, with a length of 150% of the aggregate length of the largest class.
- b. Remind your team of the flag/sound sequence/VHF announcement for the flags and for postponement, recall (individual and general), shorten course etc – see “Flags and Sound Signals” sheet in these notes.

## **3. During Racing**

- a. If there is a material change of wind, the course can be altered at the end of a round. Fly flag C and display the number of the new rounding weather mark before the first boat passes through the line.
- b. Continually assess need to shorten course (SI 13.2), not necessarily at the intended finish line. The Line should be at right angles to the course from the previous mark. (If there is any bias it should be towards the mark).
- c. Handicap classes, particularly restricted sail, have varying handicaps and you should monitor the whole class's progress carefully and avoid if possible a second round unless it is clear that most of that class can complete it. That does not mean unnecessary caution of short races, as inevitably we can get this wrong as the wind fluctuates, but be comforted your decision was based on the best information available at that time.
- d. Should you wish to shorten course for any class individually, the appropriate class flag should be flown with S.
- e. Real times (HHMMSS) should be recorded for each class start, particularly if there is a postponement to the advertised start time, and for each boat at the end of each round (SI 15.2) and at the finish.

4. **At Finish**

- a. Finishing sound signals should be given to the scale 1 - 4.
- b. Note any boats flying a Protest flag; endorse on ROs results sheet.

5. **Ashore**

- a. Deliver results sheets and equipment bag to James Watt Reception or to the RNCYC, with a note of any defects or deficiencies, on Wednesday evening, or Thursday morning to the office. The RNCYC closes @ 2230 hours, opening at 0900 hours to 1230 daily.

# FLAG & SOUND SIGNALS

## FLAGS

Orange – Committee vessel on station for Start/Finish Line hoist near main mast.

Number/Letter sheets – to indicate chosen course displayed not later than prepare IC flag P and sound signal.

P – Preparatory (5 minutes)

U – Naval Shipping anticipated.

Classes:        Handicap I – Pnt 1, Handicap II – Pnt 2, and Sonata – IC flag O

## SOUND SIGNALS (SS) AND FLAGS

**Postponement** (indefinite) hoist AP and 2 SS (SS = Sound Signal)

- a. Start after postponement, lower AP with 1 SS, one minute prior to revised start sequence.
- b. Commence start sequence one minute after lowering AP (ie. 10 minute gun)

**General recalls** – Hoist 1<sup>st</sup> Sub, and 2 SS.

**Start after general recall: (SI 11)**

- a. Lower 1<sup>st</sup> Sub one minute before start of next class without any SS.
- b. Hoist recalled class flag and IC flag I at preparatory signal of last class to start normally (RRS 30.1 in effect, ie round the ends).
- c. Lower IC flag I one minute before start.

**Individual recall:**

- a. Hoist IC flag X with 1 SS
- b. Lower when boat has returned wholly to pre-start side of line, or after 4 minutes (Whichever is earlier).

**Shorten course:**

- a. General: IC flag S and 2 SS
- b. Selected class: IC flag S and class flag (s) of those to be shortened and 2 SS

**Abandonment:**

(No re-sail): IC flag N over IC flag A and 3 SS

**Change course: (SI 12.1)**

IC flag C and repeated SS when boats in vicinity to draw attention to change of rounding weather mark.

**Time limit extension:**

Class flags for boats eligible to continue and two SS (if applicable)

**Extension limit expired:** 3 SS and lower all flags

# FLAG & SOUND SIGNAL SEQUENCE

*(Guidelines for announcements on VHF)*

<u>TIME</u>	<u>HOIST SIGNAL</u>	<u>LOWER</u>	
<b><u>Primary &amp; Secondary Points Series – P &amp; SP</u></b>			
1855	Pnt 1 Warning	-	
	<i>(Class flag One displayed)</i>		
1900	P & O Preparatory	-	
	<i>(Flag “Papa” and class flag O “Oscar” displayed)</i>		
1905	Pnt 2	Pnt 1	H’cap I
start	<i>(Class flag One removed and class flag Two displayed, and if required X-ray or 1<sup>st</sup> Sub General Recall displayed)</i>		
1910	-	O	Sonata
start	<i>(Class flag O “Oscar” removed, and if required X-ray or 1<sup>st</sup> Sub General Recall displayed)</i>		
1915	-	P & Pnt 2	H’cap
II & Sonars start	<i>(Class flag O “Oscar” and P “Papa” removed, and if required X-ray or 1<sup>st</sup> Sub General Recall displayed)</i>		
<b><u>Summer Luddon Series Cup – LS</u></b>			
1855	Pnt 1 Warning	-	
	<i>(Class flag One displayed)</i>		
1900	P & O Preparatory	-	
	<i>(Flag P “Papa” and Class flag O “Oscar” displayed)</i>		
1905	-	Pnt 1	
General start	<i>(Class flag One removed, and if required X-ray or 1<sup>st</sup> Sub General Recall displayed)</i>		
1910	-	P & O	Sonata
start	<i>(Flags “Oscar” and “Papa” removed, and if required X-ray or 1<sup>st</sup> Sub General Recall displayed)</i>		
<b><u>Time Limits</u></b>			
Primary 1 & 2, Secondary 1 & 2, Summer Luddon Series	2115	20 min	

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DNF	Did not finish or retired before finishing
RAF	Retired after finishing

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DNE	Disqualification are not able to be discarded, if prescribed in the Notice of Race and in the Sailing Instructions.
RDG	Redress given

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