



Sailing Instructions 2025

Hut Starts-Fixed Mark Courses

Tuesday and Saturday Racing

See “DBSC Racing Programme” for Fleets Starting at West Pier Hut on Saturdays

These Sailing instructions should be read in conjunction with the General Sailing Instructions

The notation [NP] in a rule in these Sailing Instructions means that breaches of these rules will not be grounds for protest or redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1, 61.1 and 61.4(b).

The following rules are changed in these Sailing instructions. RRS 27.1, 29.1, 32.2, 35, 63.1, 60.1, 61.1, A5

H1. The Start

1.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26

1.2 The starting line will be a transit formed by bringing in line the two rectangles on top of the starters hut. Boats shall pass between the hut and the limit mark designated on a board displayed at the hut.

1.3 (NP) A boat starting later than 10 minutes after starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A3 and A5.

1.4 The Race Committee may broadcast the sail numbers of boats that were OCS by VHF. Failure to do so or the order of the broadcast will not be grounds for a request for redress. (this changes RRS 29.1 and 61.1(a)).

H2. The Course

The course will be sailed around fixed marks as shown on the chart “DBSC Racing Marks”. Approximate positions are given in the “Yacht Racing Marks - Bearings”

2.1 Saturday Fleets Starting at the West Pier Hut shall use Course Card “Saturday West Pier Hut Starts”.

2.3 Tuesday fleets shall use course card “Tuesday West Pier Starts”.

2.4 Marks in Red to be passed to Port and Marks in Green to be passed to Starboard.

2.5 When Turning Mark is the last mark of the course, it shall be left to Port and is a passing mark

2.6 No later than 3 minutes before the starting signal of each class the race committee shall designate the course to sailed, by displaying the letter and number reference from the appropriate course card (This changes RRS 27.1)

2.7 When Cruiser 4, 5a and 5b, are required to sail different courses the race committee will designate the course to be sailed by displaying a letter and 2 numbers. Cruisers 4 and 5a shall sail the course designated by the letter and the first number, Cruisers 5b shall sail the course designated by the letter and the second number.

H3 Platonic Courses

3.1 Platonic courses: These are courses which are not on the course cards but are designed by the RO before a race. No later than 3 minutes before the starting signal for each class the race committee may display a series of letters designating fixed marks or an orange symbol designating a laid mark. Boats shall pass the marks in the order displayed. A number completing the series designates the number of laps to be sailed.

3.2 When a Red flag is displayed boats shall pass the designated marks to port, when a Green flag is displayed boats shall pass the designated marks to starboard.

3.3 Finish will be as described in H6 unless shortened.

H4 Exceptional Changes to Fleet Starts

This procedure is intended for use only when racing cannot be started from a committee vessel

Effectively when the clubs are displaying DBSC over X special attention should be given to VHF CH68, the DBSC website and emails sent by DBSC on the day of racing

4.1 In the event that afloat starts are not possible, DBSC races will be started from the DBSC hut. Flag ICF'X' may be flown below the DBSC burgee from the yard arms of the waterfront clubs & the Marina not later than 60 mins before racing commences. Classes for which races will be started will be denoted by their Class Flag. The Combined Hut Starts from the Red Blue and Green race times card will apply. Course Saturday Hut Starts will be used. VHF Communication from the Hut will be on Ch68.

H5 Shortening the Course

5.1 Courses may be shortened by a Committee Vessel taking up position beside any mark of the course, displaying Flag S and class flags if appropriate. Two sound signals will be made on approach of the leading boats. This is in addition to RRS32.2

H6 The Finish

6.1 When returning to pass Turning Mark for the last time no boat shall pass between the West Pier and any of the three west pier marks which are marked as O, 2 & 3 on the DBSC Racing Marks Chart

6.2 The line shall be between the orange limit mark and an orange line on the northeast corner of the DBSC West Pier Hut.

H7 Time Limits

Tuesdays

7.1 i) The time limit for the first boat of a class to sail the course and finish is 2 hours.

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ii) Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the second boat of her class sails the course and finishes or before 21.05 (whichever is the earlier) shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. (Changes RRS 35 and A5)

iii) Should only two boats start a race any boat failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat of her class sails the course and finishes or before 21.05 (whichever is the earlier) shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. (Changes RRS 35 and A5)

For the last two Tuesday races in August and any subsequent races held in September SI 7.1i , 7.1 ii, 7.1iii shall be deleted and 7.2 shall be in effect.

7.2 The time limit for any boat of a class to sail the course and finish is 20.30Hrs. Any boats failing to finish by this time shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. (Changes RRS 35 and A5).

Saturdays

7.3 i) The time limit for the first boat of a class to sail the course and finish is 17.00Hrs

ii) Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the second boat of her class sails the course and finishes or before 17.30 (whichever is the earlier) shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. (Changes RRS 35 and A5)

iii) Should only two boats start a race any boat failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat of her class sails the course and finishes or before 17.30 (whichever is the earlier) shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. (Changes RRS 35 and A5)