

AIDE MEMOIRE FOR PEOPLE NEW TO RACING AT ELYC

- Arrive at the club in plenty of time to prepare both yourself and the boat
- Sign out on the sheet, normally on a clipboard behind the front door
- Read and commit to memory (or write down) the course for the fleet you will be sailing in. If in doubt as to the fleet then speak to the OOD who will be happy to assist you.
- Get yourself out on the water in plenty of time prior to your start, to familiarise yourself with the course marks and the start line.
- **THE START LINE IS A TRANSIT OF THE POLE DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF THE WATCH HUT AND ANOTHER POLE APPROX 10M IN FRONT OF IT**
- The Inner limit and outer limit buoys are NOT the start line but you must go between them
- Remember that there may be other classes starting before or after you or even classes finishing before you start. Be aware and observant and do not hinder others and keep away from the start line until it is your starting sequence.
- Know the starting sequence with regard to lights and hoots. Full details are in the club handbook
- After starting be aware that you are not alone out there, and that you must obey all racing rules especially with regard to possible collisions. Remember the PORT and STARBOARD rule applies to all boats on the course not just those in your fleet. **AVOID ANY POSSIBLE COLLISIONS EVEN IF YOU CONSIDER YOU ARE IN THE RIGHT.**
- Keep yourself aware that the OOD may shorten your race, or other races taking place on the water
- The finish line is **THE POLE DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF THE WATCH HUT AND THE OUTER LIMIT BUOY.**
- When you have finished (signalled by a hoot from the watch hut) do not turn back through the finish line but go around either the Inner Limit or outer limit mark. **KEEP WELL AWAY AND DOWNWIND OF OTHER BOATS STILL RACING.**
- After racing take time to thank the race team, including rescue, as they will appreciate it.
- **MOST OF ALL ENJOY YOURSELF**