

**MERMAID OPEN MEETING AND REGATTA**  
**RUSH SAILING CLUB**  
**2010**  
**Sailing Instructions**

**1. Schedule of races**

<b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	START	TIDES	RACE
Mermaid Open Meeting	12:00	HW 14:25	1
Mermaid Open Meeting	After Race 1		2
<b>Sunday 29th Regatta</b>	START	TIDES	RACE
Cruisers 2	12:30	HW 15:02	1
Cruisers 3	12:35		1
Mermaids	12:50		1

**2. Rules**

The Championships will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 and the rules and regulations of the Mermaid Association.

**3. Notice to Competitors**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the notice board at the entrance to the club.

**4. Amendments to Sailing Instructions**

Any amendments to the sailing instructions will be posted on the board on the day it will effect.

**5. Signals made ashore**

Signals made ashore will be displayed at the RSC yardarm.

**6. Class Flag**

The class flag will be:

**Mermaids: Code G.**

**Cruiser 2 No.2**

**Cruiser 3 No.3**

**7. The Course**

7.1.1 The course for mermaids/sundries will be an Olympic Course **1.2.3.1.3.1.2.3.-Finish.**

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\* 2

\_\_\_\_\_ start/finish

\* 3

7.1.2 The course for Cruisers for cruisers will be displayed on a board on the committee boat and will be relayed on channel 72 prior to the race start.

- 7.2 The marks will be **yellow** inflatables and the start/finish mark will be **orange**
- 7.3 The course may be shortened at any mark as long as four legs are completed if the course is shortened, code flag **S** will indicate a shortened course which may be accompanied by two sound signals.
- 7.4 Marks may be moved at the discretion of the O.O.D. to maintain the best possible course. Every effort will be made to indicate any such repositioning and to provide a pathfinder but this is not guaranteed.
- 7.5 The Flagship will display a **Blue flag** when on station at the finish line.

## 8 The Start

- 8.1 Races will be started by using rule 26

Signal	Flag and Warning	Minutes before Starting Signal
Warning	Class flag, 1 sound	5
Preparatory	P,I,Z,Z with I or Black Flag, 1 sound	4
One minute	Preparatory flag removed, 1 sound	1
Starting	Class flag removed, 1 sound	0

- 8.2 The starting line shall be between the main mast of the Committee Boat and the starting Mark.
- 8.3 An Inner Limit Buoy may be moored approximately on the Starting line and if so, no boat shall pass between the Inner Limit Buoy and the Committee Boat after her Warning Signal  
*Starting sequence for Sunday's Regatta will be Cruisers 2 , Cruisers 3, Mermaids,*

## 8 The Finish

The finish will be between the main mast of the Committee boat and will display a blue flag when on station or an official boat at any other mark on the race course if the race is shortened.

After the 1st boat has finished, the Race Officer may offer a finishing position to a boat still racing & in last place. The position offered will be the number of boats ahead of it, both finished and still racing, plus 1. A boat is not obliged to accept such offer unless it is the last boat racing. The Race officer is not obliged to make such an offer.

A boat that accepts the place offered will immediately cease to race & the race officer may repeat the process with the next preceding boat. The offer may be made via Rescue/Support boat personnel. This amends the definition of the word Finish.

## 10 Time Limit

The time limit for the leading boat will be 3 hours. Boats failing to finish 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish or the OOD can offer a place to the last boat and if they take it the OOD can go to the next boat and offer there place and so on. This way every boat gets a finish.

## 11 Protests

- 11.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit
- 11.2 The protest time limit is ninety minutes (90mins) after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The time and hearing of the protest hearing will be posted on the Club Notice Board.
- 11.3 The protesting yacht must advise the O.O.D. of the fact at the finish line.

**12 Penalties**

44.2 shall apply (720) shall apply.

**13 Scoring**

Low Point scoring system of Appendix A4.1 will apply, except that the score for first place shall be .75  
For cruiser 2 and Cruiser 3 the ECHO handicap system shall apply.  
A handicap system will apply to the Sundries race.

**14 Safety**

14.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee boat or a rescue boat as soon as possible.

14.3 All competitors are required to wear adequate personal buoyancy while racing, wet suits are not considered to be adequate buoyancy aids.

**15 Replacement of crew or boats.**

Substitution of competitors or boats will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

**16 Disclaimer of Liability**

Rush Sailing Club accepts no responsibility for damage to boats or persons participating in this event.