



# Yacht Racing Rules

Racing enables members to develop their skills and challenge themselves and their yachts in a convivial and constructive environment. The following rules are intended to foster model yacht racing whether formal, as part of club competitions, or less formal as recreation.

All rules should be interpreted in a gentlemanly manner, with the spirit of encouraging friendly competition and a sense of enjoyment for all, giving due allowance to the less skilled.

As a “model club” members should be particularly careful over interaction between scale models, particularly fast ones, and yachts. Although yachts should stay clear of areas used by scale, the scale modellers should always give way, and be sensitive to errant yachts!

## 1 Race Marshal

Each event will be presided over by the Acting Race Marshal (ARM). The race marshal will usually be the RMBC appointed Race Officer, but any member can be nominated by those present as marshal for the day.

## 2 Participation

The club currently promotes racing classes as Mixed, Df95, Df65 and Victoria. Only boats of the class shall take part in a race although the ARM may allow participation of similar but non-class boats, if they are understood not to adversely affect the class members racing.

## 3 Identification

Boats will carry a clearly identifiable number visible on both sides. RMBC maintains a list of Yacht Numbers in current use.

## 4. Timing

Unless otherwise notified, racing will normally start at 2.00 pm.

## 5. Schedule

There shall be four competitive race heats on nominated race days, but depending on the weather, visibility etc., fewer heats may take place. Extra heats may be held to compensate for heats voided by the ARM. The number of heats to be considered valid for the competition will be decided by the ARM on the day.

## 6. Course

The start line, course, number of laps and finish line is to be decided before the race and announced by the ARM. The buoys may need to be moved. The course will not involve gates.

If circumstances require, the number of laps can be modified during the race by the ARM. The ARM announcements should take account of members with hearing loss.

## 7. The Start

The ARM will usually have chosen an into-the-wind start line. If a yacht(s) cross the start line ahead of the actual race start, they may be recalled by the ARM by shouting the number of the yacht(s) - the yacht(s) shall be required to return to the start line and re-cross for a start. Where several yachts are involved in a false start, the ARM may shout “Recall” requiring the entire fleet to be re-started.

## 8. Missing a Buoy

If you accidentally miss a buoy on the course, courtesy dictates you carry out an immediate 180 Degree turn and pass correctly around the missed course buoy. The ARM has discretionary powers to allow for vision impaired members.

## 9. Touching Yachts and Buoys

Actual touching of buoys and minor yacht touching during racing are not penalized. Significant deliberate ramming of other yachts is prohibited and the ARM has the power to disqualify the yacht, and in serious incidents report the skipper to the RMBC officers for further action.

#### **10. Starboard Sailing rule**

The MYA and dinghy sailing rule for yachts "*on the starboard tack having priority*" is not enforced by RMBC. Members should though give consideration to other yachts at all times.

#### **11. Placings**

Members to shout yacht number on crossing the stated finish line. Order of completion of the race will be recorded by the ARM, any query should be referred immediately to the ARM. The orders of completion will be conveyed to the club secretary after the day's racing is complete.

The scoring system adopted is outlined at Appendix A.

#### **12. Appeals**

There is NO appeals procedure.

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## **RMBC Yacht Racing Rules      Appendix A**

### **Scoring System**

The following illustrates the simple scoring system that is used to rate sailors.

- A. The number of heats for a class of yacht and/or club trophy are approved at the AGM (usually held in January) for that particular year's competition(s).
- B. The ARM or appointed race marshall for the day shall record the heat position place as a number. (First position is recorded as "1" and second position as "2" etc.,)
- C. In the event that two yachts cannot be distinguished crossing the line, they can be recorded as equal. If, say, for third place then each recorded as 3=, next being "5".
- D. Yachts that were present on the day but did not start the heat are entered on the heat records as "DNS" and those that started but did not finish are recorded as "DNF". The summary sheet will mark each DNS or DNF as "*Number of yachts present + 1*".
- E. The results are notified to the club secretary.
- F. The webmaster maintains a list of results to date on the web site at [rugeleymodelclub.org.uk](http://rugeleymodelclub.org.uk)
- G. Yachts that are not present on the day are shown on the summary sheet for each heat as effectively position "*Number of yachts present + 1*".
- H. At the end of the season, the yacht's TEN best placings are summed.
- I. The winner is the lowest summation.
- J. In the event of a tie, use "scroll back" on the tied yachts considering in order, "*best Eleven*", then "*best Twelve*" etc. to obtain a result.
- K. Prior to publication of results to RMBC, the Chairman and one other member shall independently verify the results.