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**EMSWORTH SLIPPER SAILING CLUB**

**The Quay Mill, South Street, Emsworth, Hants PO10 7EQ**

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**Devoti D-Zero & Finn Open Meeting**

**Sunday 24th March 2024**

**1st Start – 10.30am Launch by 10am**

**High Water 11.26 Height 4.3**

Honorary Membership is extended to all Open Meeting competitors and their families for the day.

Food & Refreshments will be available for all Open Meeting competitors after racing at the clubhouse and will be payable with the Caterers and/or at the Bar.

Commodore: Dave Cooper

Principal Race Officer (PRO): Mark Riddington

Event Organisers: Richard Sharp & David Valentine

1. RULES - In the event of a conflict with the Notice of the Race, these Sailing Instructions shall prevail.
2. NOTICE BOARD & NOTICES TO COMPETITORS - Notices to competitors will be posted on the club’s dinghy notice-board.
3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS - Any changes to these instructions will be posted at least one hour before the start of racing.
4. SCHEDULE OF RACES / WARNING SIGNALS - The schedule of races and warning signals are as per the Notice of Race.
5. RACING AREA - Courses will be laid in the vicinity of Sweare Deep as indicated on the chart attached to these instructions. Alternatively, courses may be laid to the west in area A or to the south in area B, dependent upon wind conditions. Note: It can take up to 30 minutes to sail from Emsworth Slipper SC to the Racing Area subject to wind conditions and direction.
6. MARKS - Marks shall be orange inflatable buoys, each marked with a letter.
7. THE COURSE - The course and the number of rounds will be indicated on a board on the committee boat before the warning signal.

7.1  COURSE – Round marks in order ABCD& Line (x no. of rounds) Finish Line

7.2  The direction in which marks shall be rounded shall be indicated by: RED FLAG all marks to PORT, GREEN FLAG all marks to STARBOARD

1. THE STARTING LINE - The Starting Line lies between a mast on the committee boat bearing an orange flag and an outer distance mark with an orange flag. An inner distance mark may also be laid. A boat shall not start later than 3 minutes after her starting signal.
2. THE FINISHING LINE - The finishing line will be between the mast of the committee boat flying a blue flag and an outer distance mark flying an orange flag.
3. **PUMPING (Finns Only)** - Should the RO consider the wind to be above 10 knots the ‘O’ flag will be raised with the preparatory signal for the Finn fleet and unlimited downwind pumping will be permitted. Once up it will remain in place for that race and be reviewed for each race thereafter.
4. MARK BOATS - There will be no "mark boats", however, where possible, patrol boats will be stationed close to some marks.
5. CHANGES OF COURSE AFTER THE START - No adjustments to the course will be made for wind shifts after a race has started.
6. SHORTENED COURSE (amending RR32.2) - A patrol boat will position itself at a mark of the course, with flag 'S'. A sound signal may be made. Competitors shall round that mark in the designated direction and proceed directly to the finish line, crossing the line in the direction from the last mark.

13. DECLARATIONS (Signing on/off) - Competitors are required to sign on and off at the club and make any declarations on coming ashore and in any event no later than 30 minutes on reaching the club. Failure to do so may result in disqualification from all races.

14. TIMELIMITS (amendingRR35) - The time limit will be 40 minutes for the first boat to finish each race. Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat finishes or within the time limit, whichever is the later, will be scored "Did Not Finish".

15. PROTESTS & RETIREMENTS - Retirements shall be reported to the Committee or patrol boat at the first opportunity. Failure to do so may result in a competitor being given points for a non-starter. Competitors must inform a patrol or committee boat if they intend leaving the course area before racing has finished.

15.1  Protests shall be written on forms available from the Club House and lodged as soon as possible with a £1 charity donation and in any event within 30 minutes of the last boat coming ashore.

15.2  Protest Hearings will take place as soon as possible after the protest has been lodged.

16. SCORING SYSTEM - The low point scoring system, rule A2, will apply. Up to 4 races are scheduled. If three or less races are held, all results are to count. If four or more races take place, the worst result is to be discarded.



