

Addendum to Sailing Instructions for Time Trial event during Corona virus restrictions

General – this is not intended to be a normal race as the racing programme is suspended until further notice. The activity will consist of boats sailing a fixed course and their time adjusted according to the current PY numbers to determine the winner. In essence this is a time trial event. Competitors should ensure that the requirements of the current risk assessment are adhered to at all times.

Number of competitors – Due to the current government limit of a maximum of 6 people meeting as a group, entries will be limited to 5 people (allowing for one person in a patrol boat). If considered necessary, this will be reduced to 4 people if an additional person is required for the patrol boat.

Weather conditions - The activity will be cancelled if weather conditions are considered prohibitive - to be decided by the Race Officer on the day.

Briefing – A brief for competitors will be provided before the event. There will be no general briefing before the activity on the day.

Patrol boats – a patrol boat will be provided for emergency cover only as detailed in the risk assessment. All competitors should assess their capability to deal with the conditions before sailing and entry is at their own risk.

Entry – Registration by email will need to be made before the event and boats will be allocated a time slot for starting. There will be no signing in/off sheets. Boats who wish to retire will need to inform the Race Officer.

Start/finish – the start/finish will be at the Cooke post at the top of the cut. All boats will be timed when crossing the posts to start/finish by the Race Officer. There will be no flags or start signals. Boats will start at intervals within a time slot, with fastest boat classes first

Course - the course will be displayed on the notice board on the hut. Care should be taken when taking down the course details that social distancing and group limits are not exceeded.

Abandonment – if weather conditions are no longer considered acceptable by the Race officer the activity will be abandoned. This will be communicated to competitors by the patrol boat. All boats must return to the Carnser immediately they are notified.

Race rules – The normal race rules should be adhered to where practicable. However, all boats must maintain a distance of 2m at all times. A conservative approach should be adopted at all times to ensure the distance is maintained. Additional time should therefore be allowed to enable other boats to respond. Competitors not adhering to this principle may be disqualified. There will be no provision for protests, but any boat infringing the rules is expected to retire or take a 720 deg penalty.

Results - These will be communicated to the competitors by email or on the club website after the event.

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