

Summary of changes incorporated into the 2017-2020 ISC Sailing Instructions. Rev C.

Background.

The current review coincides with the new issue of the RRS and is intended to last for the same four year period without major update. In addition the documents comprising the Notice of Race for club racing have been clarified.

Format.

The SIs format have been simplified to avoid the previous duplication of course information both in the SIs and on separate advisory plastic charts with the resulting possibility of contradictions.

The **main text** is then reduced from twelve pages to six which will be printed with each page at A5 size on one sheet of folded stout waterproof paper.

All information relating to courses is then included in three separate "Course Cards" which will be issued at A4 size printed on both sides and plastic encapsulated.

The **Alpha Course Card** will apply for racing inside the Harbour and can be used in Hayling and Bracklesham Bays.

The **Beta Course Card** is the old appendix "E" Diagram courses.

The **Omega Course Card** is for courses outside harbour. Keelboats intending to race outside harbour are now required to carry a VHF radio. When the Omega Course Card is in use the course will be announced by VHF and the channel for course instructions will be M2 (often otherwise described as P4). The mark designations are changed to those used by the SCRA and alternative finishes at Bembridge and Seaview are now included. The code board for West Pole is clarified to mean Pass South East of West Pole.

Each course card has particular appropriate course information printed on the back. EG The Goal Posts and Pilsey Beacon do not apply to Beta courses.

Changes.

To improve course setting options in NW and SE wind directions, three extra **Zone Marks** have been introduced. These are similar to existing mark "Beach". They have to be laid when required but they have the advantage that their exact position can be fine-tuned, and they can be set to either hand. Their introduction does away with the previous requirement for a compass bearing to locate a special mark and it is hoped that their locations will, in time, become as well known as the other race marks. Zone Marks just make signalling where the special mark is easier, making the use of this type of special mark much more possible both beyond the first leg of the course, and within a course change.

A further Zone Mark 'Bay' is introduced with its 'Zone' in the centre of Bracklesham Bay so that races run under the default Course Card Alpha can be finished at that point.

In "Alpha", the post on the east side of the Thorney channel that is always required to be passed on the channel side will now be a new post named "**Creek Post**" approximately 40m east of the green goal post previously used. There will be a course option to re-instate the green goal post on any leg passing that point and the PRO guidance notes will contain guidance on tidal depths when this will be required.

The finishing line will now be signaled with just a blue flag.

"S" (Requiring boats to pass to the south of Copyhold) is removed from the instructions.

As allowed by the new RRS some rules now have a discretionary penalty (DP)

Posts to be "passed" are now designated as marks, and the posts they protect as obstructions.

Sis rule 12 now incorporates the provision for a finish at a gate and defines the finish marks.

"Z", previously indicating a special course is replaced by Flag L (As the special course is effectively a change in Sis.

The requirement to carry flares is left to the discretion of individual classes.

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