



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Royal Torbay Yacht Club

UK INTERNATIONAL MOTH CLASS

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

8th – 11th July 2010

1. Rules.

1.1 This series shall be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the rules of the International Moth Class Association, the Notice of Race, and these Sailing Instructions (SIs). In the event of dispute the SIs will prevail (Amends RRS 63.7).

2. Notices to Competitors.

2.1 Notices to competitors will be displayed on the Official Notice Board located in the foyer of the Royal Torbay Yacht Club.

3. Changes in Sailing Instructions.

3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 09.00 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. The changes will be indicated by the flying of flag "L" on the Flag Pole at the base of Haldon Pier.

4. Signals Made Ashore

4.1 All signals made ashore will be displayed on the Flag Pole at the base of Haldon Pier.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, 'one (1) minute' is replaced with 'not less than sixty (60) minutes' in the race signal AP.

5. Schedule of Races.

5.1 Dates of Racing

Thursday 8th July 2 Races scheduled. First warning signal 12.55
One or more extra races may be sailed

Friday 9th July 3 Races scheduled. First warning signal 10.55
One or more extra races may be sailed

Saturday 10th July 3 Races are scheduled. First warning signal 10.30
One or more extra races may be sailed

" SLALOM RACES " not included in Championship Series asap
after third race

Sunday 11th July: 2 Races are scheduled. First warning signal 10.55
One or more extra races may be sailed.

No race will be started after 14.30 on Sunday 11th June

5.2 The Royal Torbay Yacht Club, its officers, employees and helpers shall not be held responsible for any cancellation or change to the racing programme. The sole arbiter of such conditions shall be the Race Officer.

6. Class Flag.

6.1 The class flag will be the International Class Association flag, a red moth logo on white background

7. Race Area.

7.1 The Race area will be in the waters of Torbay.

8. Course.

8.1 The courses to be sailed will be Windward/Leeward – Full details are described in the course sheet Appendix1

8.2 No later than the warning signal, the Committee Boat will display the approximate compass bearing from the Committee Boat to Mark 1.

8.3 All competitors will pass through the finish line on each downwind leg of the course.

8.4 Except when finishing or completing a lap of the course boats shall not cross the start or finish line.

8.5 Racing will continue until a shortened course flag is shown at the Committee Boat or one of the Race Marks at which time all boats will finish when crossing the line.

9. Marks.

9.1 The Start Mark will be a White Dan Buoy flying an Orange Flag, Mark 1 will be a large Orange Inflatable Buoy, The Finish/ Leeward Mark 2 will be a large Orange inflatable Buoy

10. Areas that are Obstructions.

10.1 None within Race Area

11. Starts.

11.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an Orange Flag on the Committee Boat and a White Dan Buoy flying an Orange Flag.

11.2 To alert boats that a race will begin soon, the orange flag on the committee boat will be displayed with a long sound signal not less than 5 minutes before the warning signal is displayed.

11.3 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after the Starting Signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4 and A5

12. The Finish

12.1 The Finish will be between a staff displaying an Blue Flag on the Committee Boat and Mark No 2, a large Orange inflatable Buoy, unless shortened at another mark.

12.2 When the first boat in each race has been recorded as Finished all other boats that cross the finishing line will also be recorded as finishing. Their final position in that race will take into account the number of completed laps with those having completed the most laps being recorded ahead of those with less completed laps.

13. Time Limits.

13.1 The Target time for the lead boat in each race is forty five (45) minutes.

13.2 No Time Limit for the first boat to finish shall be set.

13.3 Boats failing to finish within fifteen(15)minutes after the first boat sails the course and are still on course and sailing, will wherever possible either be awarded places as their position at their last mark rounding or be awarded places as their position by a "finish" rib proceeding round the course in a reverse direction.
Positions awarded in this way are totally at the discretion of the Race Officer
This changes RRS 35.

14. Alternative Penalty

14.1 Where a boat has broken a rule in Part 2 of the RRS while racing she may take a One-Turn Penalty

14.2 This amends RRS 44.1

15. Protests & Redress.

15.1 Protest Forms will be available from the Race Office situated in the foyer of RTYC. They must be lodged within one hour of the Committee Boat entering Harbour. This time will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

15.2 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the Protest Time Limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties to a hearing or named as witnesses. It shall be the responsibility of competitors to check the notice board for such notices.

15.3 The protest committee is empowered to award lesser penalties than prescribed in the RRS 2009-2012.

15.4 A mediation procedure is available for Protests of Rules in RRS Part 2. Providing all parties to the Protest agree the procedure to be adopted is to be found in Appendix 2 of these Sailing Instructions

16. Scoring.

16.1 The Low points Series of RRS Appendix A will be used.

16.2 Ten races are scheduled of which three (3) will constitute a series.

16.3 If up to three (3) races are completed all races will count.

16.4 In the event of four (4) races or more, one discard will be allowed and if eight (8) or more are sailed two discards will be allowed (Amends RRS Appendix A2)

17 Slalom Races

17.1 These races do not constitute part of the Championship series

17.2 Slalom races will take place as close to Haldon Pier as is practical and asap after the completion of the Championship races on Saturday 10th July or at other such times as the race committee may decide taking into account weather conditions

17.3 Additional SI's and information will be published to cover the Slalom Races

18. Safety Regulations.

18.1 All competitors shall wear adequate personal flotation devices.

This changes RRS 40

Wet suits or dry suits are not adequate personal buoyancy.

19.0 Prizes

- 19.1** The presentation of prizes will take place as soon as possible following the end of protest time and after any protests have been heard on Sunday 11th July at the Royal Torbay Yacht Club
- 19.2** Prizes will be awarded to - Overall 1st to 6th place
- 19.3** Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee having regard to the number of entries

20 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

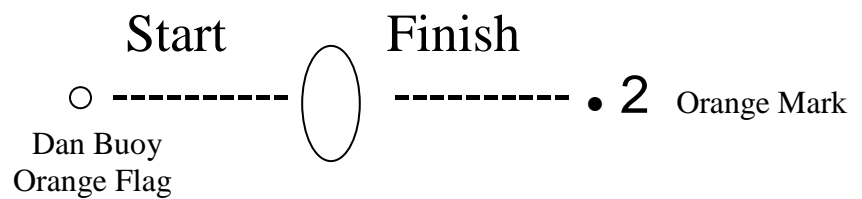
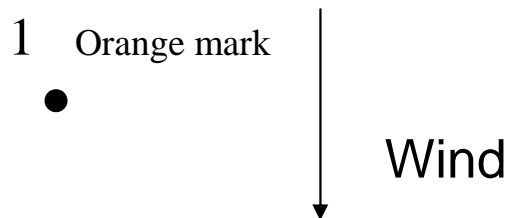
- 20.1** Competitors participate in the race entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4.
- 20.2** A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in this Notice of race or in the Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.
- 20.3** It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and her crew is competent to sail and compete in them.
- 20.4** The boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in at least the amount stated in clause 27.1 below for the duration of the regatta.
- 20.5** Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the organising authority, the race committee, the race officer, patrol boats and Beachmasters.
- 20.6** In the event that assistance is rendered to any competitor, no liability for any loss, damage or injury is accepted by the Royal Torbay Yacht Club, the Race Committee or the crew of any rescue craft.

21 INSURANCE

- 21.1** Each boat is required to hold adequate insurance including third-party cover of not less than £2,000,000 and it is the owner or owner's representative's sole and inescapable responsibility to ensure that the insurance is in place and is adequate. No responsibility will be accepted by the Royal Torbay Yacht Club, or any other party involved in the organisation of the Race

APPENDIX 1

**International Moth
UK National Championships 2010
Course Sheet**



Lap = mark 1 to port, mark 2 to port.

APPENDIX 2

MEDIATION

1. After a protest has been lodged in accordance with the Sailing Instructions, all parties involved in protests alleging infringements of a rule of Part 2 shall be heard by a Mediator appointed by the Race Committee.

In exception to the above, incidents where damage or injury is involved shall not be subject to mediation, but shall be referred directly to the Protest Committee for a hearing.

2. Only one party to the protest from each boat involved, who shall have been on the boat at the time the incident occurred, shall attend the mediation hearing. No witnesses shall be allowed.

3. The mediator will have each party describe the incident, limiting each party to approximately 3 minutes. After hearing these descriptions, the mediator will offer one of the following opinions:

a). **No rule was broken.**

If the protesting boat accepts this opinion she can agree to withdraw the protest and the protest is then settled.

b). **A rule was broken by one of the boats involved.**

If that boat accepts this opinion she may accept a 20% penalty and the protest is then settled.

c). **Both boats broke a rule.**

If both boats accept this opinion and each agrees to accept a 20% penalty then the protest is then settled.

d) **The mediator is unable to offer an opinion based on the brief description given by the parties.**

4. Once the protest has been settled under 3.a), b) or c) above, the mediator shall record this on the protest form and the matter shall not thereafter be referred to the protest committee and is not subject to requests for redress, reopening or appeal by any party.

If however:

(i) The protestor does not withdraw the protest under 3.a) above; or

(ii) If a boat does not accept mediator's opinion that she broke a rule under b) or c); or

(iii) If the mediator is unable to offer an opinion under (d), the protest shall be submitted to the protest committee for a hearing.

5. If the mediator's opinion is not accepted, there shall be no further discussion of the incident with the parties and the testimony given at the mediation hearing shall remain confidential and shall not be discussed with any person prior to the protest hearing.

6. If one party fails to attend, the mediation may still be heard in line with RRS 63.3(b).

7. When protests are submitted to the Protest Committee, the mediator shall not be a member of the Jury hearing the protest. However, he/she may be present to ensure that the incidents are described in the same way as in mediation. If the facts given are different he may intervene to restate the original mediation details. The mediator shall not discuss the matter with committee members until after the Committee's decision has been posted.

8. Application of the 20% penalty shall be calculated in accordance with rule 44.3, except that the penalty is modified to read 20%.