

Sailing Instructions: Holm Yachts and Singlehanders Regatta

12th July 2008

1.0. RULES.

Racing will take place under the current ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA, these sailing instructions and the appropriate class rules. In the event of a conflict between the documents, these Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

1.1. It shall be the sole responsibility of each yacht to decide whether or not to start or to continue to race.

2.0. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY.

2.1. The race organisers shall not be liable for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however caused, to the owner/competitor, his skipper or crew, as a result of their taking part in the race or races. Moreover, every owner/competitor warrants the suitability of his yacht for the race or races.

2.2. Insurance. All boats must be insured against third party liability to £2,000,000 and have a valid certificate. Helmspersons should also be members of their Class Association.

3.0. SAFETY.

Adequate personal buoyancy for dinghy crew members must be worn at all times. Wetsuits do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy. Anyone not in compliance with this instruction will be disqualified without a hearing. Yachts must carry sufficient personal buoyancy for all crew members.

3.1 Rescue. Competitors are reminded that the first consideration of safety boats is the safety of competitors.

4.0 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS.

4.1 Yachts: a briefing will be held after completion of the passage race from Stromness. The briefing will be held at the tent on the pier.

4.2 Dinghies: a briefing will be held at 10:00 at the tent on the pier.

5.0. COURSE INSTRUCTIONS

Race Signals: All race signals (start sequence, number of rounds, courses, etc.) will be displayed from the end of the pier at St. Mary's.

5.1. Courses to be sailed will be described during the briefing.

5.2. Marks of the Course: Inflatable yellow pillars will be used as marks.

6.0 STARTS and FINISHES

Time Limit Any boat not starting within 5 minutes of its allocated class start shall be scored 'Did Not Start' as per RRS Appendix A and such score shall be applied without a protest hearing.

6.1. Starting Line: The start line will be between two pink buoys positioned off the St. Mary's pier.

6.2. Individual Recalls. The sail Number or Numbers will be hailed where possible.

6.3. General Recalls. As soon as possible after a general recall a new preparatory signal (including the class signal) will be made (as RRS 29.2). Any class recalled will restart as a continuation of the starting sequence and three minutes after the last normal class start. This amends RRS 29.2.

6.4 Time Limit. A time limit of 30 minutes after the first boat in each class finishes may be enforced. A time limit for yachts on the passage race will be 1400.

7.0 SCORING SYSTEMS.

The scoring system will be as recommended in RRS Appendix A. (low point system).