

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE BRADWELL RACE
The Bradwell Race will be held on Sunday 19th June 2022
Start: - 09.00 hrs.

1.0 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the RYA shall apply.
- 1.3 The relevant rules of the class associations of competing boats.
- 1.4 The Organising Authority implements the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Racing Charter. Competitors shall undertake to sail in accordance with the Charter.
- 1.5 RRS 63.7 is changed so that in the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

2.0 ENTRIES.

The Bradwell Race is open to monohull dinghies with a PY handicap of 1053 or faster and to such other boats as the race committee may in its absolute discretion accept.

3.0 CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

3.1 RISK STATEMENT

Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.' Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

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;

They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their property whether afloat or ashore;

They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;

Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;

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;

The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;

It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any competitors briefing held for the event.

3.2 Insurance

Competitors are entered entirely at their own risk and are advised of the condition of entry that they shall be covered by valid third party insurance to the value of not less than £3,000,000.

3.3 Safety - Personal Buoyancy

RRS 40.1 applies at all times while afloat. Wet suits and dry suits do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy.

4.0 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

4.1 Signals

The following flags may be flown where appropriate:

General Recall	1st Substitute
Shortened Course	INT code 'S'
Bradwell Race Class Warning Flag	Code Flag "B"
Preparatory	INT code 'P'
Abandonment	INT code 'N'
Change to Sailing Instructions	INT code 'L'
Postponement	Answering Pennant
Bradwell Gate Flag	Orange
Round The Ends Rule Flag	INT code 'I'
Committee Boat on station at start	INT code 'V'

The Orange Bradwell Race flag is orange and rectangular and may carry the logo of one of the supporting companies. Vessels helping with the management of the event will fly this flag.

4.2 Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Race Notice Board located near Race Reception.

4.3 Briefing

Competitor briefings for all races, including the Bradwell Race, will be held at the times announced in the Programme of Events or as notified on the Race Notice Board. All competitors for the Bradwell Race are strongly recommended to attend the briefing which will take place around the Marconi Sailing Club Clubhouse at approximately 18.00 hrs. on Saturday of race weekend.

4.4 Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any changes to the sailing instructions affecting the Saturday races will be posted before 12.15 hrs on Saturday. Any changes to the sailing instructions affecting the Bradwell Race will be posted before 08.00 hrs on Sunday. Such changes will be indicated by the International Code flag 'L' hoisted on the main club house flagstaff.

4.5 Emergency Phone Number

In the event of a boat and/or crew coming ashore other than at Marconi Sailing Club its crew shall telephone Marconi Sailing Club - MALDON (01621) 772164. This is important to the effective and safe management of the race. The phone number can be found on the boat sticker given to you to stick onto your boat.

5.0 SIGNING ON AND OFF

5.1 Race Entry notification

Dinghy competitors who have entered the Colne Point Race may change their intention and enter the Bradwell Race but must notify to the Race Committee in writing, prior to going afloat for the respective race, by lodging a notice at Race Reception.

5.2 Signing On and Off

Each boat will be given a competitor's number on registration. A member of each crew must obtain the tally band corresponding to this number at Reception before going afloat. The tally must be returned to the Race Control as soon as reasonably possible after finishing each race. In the event of retirement the tally should be placed in the box marked 'retired'. If the tally is returned to the Race Control but not placed in the 'retired' box it will be interpreted as a declaration of correct finishing with no outstanding rule infringements.

6.0 SATURDAY RACES ONE AND TWO

Any competitor who has entered the Bradwell Race is eligible to take part in the Saturday series of Races.

7.0 BRADWELL RACE

7.1 START – The Bradwell Race will start at 09.00 hrs on Sunday, 15 minutes after the Colne Point Race. Competitors for the Bradwell Race shall keep clear of the start area for at least 10 minutes before the start sound signal for the Colne Point Race and remain clear until the Colne Point Race competitors have cleared the start line.

7.1.2 Start

Rule 26 will apply. The start area is south of Osea Island. The start line will be between the mast on the Committee Boat flying INT code 'V' and an orange inflatable buoy. Boats to start in an easterly direction between the orange inflatable and an inner distance mark if laid. Competitors passing between the Committee Boat and the inner distance mark shall round the Committee Boat before starting or incur a 15 minute time penalty.

7.2 RECALLS

7.2.1 Individual Recalls

Individual recalls will be signalled by displaying the class warning flag at dip. No individual recall numbers will be given. This changes Racing Rule 29.1. Any boat found to be On Course Side of the start line at her start time, and which fails to subsequently return to the pre-start side of the line as required by rule 29.1 or 30.1, will incur a time penalty of 15 minutes. Any boat found to be On Course Side prior to her 1 minute signal, and which fails to return to the pre-start side of the line as required by rule 29.1 or 30.1, will be scored Did Not Start.

7.2.2 General Recall

The warning signal for a new start for the recalled class shall be made one minute after the First Substitute is removed (one sound) and the starts for any succeeding class shall follow the new start.

7.2.3 Round the Ends Rule

The round the ends rule, Racing Rule 30.1, may be invoked by displaying the INT Code flag 'I' on the committee boat instead of the Preparatory Signal. It will be removed 1 minute before the start.

7.3 COURSES FOR THE BRADWELL RACE

Set out below are the course for the Bradwell Race which will, conditions permitting, be set by the Race Committee. The Race Committee reserves the right to set courses other than those described at its discretion; such courses will be described on the Race Notice Board near race reception by 08.00 hrs on Sunday.

7.3.1 COURSE - BRADWELL RACE

Start East from start line near MSC Clubhouse.

Bradwell Gate - Boats shall round an inflatable buoy at the Bradwell gate, leaving the buoy to port.

Return back into the River and round Marconi mark to starboard. Marconi mark is an inflatable buoy at the end of the start line.

Then head East to round Thirslet Spit, a green starboard hand (conical) navigation buoy to port and back through the finish line near the MSC Clubhouse. Total distance 13Nm approx.

7.3.2 FINISH - BRADWELL RACE

The finish line will be the line between the mast position on the Committee Boat and an inflatable mark, Marconi Mark. When finishing, boats must sail a course which passes between the inflatable mark and the Committee Boat.

7.3.3 SHORTENED COURSE BRADWELL RACE

7.3.4.1 Shortened Course at Marconi Mark

If the INT Code flag 'S' is displayed at the Committee Boat, with the relevant Race Flag(s), boats shall finish the race at the prescribed finishing line at the end of the lap still to be completed by the leading boat when the flag is displayed.

7.4 TIME LIMIT and ENFORCED RETIREMENT

7.4.1 - TIME LIMIT.

Boats not completing the course by 17.00 hrs may, at the discretion of the Race Officer, be instructed to retire. On receiving such instruction that boat shall cease racing immediately and return to the Club by the quickest possible means.

7.4.2 - ENFORCED RETIREMENT.

If conditions deteriorate or other factors become apparent that endanger a competitor and/or support boat crews, that competitor may, at the discretion of the Race Officer, be instructed to retire. On receiving such instruction that competitor shall cease racing immediately and return to the Club by the quickest possible means.

7.5 AGE LIMIT

On the day of the race, all competitors in the Bradwell Race must be over the age of 14 years. Each boat must carry at least one crew member over the age of 16 years. Any competitor between the ages of 14 and 18 years must provide written parental consent by means of a parent or guardian's signature on the Entry Form.

7.6 SAFETY EQUIPMENT

7.6.1 The following safety equipment must be carried on each boat:

- a compass
- one paddle
- at least 10 metres of adequate tow warp

7.6.2 In addition, each member of the crew (including the helm) must carry on his or her person one or more distress flares.

7.6.3 Boats will be checked, at random, as they come ashore for compliance with these requirements. Any boat found failing to comply with the requirements will be disqualified by the Race Committee without right of appeal.

8.0 PROTESTS

Protests shall be submitted on forms available at Reception and lodged with Reception within 45 minutes of the time of the last boat's finish.

9.0 HANDICAPS

9.1 Details of adopted handicap numbers will be published on the Race Notice Board near Race Reception.

9.2 Competitors must declare the type and configuration of their boat when registering their entry at Reception.

9.3 Any boat whose declared configuration does not include a spinnaker/reacher may not carry a spinnaker/reacher whilst racing. No more than one spinnaker/reacher may be carried in any one of the races.

9.4 Any changes in configuration for racing must be declared by notice in writing lodged at Race Reception before going afloat.

10 SCORING

The Portsmouth Yardstick Handicap system will be used for monohull dinghies. The Bradwell Race will be a handicap race. The Low-Point Scoring System of Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing will apply.