St Mawes Sailing Club (StMSC) RS200 Open Meeting Saturday 22nd & Sunday 23rd May 2022

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

1.1 Racing will be governed by:

The rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (RRS). Changes to rules are described in the relevant sailing instruction.

1.2 In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions then the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the St Mawes Sailing Club website and on a notice board on Stoneworks Quay

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Written changes to these Sailing Instructions will be posted not later than 1200 on Saturday or, if they only affect the Sunday races, 0900 on Sunday.

4. SIGNALS

- **4.1** Signals made ashore may be displayed on the St Mawes Sailing Club yellow flagstaff on St Mawes Quay.
- **4.2** The class flag will be a yellow flag with "RS200" on it in black.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 The schedule of races is listed in the Notice of Race.

6. THE COURSES AND MARKS

6.1 With reference to Attachment A, the course for each race will be:

Start – Mark 1 (port) – Mark 4s (stbd) or Mark 4p (port) – Mark 1 (port) – Mark 4s (stbd) or Mark 4p (port) – Mark 1 (port) – Mark 4p (port) – Finish

7. LOCAL VARIATIONS AND OBSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1 Moving exclusion zones around commercial shipping are designated as obstructions.
- **7.2** Commercial and naval shipping: Areas around commercial and naval vessels under way and constricted in their ability to manoeuvre are designated as moving exclusion zones. Such exclusion zones extend to 100m on all sides of the vessel and around tugs, pilot/harbour authority boats and official boats escorting the vessel. A boat shall not enter the exclusion zone, and, if becalmed, shall use any method of propulsion to move out of the way. This shall only be sufficient to move out of the exclusion zone by the safest possible route and shall not offer the boat significant advantage in the race.
- **7.3** Exclusion zones extend 25m around a dive vessel displaying code flag A, an inflatable orange buoy marking a diver just under the surface, and a diver on the surface. A boat shall not enter the 25m zone.
- **7.4** Any boat that fails to comply with these Local Variations and Obstructions may be disqualified by the Race Officer without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.

8. THE STARTING LINE

8.1 The starting line is an imaginary line between the mast of the committee boat and a yellow pillar buoy. The line will be approximately perpendicular to the wind direction at the start.

9. THE START

9.1 An orange flag will be flown from the committee with a sound signal five minutes before the Warning Signal of the first race. Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26, as follows:9.2 Five minutes before the Starting signal there will be a Warning signal - the class flag will be displayed and a sound signal will be made.

9.3 Four minutes before the start there will be a Preparatory signal – either flag P, flag U or a black flag will be displayed (at the race officer's discretion) and a sound signal will be made.

9.4 One minute before the start the preparatory flag will be removed and a long sound signal will be made.

9.5 At the start, the class flag will be removed with a sound signal

10. RECALLS

Recalls will be in accordance with RRS 29, as follows:

10.1 If there is an individual recall, flag X will be displayed with one additional sound signal

10.2 If there is a general recall, the First Substitute will be displayed with two additional sound signals

11. SHORTEN COURSE

11.1 The course may be shortened in one of two ways:

11.2 in accordance with RRS 32.2 (a) – at a rounding mark between the mark and a staff displaying Flag S $\,$

11.3 if the committee boat displays Flag S and makes two sound signals, after boats have rounded mark 1 the first time, they must then leave mark 4p to port and cross the finish line.

12. THE FINISH

12.1 The finishing line is an imaginary line between the mast of the committee boat and a yellow pillar buoy. The line will be approximately perpendicular to the direction from mark 4P.

13. TIME LIMITS

- **13.1** Mark 1 time limit for first boat = 30 minutes
- **13.2** Race time limit for all boats= 60 minutes

14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- **14.1** Procedure. Protest forms are available from Stoneworks Quay and protests or requests for redress should be lodged there within one hour after the time of the last boat's finish.
- **14.2** Notification of Parties. Protest notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a hearing or named as a witness. No further notification of parties will be made.

15. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- **15.1** Personal flotation devices must be worn by all competitors at all times while racing. This changes RRS 40.
- **15.2** RETIREMENTS Any boat that retires should make every effort to notify the committee boat or a safety boat.

