

SEDGEMOOR MODEL BOAT CLUB

Small Yacht Section (SYS) – meetings and scoring system

(Amended November 2018)

These rules only apply within Sedgemoor MBC designated SYS (all classes) fleet racing events

1. Meetings

1.1 Officer Of The Day (OOD) – Will normally be the SYS Secretary but he/she may designate the duty to another club member as appropriate. The OOD for the event will decide the running order for all entrants and the race /course layout. At the start of the meeting the OOD shall call a Skippers Briefing outlining the sailing instructions.

1.2 All entrants must adhere to the sailing instructions given during the Skippers Briefing.

1.3 The normal race times for morning events will be 10:00 am with the last race not starting after 12.45pm. However this may be amended by the OOD for that event at any point during the event.

1.4 The normal race times for all day events will be 10:00 am with an approximate finishing time of 12:45pm. However, this may be amended by the OOD for that event at any point during the event.

1.5 The number of yachts racing in a single fleet at any one time shall not exceed 15.

1.6 Race Observer (RO)

Each skipper will act as an RO for at least one race (if applicable, see 1.8). Their role will be to manage the start and record the finish of each competitive race. They may also recover crippled yachts using the rescue boat. When a small number of yachts are present it may be decided that a specific RO is not required and the first finisher records the results.

1.7 The designated RO for any race or the OOD for the event may abandon any race in progress should they deem it appropriate due to any exceptional circumstance or emergency.

1.8 If ROs are required then:

- A) The meeting OOD will be the RO for race 1.
- B) For each following race the top-finishing skipper in the previous race (who has not already been an RO before) will be the RO for the next one...and so on race by race.
- C) To level up the number of races that count on the score sheet the non-RO skippers will get their worst race score discarded.
- D) If all skippers have been RO once and we have not reached 12:45pm then the OOD will decide upon the numbers of ROs for each of the remaining races (this may involve classes sailing separately).

2. Scoring for round/meeting.

2.1 Score per race - 1pt for first place and an additional point for each subsequent position (i.e.; 1st = 1pts, 2nd = 2, 3rd = 3, etc.). **Different classes of yacht will sail as one fleet but will not be scored together.** Scores for each class are totalled and then are then added to class overall series scores.

2.2 Discard system - 1 discard for every 6th race completed (i.e.; 9 races = 1 discard, 12 = 2) Please note; Discards only count for the races completed by each entrant, which will not always be the total number of races run. There will be a maximum of 3 discards after 18 races. RO duties do not count for number of races completed.

2.3 Tied scores (count back) - places to be separated by using the count back system. The highest finishing places between those involved will be compared with the person with the most 1st places being placed higher, if this should tie then compare 2nd place, then 3rd etc. If all finishing places tie those concerned will be given equal place/points.

2.4 Did Not Start (DNS), Did not Finish (DNF), DSQ (Disqualified) from a race or Retired (RTD) from the event – should someone fail to finish a race or does not start they will score as last place plus 1 point for that race. (i.e.; if a race should have started with 15 boats, then any DNS, DNF, DSQ or RTD will score 16 points for that race).

2.5 Endurance Race, Elimination Race, Pursuit Race & Team Relay and other non-fleet race events will be scored according to the individual meets rules (see separate documents).

3. Overall scoring (for multiple meetings or a series)

3.1 Points score for each meeting/round – every finishing place will be scored as follows:

- 1st place – 25 points
- 2nd – 24
- 3rd – 23
- 4th – 22
- 5th – 21

And so on down to 1 point for 25th place and all places thereafter.

The fleet will usually sail together (the OOD may decide to sail within the classes due to numbers or weather conditions). However, in all cases the classes will be **scored separately** for the meet as above. The round scores are then added to the CLASS overall series scores. SYS Series scoring will be as above but other events may adopt other scoring methods and rules.

If a person does not attend a meeting/round they score 0 points.

3.2 Overall series discards - the lowest round(s) score will be discarded. The number of discards will be applied as follows:

- 1 to 5 rounds – no discards
- 6 rounds – 1 discard
- 7 rounds – 2 discards

3.3 Overall places/points – final placing in the SYS series will be by the highest total points scored after any discard(s). Any tied scores are separated by using the count back system (same as rule 2.3) excluding any discard(s) rounds. If the count back system also produces a tie, then the entrant with the highest discard(s) total score will be placed higher. If this should also tie, those concerned will be awarded equal places.

4. Cancelled or postponed meeting/round

4.1 Only the Small Yacht Secretary, Club Secretary or designated event OOD may cancel or postpone a meeting/round if he/she deems it necessary. This may be due to adverse weather conditions such as a frozen lake, for safety reasons or any other event outside their control. If this happens at short notice every effort will be made to inform all those who were expected to be entering that event.

4.2 The SYS Secretary may reschedule any cancelled day event after consultation with the SMBC section secretaries. A maximum of one round can/may be rescheduled in any one series.