# Emsworth Radio Sailing

# ERS NOTES ON RUNNING RACES

## RESULTS AND SCORING

- **For sessions** - discards - 1 discard with 4 races, 2 discards with 8 races, 3 discards with 12 races.
- **For races** - letter scores RTD, DNF, OCS, DSQ are scored as the number of entries for the session +1.
- **For series** - discards - 1 discard with 4 sessions, 2 discards with 8 sessions, 3 discards with 10 sessions. The reason to encourage participation in longer series.
- For series - DNC will be the maximum number of starters in any one session of the series +1. This figure may change during a series depending on the maximum number of entries in each session of the series.
- Minimum of 4 starters (in starting area at the one minute) for each race to count in session results. Minimum of 5 races to count for a session to count in series results.
- **Results system** should show session results and overall series results.

## RACE OFFICER DUTIES

There are a number of alternative methods for dealing with Race Officer duties.
- **The first and simplest** alternative is that we find a person to run the racing for a number of weeks or for a whole series. No average points awarded.
- **The second** alternative is that each sailor in a morning session comes off and is race officer for one race, they then receive a zero score for that race. To be completely fair everyone at that morning session should be off for one race. This may mean that there are two race officers in some races. Less experienced race officers are matched with more experienced race officers. On this method results and discards are calculated as normal.
- In a situation where some competitors have not done a race officer duty in a session (such as when the session is terminated early due to changing conditions), then the competitors who have done a duty will be awarded average points for the race where they did a duty The averages would be calculated using the sessions results, discarding the discards and averaging the "counting" results.

## SETTING COURSES

If possible
- **Starting Lines** - set line at right angle to the wind with some port bias to try and get an even spread of boats on the line, length 2x the number of boats racing, in metres.
- **Set as long a first leg** as possible to separate the boats as much as possible before the first mark rounding.
- Try and have a **port rounding of the first mark** with a spreader mark.
- **Keep the courses simple** to avoid confusion and try to avoid constant course changes.
- Try and **set a leeward gate** if wind conditions and mark positions allow.