



**LEIGH ON SEA SAILING CLUB  
BRASS MONKEY TROPHY RACE  
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**Start 14:00 hrs Sunday December 26th 2016**

**High Water is at 15:33 hrs 5.86m**

**Responsibility.** The safety of a boat and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/ person in charge who must ensure that the boat and crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of the race. Neither these sailing instructions nor any inspection of the boat limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner/person in charge for the crew, the boat and her management. The race organisers shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/person in charge or crew, as a result of their taking part in the race or races. Moreover, every owner/person in charge warrants the suitability of the boat for the race or races.

**Rules.** The race will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA, the rules of competing classes, except as any of these are changed by these sailing instructions. The race is designated Category B.

**Entries.** Entry fee **£10.00**. Eligible boats may be entered by completing an entry form supplied by Leigh on Sea Sailing Club together with paying the entry fee.

**Notices to Competitors.** Notices to competitors will be posted on the notice board located in the downstairs atrium.

**Changes in Sailing Instructions.** Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 10:45 on the day it will take effect.

**Briefing:** 09:15 in the clubhouse

**Schedule of Race / Start time.** "All in" start at **14:00 hours**. Class flag "C".

**THE COURSE, START and FINISH**

**The Course** The course to be sailed by all classes will be displayed on the race hut at the warning signal. Prior to this the course may be displayed/changed without a special signal.

An arrow will indicate the direction of the start and the first mark. The basic course will be quadrilateral and will consist of three large orange inflatable marks and the **INNER DISTANCE MARK POLE** to be rounded as follows:

(NOTE: the orange start buoy **WILL NOT** form a mark of the course after the start):

**Course "A"** - WESTERLY START – (towards Old Leigh) When a Course "A" board displayed on a red background, leave all marks to Port, maximum six rounds.

**Course "B"** - EASTERLY START- (towards the Pier) When a Course "B" board displayed on a green background, leave all marks to Starboard, maximum six rounds.

The approximate positions of the marks will be displayed in the Upstairs Saloon of the Clubhouse about one hour before the start.

**Start/finish line.**

The **start line** is between the **flag pole** flying the LSC flag by the race hut and an **orange buoy** laid approximately south (east or west depending on wind direction) of the starting hut. The **finish line** is between the same **flag pole** and the **inner distance mark pole**.

**Alternatively – The course may be one of the standard club courses numbered 1 to 25 – with normal start / finish lines**

**Marks.** Are large inflatable orange marks and may be unmarked. The inner distance mark pole is about 150 metres south of the Race Hut with a red top.

**The Start.** Races will be started using Rule 26, System 1, with 5, 4, 1 and 0 minute signals.

**Shortening course / the finish.** This rule modifies Rule 32 relating to shortening course. The Race Committee may shorten the course using flag "S" as any boat approaches the distance mark. Once the "S" flag (and or signal board) has been raised, all boats will finish as they next pass through the finish line, irrespective of how many laps have been completed. **Overall results will be calculated using the average corrected lap time, based on the number of laps sailed.**

**Time limit.** Any boat finishing sixty minutes after the first boat crosses the finishing line will be deemed to have retired or at the discretion of the Sailing Committee an estimated finishing time will be given.

**Declarations.** Are not required.

**Protests.** Protests shall be written on forms available from the Race Officer and delivered back within 45 minutes after the time of the last boats finish. Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible. Protest notices will be posted within 20 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 witnesses.