

## Club Racing

### Outline

<b>Basic Information</b>	This section provides information about the Club's Racing Trophies and Procedures
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## 1. Cups (Dinghy)

### A. Frostbite Trophy (also known as the Ice Breaker)

Single start event with up to three races on the 2<sup>nd</sup> January. The trophy shall be awarded to the dinghy with the best of the races held, with no discards. Each race shall be about twenty minutes long, at the OODs discretion. This is highly dependent on the prevailing temperature/weather conditions/wind speed. The 'one capsized and you are out rule' shall not generally be used but can be implemented by the Race Officer depending on the prevailing temperature/weather conditions/wind speed.

### B. The Lifeboat Pennant

Single Start event with a modern type handicap course preferably conceived to 'dust away the cobwebs' at the beginning of the season with the use of 'W' and 'P' courses. Up to three races shall be run at the OODs discretion and is dependent on the prevailing temperature/weather conditions/wind speed. The courses shall be a minimum of 30 minutes in length. The duration of the races are only predicted target durations and are entirely indicative. The Lifeboat Pennant was kindly donated by Mr James Sandison.

### C. Olympic Cup

Double start event at the Race Officers discretion, depending on the number of Handicap and Novice entries. If fewer than **three** Novice boats enter, the event shall revert to a single start (handicap only) event. The course shall be the Olympic triangle/ sausage with a maximum race length of 30 minutes. Up to five races (unless weather conditions dictate fewer races) may be run at the discretion of the OOD. The duration of the races are only predicted target durations and are entirely indicative.

## 2. Cups (General)

### A. Burgh Trophy

Single start event with a long course, preferably of at least 90 minutes duration. The length of the race will be at the discretion of the OOD, if wind/weather conditions dictate a shorter event. ***The Burgh Trophy is open to yachts as well as dinghies.***

## 3. Scoring

This shall be RRS Appendix A "Low point System", race ties shall be determined as per paragraph A7. Points for places in each race of a series will be awarded as follows:

First	1.0
Second	2.0
Third	3.0
Fourth	4.0
Fifth	5.0

Sixth	6.0
Seventh and after	Place

points equal to the number of starters in the race.

### Dinghies

The number of discards allowed in a series depends on the total number of races completed in the series as follows:

Races Sailed	Discards Allowed
1-4	0
5-6	1
7-8	2
9-10-11	3
12-13-14	4
15-16-17	5
18 or more	6

### Keelboats

Spring series, Midweek series, Summer series and Autumn series:

Races Sailed	Discards Allowed
1-3	0
4-5	1
6 or more	2

## A. Duty Officers

Duty officers are credited with average points for the series, calculated from the races in which they have ranked as starters but before any discards are allowed.

**Duty officers should ensure that the OOD enters their sail no. and the words "Average Points" on the appropriate race results sheet.**

Members who are willing to assist in the starting box or escort boats on race days, in addition to the duty rota, are asked to inform the Race Secretary.

## B. Starting Times

Series	Class	Time	
Spring, Summer and Autumn	Dinghy	1400	*Some of the Weekday/Saturday starts times for keelboats will be at the time shown in the handbook depending on the tide times and water depth. Long distance keelboat races and cups (except the Burgh Trophy) will start at the time indicated in the Racing Programme or at such other time as is identified by the OOD.
	Novice	1403	
	Keelboats	1406*	
Goalen Ferrier	Dinghy	1400	
	Novice	1403	
Wednesday	Dinghy	1930 <sup>+</sup>	+Dinghy races on Wednesday evenings on and after 30 <sup>th</sup> August will commence earlier, to allow for 90 minutes of racing before sunset.
	Novice	1933 <sup>+</sup>	
	Keelboats	1936*	
Winter, Frostbite and Earlybird	General	1300	

## C. Starting Sequences

### 1. Starting Lights

When the starting light system is in use the sequence of signals will be as follows:

Race	Warn	Prep	Start
Race 1	1 light	2 lights	3 lights
Race 2	2 lights	3 lights	4 lights
Race 3	3 lights	4 lights	5 lights
Race 4	4 lights	5 lights	Lights off

A special sequence may be used for the dinghy stern chase which will be indicated to the competitors on the day.

## 2. Lights & Signals

Signal	Lights	Horns
Postponement (on water)	2 white lights (delay will be relayed by the safety boats)	2
Recall	1 red light	1
General recall	1 red, 1 blue light	3
Shorten Course	3 white lights (lights 1, 3 & 5)	2
Course Change	white lights (1 & 5)	1 long & 1 short
Abandonment	6 white lights	3

If racing is postponed or abandoned on shore this will be indicated on the notice board or relayed to the competitors by the OOD.

If the displayed course or courses have to be changed on the water, for whatever reason, just prior to a start sequence, this will be relayed to the competitors via the Safety Boats or via the VHF in the case of Keelboat racing.