

## Overbury Trophy Sail Racing Rules

***“If you want to win a race, the first most important thing you need to do is finish it, the second is to sail consistently faster than your competitors and the third is to make the least mistakes.”***

### Age Categories

The Youth Trophy is for those aged 10-17 years inclusive, the Adult Trophy for those aged 18 years and over.

### Gender

Both the Youth and Adult events are mixed gender.

### Classes and handicaps

Any of our dinghies may be used for the races either solo or with crew. During a handicap race (a race with more than one type of boat taking part) it will be a timed race and the time it takes you to complete the race will then be used to calculate your final position. The adjustments in use for this season are based upon the Portsmouth Yardstick scheme with minor adjustments that we've made with experience, over time. They are as follows:

RS Venture:	1090
Laser Bahia:	1095
Laser Vago XD:	1074
RS Feva S (single sail, singlehanded):	1170
RS Feva S (two sails, single or doublehanded):	1150
RS Feva XL (main only, singlehanded):	1140
RS Feva XL (3 sails, single or doublehanded):	1110
Laser (4.7):	1185
Laser Radial:	1122
Laser (full rig):	1088

### The Races

A race can only go ahead, and the competitors be awarded points if there is more than one competitor – either youth or adult.

All races will begin with a briefing which will include the course, the starting and finishing procedures, number of laps or finish time and how competitors should behave in respect to passing traffic.

### Rules of the Road

The rules as listed in the “RYA Handy Guide to the Racing Rules 2009-2012” will be observed. This publication can be obtained from the Royal Yachting Association and is available to see at WBB.

### Penalties

For any boat to boat contact, the boat at fault must perform a 720 degree turn *as soon as is practically possible*.

A boat causing another boat with right of way to alter course must perform a 720 degree turn *as soon as is practically possible*.

For any contact with the marks (buoys), the boat must re-round the mark.

If in any doubt as to whether you are at fault it is advised that you perform the penalty manoeuvre rather than be protested at the end of the race and risk disqualification.

**Protests**

Should you feel that you have been unfairly judged or that another competitor has not completed a penalty which has affected your result, you may lodge a protest with the umpire *at the end of the race*. Their decision will be final. The normal result of a protest which is upheld is disqualification.

**Scoring**

Competitors will be awarded points according to their final place. 1 point for 1<sup>st</sup> place, 2 for 2<sup>nd</sup> place and so on.

Where there are two people racing in the same boat, they will both be awarded the points corresponding to their finishing position.

A competitor who did not start (DNS) or did not finish (DNF) a race, or who is disqualified by the umpire will be awarded one point more than the total number of competitors in the league table.

**Discards**

Each competitor will discard the results of 1 race per season. Should a race be cancelled or abandoned by WBB, it will count as a discard. Otherwise, it will be your worst result that is discarded.