

Note to OOD's

Please read the following notes which should help to manage 3 reasonable length races sailed, with sufficient time between races for refreshments, with a finish time for the last race of approximately 1700.

Please also refer to the section Sailing Instructions and Race Organisation and the Duties of the OOD - pages 17 to 21 in the Club Program.

Starting

The sequence for the first race should start as published ie 1330 - do not delay the start for stragglers to reach the start area, it is their responsibility to be there on time.

Aim to start the following races at approximately 1445 and 1600. For all races sound the start boat hooter in front of the clubhouse to warn sailors that the race is about to commence.

Shortening Course

It is common practice to set more laps than are expected to be sailed and to shorten course to achieve a reasonable length race. The shorten course signals can be made as the lead boat in any fleet rounds the penultimate mark. There is no requirement to finish the fleets in the order of starting or for all the fleets to have sailed the same number of laps.

Finishing

It is usual to finish at the Race Box with buoy number one as the outer limit and this aids race recording. However it is acceptable to finish at any other mark, having made the shorten course signal at the previous mark. This is particularly useful if the wind drops towards the end of a race and it would take a long time for the fleet to reach buoy one.

Time Limit

We have Finishing Time Limits (20 minutes after the first boat in the fleet finishes). The time limits are not often invoked but could be useful in shortening the time between races. They are likely to involve new sailors and could put them off racing so should be used judiciously and always go out and tell them rather than let them sail to the finish and not hoot them.

