

ILLUSION CLASS (BEMBRIDGE)
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 2023 - 2024

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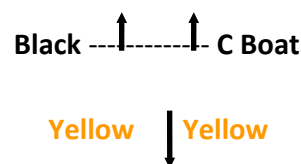
1. **General.** Except where amended by these Sailing Instructions, all races will be governed by the rules as defined in the extant Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). The RYA Racing Charter (2005) has been adopted.
2. **Conditions of Entry & Safety.** Helmsmen must be members of a recognised sailing club. As the sea is a potentially hostile environment, by the very act of going afloat, competitors must accept that the safety of the boat and its entire management, including 3rd party insurance (which is mandatory) shall be their sole responsibility; additionally, that the boat and the person helming are adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of the race. Buoyancy shall comply with Class Rules. These SIs do not limit or reduce the absolute responsibility of each competitor in this regard. Helms shall complete a BSC Illusion NoR and Entry Form prior to their first race each season.
 - a. Risk **Statement** - see overleaf.
 - b. Safety. Personal buoyancy is the responsibility of the helmsman. However, an adequate buoyancy aid (min 50 Newton) is to be worn if ordered by the Race Officer. Boat buoyancy shall comply with Class rules. If an Illusion is in trouble, then the closest boat must standby until rescue arrives. Dry suits (or equivalent) should be worn when racing in the winter.
3. **Notices to Competitors.** Notices will be posted in the Illusion Shed. The weather forecast will normally be posted to the right of the BSC Sailing Board under the main balcony.
4. **Class Flag.** A white **12** on a blue background.
5. **The Course**

Start - Mark 1 Windward mark, Mark 2 Spreader mark. The rounding direction indicated by a red or green flag on start boat.



Mark 3 - pass between the Yellow Leeward Gate marks rounding either to port or starboard.

Mark 4 - pass between the start/ finish boat and the starting/ finishing mark on the windward leg of the course to complete each lap of the course. This line becomes the finish line after code flag "S" is displayed with 2 sound signals as the lead boat is approaching the leeward gate which she must round before finishing. Passing through the Start/finish line on the downwind leg is optional.



6. **Marks & Restrictions to Navigation.** Marks will be floating flags. Boats may not sail between the piles near the entrance to the harbour. The definition of Zone is confirmed as 3 hull lengths.
7. **Starting & Finishing.** Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26 using a **FIVE** (Warning) - **FOUR** (Preparatory) - **ONE** (Penalty/No Penalty period) - **START** sequence. A boat shall not start later than 5 minutes after her starting signal. The starting and finishing line will be between the pole/staff on the Committee boat flying an Orange Flag, and the course side of the outer distance mark.
8. **Penalties.** RRS 31 (touching a mark) & 44.1 (breaking a Part 2 rule) are modified; boats may touch the marks (except for the finishing Committee boat) but must round them. If two boats make contact, both shall be disqualified unless one acknowledges and completes a **270 degree turn (gybe upwind, tack downwind)** immediately.
9. **Time Limit.** The time limit is 45 minutes after the actual start.
10. **Protests.** RRS 60-71 are modified in that Protests and other incidents will be decided by a small, elected Committee after a day's racing. Unless modified in the NOR, Protest Forms will not be required & the Committee's decision will be final. Being under 6m, **Red flags are not required** to signify a protest, however, helms must hail a boat being protested against iaw RRS 61.1(a) and shall inform the Race Committee **immediately** after finishing if they wish to bring a protest. The

exoneration Penalty and Advisory Hearing & RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available.

11. **Scoring.** RRS Appendix A Low Point scoring system will be used. One discard will be applied if there have been 4 or more races sailed in the series.
12. **Number of Races in a Series.** Up to eight races.
13. **Declarations, Retirements & Results.** Any boat that crosses the Finishing Line and does not signify either that she is retired or is protesting iaw RRS 61.1(a), will be deemed to have completed the course iaw the SlS. Declarations are not required. Results will be posted on the BSC Illusion Class Notice Board.

RISK STATEMENT

Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing ("RRS") states: **"The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."** The sea is a potentially hostile environment, and sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, and without limitation to RRS 3, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- 4.1. They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event.
- 4.2. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, [their crew,] their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.
- 4.3. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.
- 4.4. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.
- 4.5. The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
- 4.6. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances; and
- 4.7. It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risk specific to the event that are drawn to their attention and to attend any safety briefing held before the event.

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