

Noble Marine Musto Skiff National Championships

5th to 8th September 2019

Organising Authority:

Largs Sailing Club

in conjunction with the:

GBR Musto Skiff Class Association

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 – 2020, the International MUSTO Skiff Class Rules in force at the time of the Regatta and the Sailing Instructions of the event and Largs Sailing Club as the racing authority.
- 1.2 RYA National prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3 The RRS will be changed as follows:
 - 1.3.1 Competitors will wear personal flotation devices to a minimum of 50N at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or equipment. Flag Y will not be displayed. This changes RRS 40 and the preamble to Part 4. [NP][DP]. Wet suits or dry suits do not constitute an adequate personal flotation device.
 - 1.3.2 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
 - 1.3.3 RRS 63.7 is changed so that in the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.
- 1.4 The Sailing Instructions may also change other RRS.
- 1.5 RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply.
- 1.6 The notation '[DP]' denotes that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.
- 1.7 The notation [NP] denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This may change RRS60.1(a).

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, located in the downstairs lobby of the Largs Sailing Club.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 09:00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect. The changes will be numbered sequentially and indicated by flying flag 'L' together with the appropriate numeral pennant.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Club flagpole next to the Clubhouse.

4.2 Boats shall not leave the shore until Flag D is displayed ashore with one sound. The warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after flag D is displayed.

4.3 When flag AP is displayed ashore one minute is replaced with not less than 30 minutes after it is lowered.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 The schedule of racing and social events is as shown in the table below:

Day	Date	Event	Time
Wednesday	4 th September	Registration & Practice	18:00 to 20:00
Thursday	5 th September	Registration	09:00 to 12:00
		Competitor's Briefing	11:00
		Warning Signal – 3 races scheduled	No earlier than 12.55
		Buffet hosted by the club.	19:00
Friday	6 th September	3 races scheduled	No earlier than 10.55
Saturday	7 th September	3 races scheduled	No earlier than 10.55
		Class dinner hosted by the club.	19:00
Sunday	8 th September	3 races scheduled	No earlier than 10.15 (Last warning signal no later than 14.30)
		Prize Giving	As soon as possible after racing

- 5.2 The Championship will consist of a maximum of 12 races.
- 5.3 One extra race per day may be sailed. No more than 4 races will be sailed on any day.
- 5.4 No warning signal will be made after 14:30 on Sunday 8th September 2019.
- 5.5 Races on any day will be sailed back to back.
- 5.6 The intention is to complete the full program of scheduled races and therefore the above schedule may be modified at the discretion of the Race Committee, except that the time of the warning signal for the first race on the first day will not be brought forward. Races may be sailed either in advance or arrears. This means that scheduled races may be bought forward or put back.
- 6 CLASS FLAGS**
- 6.1 The Class flag will be a white flag bearing the Musto Skiff logo.
- 7 RACING AREA**
- 7.1 Racing will take place either in the Largs Channel or to the north of Cumbrae depending on the conditions. The course location will be indicated by the Beachmaster prior to tally release and launch.
- 8 THE COURSES**
- 8.1 The diagram in Annex A show the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee signal boat:
- 8.2.1 may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg; and
- 8.2.2 will display numeral 2, 3 or 4 to indicate the number of laps to be sailed, corresponding to LA2, LA3 or LA4 as shown on Annex A.
- 8.3 The gate may be replaced by a single mark in which case it is to be left to port.
- 9 MARKS**
- 9.1 Marks 1, 1A, 2A and 2B will be yellow inflatable race marks.
- 9.2 Start and finish marks will be blue inflatable race marks.
- 10 THE START**
- 10.1 The races will be started as follows:
- 10.1.1 5 minutes before starting signal, Class Flag = warning signal
- 10.1.2 4 minutes before the starting signal, P, I, U or Black flag = preparatory signal
- 10.1.3 1 minute before the start preparatory signal flag removed = 1 minute
- 10.1.4 Starting signal, Class flag removed = start.
- 10.1.5 Orange flag shall be displayed with multiple sound signals to indicate imminent commencement of starting sequence.
- 10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee boat at the starboard end and a blue inflatable mark at the port end.
- 10.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 10.4 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a pink inflatable mark.
- 10.5 If the direction of the leg will be changed, the signal shall be:
- 10.5.1 the display of flag C with repetitive sounds and a green triangle for a change to starboard or a red rectangle for a change to port.
 - 10.5.2 If the length of the leg will be changed, the signal shall be the display of flag C with repetitive sounds and a '-' if the length will be decreased or a '+' if it will be increased.
 - 10.5.3 Subsequent legs may be changed without further signalling to maintain the course shape.
 - 10.5.4 If a further change to the course is made, the original mark will be re-laid in the new position.

10.6 Where the new mark is replacing mark 1, no mark 1A will be laid.

10.7 Where the new mark is replacing the downwind gate, the new mark will be a single mark that must be passed to port.

11 SHORTENING COURSE

11.1 Courses may be shortened:

11.1.1 either when the leading boat approaches Mark 1 in accordance with RRS 32.2, or

11.1.2 when the leading boat approaches the leeward gate (marks 2A and 2B), the Committee Boat shall display flag S with two sounds. Boats shall pass between marks 2A and 2B (the gate) and proceed directly to the finish line as defined in SI 13

12 THE FINISH

12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the committee boat and a blue inflatable mark to the front of the committee boat.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 RRS Appendix P will apply as modified in the SIs.

13.2 RRS P2 is changed by these sailing instructions by deleting RRS P2.2 and P2.3, and by having RRS P2.1 apply to all penalties. The Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty.

13.3 In RRS 44.2 insert after the first sentence: "However, if Mark 1a is a mark of the course, a boat may delay taking a penalty for an incident (i) in the zone around Mark 1 or (ii) on the leg between Mark 1 and Mark 1a, until she has passed Mark 1a"

13.4 Any issue of liability or claim for damages arising from an incident while a boat is bound by RRS shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the courts and not considered by a protest committee.

13.5 A boat that takes a penalty or retires does not thereby admit liability for damages or that she has broken a *rule*.

14 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

14.1 Time limits and target times are as follows:

14.1.1 Race Target time: 45 minutes

14.1.2 Mark 1 limit: 20 minutes

14.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and has finished within the time limit will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1 Protest forms are available from the Race Office located in the Clubhouse. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

- 15.2 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the Race Committee signals 'no more racing today', whichever is later.
- 15.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located in the Clubhouse, beginning at the time posted.
- 15.4 Notices of protests by the Race Committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b)
- 15.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

16 SCORING

- 16.1 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a Championship series.
- 16.2 The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will apply. Each boat's score will be as follows:
 - 16.2.1 Twelve races are scheduled of which three are required to be completed to constitute a series.
 - 16.2.2 For fewer than four races sailed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - 16.2.3 When four to eight races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - 16.2.4 When nine or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

17 [NP][DP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 Check-Out and Check-In: A tally board will be sited at the top of the club slipway. Competitors shall tally out and in each day. The helm shall tally out before racing and tally in immediately on returning to shore after racing. The time limit for tallying in is within 90 minutes of the last boat finishing the last race of the day.
- 17.2 Boats whose crew fail to tally out and/or tally in (and have not complied with the above) will be subject to disqualification without a hearing from all races held that day. This adds to the exceptions within RRS63.1. The Race Officer has the discretion to commute this punishment to a fine payable to the RNLI.
- 17.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee and Beachmaster as soon as possible.
- 17.4 All boat trolleys must have rope to tie down boats at the racks whilst ashore.

18 [DP] REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 18.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 18.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

19 [NP][DP] EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 19.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.
- 19.2 All boats shall be sailed under their registered class number. Only sails that have been inspected for the event shall be used.
- 19.3 Subject to the written permission of the Race Committee a boat chartered or loaned for the event may declare at the time of entry or registration a sail number to be displayed on all sails used in the regatta which may be different from the number of the boat as stated on the measurement certificate provided that this declared number shall not be the sail number of any other boat competing in the regatta.
- 19.4 Each boat, with her sails and equipment, shall be available for equipment inspection before racing. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a Race Committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

20 [NP][DP] EVENT ADVERTISING

- 20.1 Boats may be required to fit decals and to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority. If supplied, such decals shall be fitted and maintained for the life of the events in accordance with Annex B.
- 20.2 Advertising is permitted in accordance with the Class Rules and World Sailing Regulation
- 20.3 If/when provided by the OA, boats and competitors shall carry, display or wear the following as instructed:
- 20.3.1 Event and Class sponsor advertising (remember to leave space as shown in Section H of the Class Rules and see Attachment D below);
- 20.3.2 Coloured bibs for Event and/or category leaders [NP];
- 20.3.3 Cameras and sound equipment [NP]; and
- 20.3.4 Tracking and timing system equipment [NP]:
- a) Allocated Competitors shall collect any tracking module from their assigned tracking desk before racing each day.
- b) On return to shore competitors shall within the protest time limit return the tracking module to the same place that they received it.
- 20.4 Any individual caught stealing sponsor promotional items, e.g. flags, banners, prizes, etc. shall be the subject of a report by the Race Committee to the Protest Committee requesting action under RRS 69.2(a).

21 [DP] SUPPORT BOATS

- 21.1 Support boats for individual boats or teams will not be permitted. The Class may arrange a boat to carry spare parts and emergency items

22 LITTER DISPOSAL

- 22.1 Litter may be placed aboard support or official boats.

23 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 23.1 Except in an emergency involving immediate peril to the crew or serious damage to a boat, a boat that is racing shall not make or receive any voice, data or radio communication that is not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 23.2 Boats are allowed to carry video recording equipment attached to any part of the boat, provided this equipment is not remotely controlled.

24 PRIZES

- 24.1 The following prizes will be awarded, with the addition of any extra prizes decided by the class association:
- 24.1.1 1st to 10th Overall
 - 24.1.2 1st to 3rd Silver Fleet
 - 24.1.3 1st to 3rd Bronze Fleet
 - 24.1.4 1st to 3rd Youth (Under 25)
 - 24.1.5 1st to 3rd Master (Over 45)
 - 24.1.6 1st to 3rd Grand Master (Over 55)
 - 24.1.7 1st to 3rd Legend (Over 60)

25 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 25.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk and they are solely responsible for their own safety. We draw your attention to RRS 4 which states "**The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone**".
- 25.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
- 25.2.1 They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk while taking part in the event;
 - 25.2.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - 25.2.3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss caused by their own actions or omissions;
 - 25.2.4 Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
 - 25.2.5 The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
 - 25.2.6 The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
 - 25.2.7 It is the Crews responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any competitors briefing held for the event.
 - 25.2.8 It is the Crews responsibility to wear appropriate clothing and protective gear; and
 - 25.2.9 their boat is adequately insured, with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 against third party claims.
- 25.3 The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce any crew's responsibilities.

25.4 The OA and IMSCA (and their agents and servants) are not liable for any direct or indirect loss, damage, costs, or personal injury (except death) sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. It is for competitors to decide whether their boat, equipment, crew and clothing are fit and suitable to sail in the conditions that they might find. By launching or going to sea competitors confirm they and their boat, clothing and equipment is fit for purpose and for the conditions, and that they are competent to sail and compete in them, and have the requisite skills. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the event and include the OA, race committee, race officer, safety officer, patrol boat personnel and beach masters. The provision of patrol boats does not relieve owners and competitors of their responsibilities.

26 INSURANCE

26.1 Each participating crew/boat warrants that he/she shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per incident or the equivalent. Each crew will bring a copy of the Insurance Certificate, so that it is available to be produced on request. It is the crew's sole responsibility to ensure that the insurance is current, valid and adequate.

27 RIGHTS AND COPYRIGHT

27.1 By entering and participating in this event, each competitor and his/her supporters automatically grant to the Organising Authority, the National and International Class Associations and the sponsors of the event the absolute right, authority and permission right in perpetuity to make, use, distribute, broadcast, publish and show in any media, at their discretion any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television, audio and video recordings, and reproductions of them and/or their boat/s made during the championship from time to time on and off the water, and of all his/her material related to the championship (and to identify their name), without compensation.

28 DRONES

28.1 The class may arrange for one or more drones to film all or part of the racing. Drones may fly within 10 metres of competitors. Drones are inherently dangerous, and competitors recognise this risk and should avoid any contact with them. They should not try and touch them. Any drone footage will not be useable in a protest hearing.

ANNEX A – COURSE DIAGRAM

LA	COURSE: WINDWARD / LEEWARD with spreader mark and leeward finish
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
LA2	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1- 1a - Finish
LA3	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1- 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish
LA4	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1- 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a Finish



