



# Sailing Instructions Skiff Cup Muiderzand 10/11 May 2014



## 1 RULES:

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the National Authority (Watersportverbond) will not apply.

## 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:

- 2.1 The official notice board will be located upstairs in the clubhouse.
- 2.2 Notices to competitors, including any changes to the schedule of races or the Sailing Instructions shall be posted on the official notice board.

## 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTION:

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted one hour before the start of the first race on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

## 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from a flagpole in front of the clubhouse.
- 4.2 When flag "AP" is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in race signal "AP". Boats are requested not to leave the beach until this signal is removed.

## 5 SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES AND RACES:

Date:	Time:	Activity:
Saturday 10 May 2014	09:00 - 12:00	Registration
Saturday 10 May 2014	11:30	Briefing
Saturday 10 May 2014	13:00	Warningsignal of first race of the day (5 races back to back)
Date:	Time:	Activity:
Sunday 11 May 2014	10:30	Warningsignal of first race of the day (4 races back to back)
Sunday 11 May 2014	14:00	Last possible time for warningsignal
Sunday 11 May 2014	15:30	Approx. time of pricegiving

## 6 STARTING GROUPS AND CLASS FLAGS:

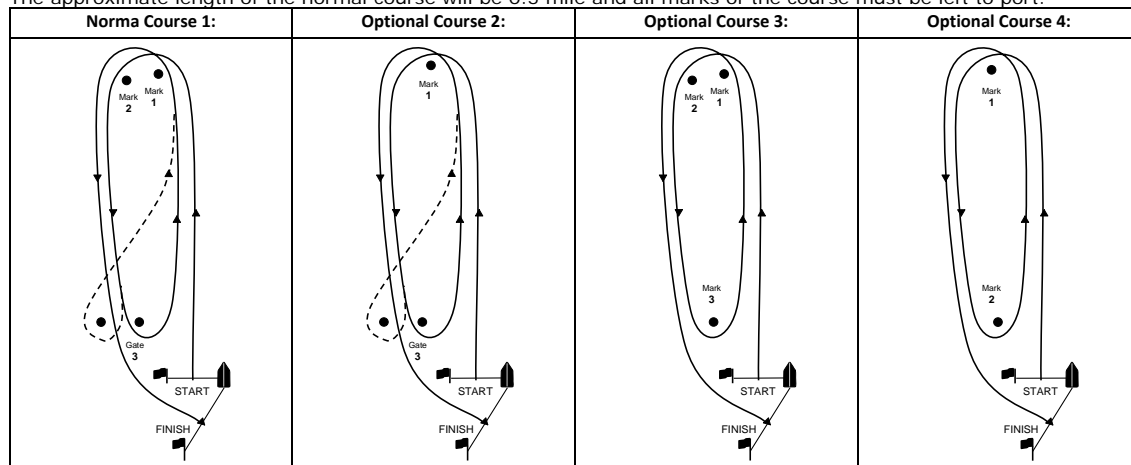
- 6.1 All boats are in 1 starting group, and the Class flag is a red flag.
- 6.2 Depending on the number of competitors and difference in velocity per type skiff, the race committee could decide for startinggroups, which will be briefed and displayed on the noticeboard.

## 7 RACING AND STARTING AREA:

- 7.1 The racing area is north of the Catamaran beach of Marina Muiderzand.

## 8 COURSES:

- 8.1 The normal course is shown as course no. 1 in the diagram below.
- 8.2 The approximate length of the normal course will be 0.5 mile and all marks of the course must be left to port.



- 8.3 If an alternative course (course no. 2, 3 or 4) will be sailed this will be published on the notice board.
- 8.4 The course could be shortened by 1 lap less when signal flag "V" (white flag with red cross) is shown on the starting vessel before the warning signal; or is shown by a committee boat during the race at a mark with horn signals.

## 9 MARKS:

Course marks are big orange cylinders. In course no.1 mark 2 is not only the leeward mark of the course, but also the end of the start line. Finishing marks will be small yellow cylinders.

## 10 THE START:

- 10.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26.

Signal:	Flag:	Sound:	Minutes before start:
AP	AP flag down	1 long	6
Warning	Class flag up	1	5
Preparation	I flag up	1	4
1-minute	I flag down	1 long	1
Start	Class flag down	1	0

- 10.2 The starting line is between a orange/yellow buoy at the port end and a yellow buoy at the starboard end attached to the starting vessel.
- 10.3 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored 'DNS'. This changes RRS A 4.
- 10.4 Contrary to the Black Flag rule RRS 30.3, no individual sail numbers will be shown. Only the first two sentences and the last sentence of RRS 30.3 will apply.

**11 RECALLS:**

11.1 In case of a general recall, the new starting signal for the same starting group will be given exactly 5 minutes after the invalid start.

Signal:	Flag:	Sound:	Minutes before re-start:
General recall	First Substitute flag up	2 long	5
Warning+Preparation	First Substitute down+Class flag up+I flag up	1	4
1-minute	I flag down	1 long	1
Start	Class flag down	1	0

11.2 One minute after the general recall, the 'First Substitute' will be replaced by the Class group flag together with the I flag (or black flag) and a sound signal. This changes RRS 29.2.

11.3 One minute before the start the I flag will be removed with a long sound signal.

11.4 If a boat breaks the black flag rule the race committee will not display its sailnumber. This changes RSS 30.3.

**12 CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START:**

12.1 To change the position of the next mark, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

12.2 When a committee boat is showing flag "V" close to one of the marks of the course and making repeating sound signals, boats of all starting groups must sail 1 lap less and than finish.

**13 THE FINISH:**

13.1 The finishing line is situated outside the course and is open when the blue flag is shown.

13.2 The finishing line will be between a yellow mark (at the starboard end) and a yellow mark connected to the finishing vessel (at the port end of the finish line).

**14 PENALTY SYSTEM:**

14.1 Rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that the penalty is only one turn, including one tack and one gybe.

14.2 A boat that has taken a penalty under RRS 44.1 or retired under RRS 31.2 shall complete and file an acknowledgement form at the Regatta Office.

14.3 According to RRS 67, the jury may, without a hearing, penalize a boat that has broken RRS 42.

**15 TIME LIMIT:**

15.1 Time limits are as follows: Finish time limit is 60 minutes; First mark limit is 20 minutes. If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit, or no first boat passed the finish within the finish time limit, the race will be abandoned.

15.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in their starting group sails the course and finishes will be scored 'DNF'. This changes RRS 35 and A4.

**16 PROTEST AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS:**

16.1 Protest forms are available at the Regatta office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit. Hearings will be held in the club committee room.

16.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the race committee and jury and to requests for redress. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2. This time will be posted on the official notice board.

16.3 Notices will be posted within 15 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

16.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or jury will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

16.5 Boats do not need to show the protest flag. This changes RRS 61.1.a.

**17 SCORING:**

17.1 The Low Point Scoring system will be used (RRS Appendix A4.1).

17.2 A total of 4 sailed races must be completed to constitute the Muiderzand Skiff Cup 2013.

17.3 When 5, 6 or 7 races have been completed, a boat series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. If 8 or 9 races have been completed, two worst scores will be excluded.

17.4 Boats competing in an "overall score" will be ranked based on the RYA Portsmouth Yardstick (March 2013).

**18 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

18.1 All crew members must wear a life jacket when afloat, although flag 'Y' will not be shown. This changes RRS 40.

18.2 Crew members shall wear a wetsuit or dry suit during all races and shall carry at least one distress signal on their body during all races.

18.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

**19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

19.1 Replacement of parts (incl. sails) is limited to parts which have been damaged irreparably. This is to be judged by the race committee.

19.2 In case of illness, accidents or other special circumstances written requests for change of crew, available at the Regatta Office, must be directed to the race committee or jury. Only one change of crew may be granted.

**20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

**21 RESULTS AND PRIZES:**

Prizes will be provided by SkiffBenelux.com and awarded to each member of the crews placing first, second and third in a class.

**22 DISCLAIMER OR LIABILITY:**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

**23 INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €1.500.000 per incident or the equivalent.