

KBRYC SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Mobile Phones

Mobile phones can be very distracting for sailors. The distraction may result in a skipper inadvertently causing a collision on the race course and disadvantage another competitor, or a person may fall onto the rock wall resulting in almost certain injury. Therefore, use of mobile phones is not permitted in the control area by skippers or race officials and must be switched off.

If a skipper has a audible mobile phone on their person whilst racing they will be required to immediately withdraw from the race or heat. If a competitor who is not racing but watching another heat uses a mobile phone in or adjacent to the control area they must move away or they will be required not to compete in their next race or heat.

Smoking

Smoking is not permitted in the control area or rigging area. Smokers can only smoke well away from the control area and rigging area where it will not annoy skippers, observers and spectators. The PRO or race management committee will define the area where smoking is not permitted during the briefing. Smoking is not permitted inside Kogarah Bay Sailing Club.

Sandstone Blocks

Competitors are not allowed to stand on the sandstone blocks adjacent to the gravel path. The blocks are not part of the control area.

The Club Championship is IOM scratch racing. There will be two series with four rounds in each. Ten races are to be sailed in each round. If the ten races can't be completed by 4.00pm then the racing can be extended by consensus for up to an hour so racing can be completed. If racing isn't complete by 5.00pm the number of races for the day will be those completed by 5.00pm. To allow boat tuning there will be a five minute break (if needed) after the first, fourth and seventh races. Medals or trophies will be awarded to the top three in each series. Points will accumulate throughout the year for the Club Championship Shield. The Race Fee is \$5 per day.

The Club Point Score is IOM handicap racing. There will be two series with four rounds in each. Ten races are to be sailed in each round. If the ten races can't be completed by 4.00pm then the racing can be extended by consensus for up to an hour so racing can be completed. If racing isn't complete by 5.00pm the number of races for the day will be those completed by 5.00pm. To allow boat tuning there will be a five minute break (if needed) after the first, fourth and seventh races. Medals or trophies will be awarded to the top three in each series. Points will accumulate throughout the year for the Point Score Shield. The Race Fee is \$5 per day.

After each race, handicaps will be altered for the next race using this method;

- 1st will have 30 seconds added to their handicap

- 2nd will have 20 seconds added to their handicap
- 3rd will have 10 seconds added to their handicap
- If there are at least 6 but less than 10 entries in a round, the last finishing boat will have their handicap reduced by 20 seconds
- If there are 10 to 15 entries in a round, the last 2 finishing boats will have their handicaps reduced by 30 seconds and 20 seconds.
- If there are more than 15 entries in a round, the last 3 finishing boats will have their handicaps reduced by 30 seconds, 20 seconds and 10 seconds
- If a boat has a DNS or DNF then their handicap remains the same.

In the event of a postponement of Championship or Point Score days, racing will be rescheduled to the next Practice Day unless otherwise notified.

Practice Days are an informal day with racing, but no results are recorded. Any class and visitors are welcome to join in. There is no Race Fee.

To be a place getter in Club Point Scores and Club Championships Skippers must be associate members of KBSC.

Racing commences at 1:00pm Sharp in DST and 12:00 Sharp in EST.

All skippers are asked to help with the club duties. These include setting the course, bringing in the marks and washing and putting away the Tuff Tender and motor. If you can't stay after racing, please come early and help. If you can't come before racing, please stay afterwards and help.

When KBSC has a working bee, help out for an hour if you can.

KBRYC CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

KBRYC has adopted the NSW Radio Yachting Association Code of Behaviour which can be found on the NSWRYA website. www.rudiosailingnsw.org.au

Here are some general notes on behaviour specific to our sailing venue.

It seems from time to time we have a few skippers who get angry when racing. This in turn riles up more people or worse, drives them away from the Club. It is very important that we sail within the Racing Rules of Sailing and that we act like gentlemen on the water.

We sail from a public park and often there are spectators including elderly people, children and Kogarah Bay Sailing Club members. A complaint to Kogarah Council could easily have us banned from sailing at Dover Park. Swearing and antisocial behaviour is bad for KBRYC, KBSC and radio sailing in general. We want to attract people to the sport, not drive them away.

Yelling and screaming should not be the norm and is not be tolerated. Just because you were involved in an incident at one end of the course does not mean you have the right to be angry with every other skipper. When we sail within the rules, everyone wins. But when we forget, or worse, ignore the rules we all lose. When tempers flare, everyone is affected by it.

The use of foul language, threats of violence (or violence) towards another skipper or the OOD cannot be tolerated. This behaviour serves no purpose. It rarely changes the outcome of the situation and, in most cases, spurs on more yelling and anger which can carry forward to the next week. When you are involved in an incident, all that is required is polite conversation on the matter followed by one party protesting and the other acknowledging the penalty or requesting that it go to the committee.

Even the best sailors will once in a while put their boats in a situation that results in a protest. Acknowledging the mistake and doing the penalty turn is usually the outcome and that skipper will call out that they have completed the turn.

KBRYC is about having fun with your friends. Winning races in a friendly competition is just added appeal. Charging through the fleet and aggressively yelling at all in your way is not part of what we do and it will not be accepted by anyone.

Skippers who create an atmosphere of uneasiness or anger will be taken aside and spoken to. They will be asked to control their behaviour and understand what they are doing. If their behaviour continues to be a drain on the morale of the rest of the skippers, then there can unfortunately, be only one option left and that is to be asked to leave for the day and if there is no improvement in behaviour, the Club.

Please remember that we are not competing for money or great rewards. This is a hobby to be shared with friends. Competition is good and a winning attitude is encouraged but not when it is thrust in your face. Sail like gentlemen and we all win.