

HSC DF65 Racing. Sailing Instructions.

1. General.

1.1 The Club has chosen the Dragon Force (DF) 65 as the class boat. This follows a strict one design format and was designed and developed by three very experienced English model yacht designers and racers. As such it is a high performance radio controlled racing sail boat built and also fits within the RG 65 class rules. It offers a lot of performance for the money with new boats complete with radio equipment available from about £200. This is a cost effective boat to start competitive radio sailing.

1.2. The organising authority is the Radio Sailing Section of Hythe (Southampton) Sailing Club.

2 Racing Rules

2.1 Racing will be governed by the current version of the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) modified by Appendix E, the DF 65 Class rules (Subject to 4 below) the RYA Racing charter and local rules and bye-laws as shown on the Club website. Competitors are expected to be conversant and comply with the major racing rules of sailing and the class rules.

3. Course

3.1 The course will be set to take account of wind speed and direction on the day and may be changed between heats. If practicable a leg will not be set where boats are sailing directly away from the area where skippers are standing.

4. Rig.

4.1 Only the A and B rigs are currently approved. From March 2019 the A+ rig will be permitted.

5. Entries

5.1 Entry is available to all members of HSC regardless of membership category subject to a minimum age of 8 years. Competitors under 14 must be supervised by an adult member.

5.2 A minimum of 3 boats is required to run a race

5.3 A minimum of 3 races will be required to complete a series.

5.4 Series will last for 3 months and follow the seasons. e.g Winter: December January February Spring: March, April May and so on. It is anticipated that we will try to run a minimum of 6 races in a series i.e. 2 a month dependant on weather.

6. Change to the Racing Rules of Sailing-Scoring-Protests & Redress-

It is intended that racing should be fun and not too tied up in rules, regulations and procedures. Whilst competition is governed as stated in S2 of this document, we will not endorse protests or redress but seek to improve the knowledge base of competitors of the rules by discussion and example.

6.1 Scoring.

Dependant on weather and tidal conditions we will attempt to run at least one race a fortnight either on a weekend lunchtime and/or in the summer on a Wednesday evening. This should give an opportunity to race a minimum of 6 times in a series possibly more

The low points scoring system of RR Appendix A.4 will apply. RR A9 will apply for series races

There will be NO discards for heat events.

The number of excluded race scores (discards) in a series is as follows:

Fewer than 8 races completed but more than 4. Two discards.

Fewer than 4 races completed. No discards

This amends RR A2

6.2 RR A11 is amended as follows.

DNC Did not compete. (Did not turn up at the Club or elsewhere to partake in racing)

DNS Did not Start. Came to the Club or elsewhere to race but failed to come to the start line in any heat

DSQ. Disqualified

RET. Retired. Started the heat but retired after committing an infringement resulting in serious damage to another boat. Rule E4.3 (b)

DNF. Did not finish. Started a heat but did not finish due either to weather, running aground or equipment failure.

6.2 Protests & Redress.

Section 6.2 replaces the RRS Sections A, B & D as amended by Appendix E6 There will be no formal opportunity for protests hearings or redress following an incident when a boat may have broken a rule in Part 2 or Rule 31.

If observed, competitors should notify the alleged guilty party when a Rule in part 2 or rule 31 may have been broken. If no penalty is taken, then at the conclusion of the heat and before the start of the next heat the matter should be discussed informally between parties and a member of the Sailing Committee if present.

If upheld, if necessary by consulting the rule book, a penalty may be imposed under rule E7. Such discussions should be regarded as a learning exercise and not criticism

Such action will ensure fair sailing and good sportsmanship.

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