

## H&D ARA rule changes 2024.

The following rule amendments to the H&D ARA rules were agreed at the H&D ARA AGM held Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2024.

### **H&D General Rules.**

#### **6.0. AFFILIATION FEES and EVENT PERMIT FEES.**

6.1. Each affiliated Club or event shall pay to the Association an annual subscription fee at the rate fixed annually at the Annual General Meeting. Affiliation fees to be paid before the first counting Championship points or the 1<sup>st</sup> June which ever shall be earlier in each year. Any Club in arrears of payment of their affiliation fees shall lose its power to vote and shall not be eligible to compete at any event.

6.2. Each affiliated event shall pay to the Association an event permit fee at the rate fixed annually at the Annual General Meeting. Event permit fees to be paid on application for an event permit and no later than 1 month before the intended date of the event. Any event in arrears shall be liable to have their permit to hold an event withheld or withdrawn.

### **H&D General Rules.**

#### **10.0. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.**

10.9. To agree rates of subscriptions, event permit fees and entry fees for the year.

### **H&D Regatta Rules.**

#### **5.0. EVENT DATE.**

5.1. Any event within the H&D area (see H&D General Rule 3.0.) and organised by a H&D affiliated club has to register the proposed date of the event with the Association Secretary using the appropriate official form no later than the 30<sup>th</sup> September of the preceding year (or at an earlier date as set and requested by the Association Secretary).

#### **6.0. EVENT PERMIT.**

6.1. Any event ratified under H&D Rule for Boat Racing 1.0. and so notified under H&D Regatta Rule 5.0. shall apply to the Association Secretary (or nominated person) using the appropriate official form for an H&D event permit no later than one month prior to the proposed date of the event (see H&D General Rule 6.0. and H&D Event Safety Rule 6.0.).

6.2. On receipt of the appropriately completed event permit application form, payment of the event permit fee (see H&D General Rule 6.0.) and event safety information to the RRSA (see H&D Safety Rule 6.0.) the Association Secretary (or nominated person) will issue the event with an event permit.

### **H&D Regatta Rules.**

#### **7.0 EVENTS HELD OUTSIDE THE ASSOCIATION AREA.**

7.1. Events and Heads staging events outside the area of the Association wishing to hold events or divisions of events for members of the Association (and other Coastal Clubs) may apply to the Association Secretary (or nominated person) for an event permit (see H&D Regatta Rule 5.0. and 6.0.) paying with their application the agreed event permit fee (see H&D General Rule 6.0.) at least two months before the event and if granted may advertise the event

as being held under the rules of the Association in which case the rules of the Association shall be observed.

7.2. The Association shall use its best endeavours to provide its own officials, or the organiser will ensure that their officials shall enforce the Associations rules if six or more coastal crews compete but if less than six coastal crews take part such events shall be classified as non-status invitation race without effecting status.

### **H&D Event Safety.**

#### **7.0. Event Public Liability Insurance.**

7.1. All events granted a H&D Event Permit must have appropriate public liability insurance with a minimum cover of £10 million in place for the event.

### **H&D Rules for Boat Racing.**

#### **1.0 THE COURSE.**

1.1. The length of all regatta courses, proposed regatta courses or proposed amendments to regatta courses shall have been considered by the H&D Executive Committee and put forward to the H&D Council meeting for agreement prior to being awarded an H&D event permit or by the H&D Executive Committee or an Emergency Committee on the day.

### **H&D Registration and Competition Rules.**

#### **5.0. REGISTRATION OF OARSMAN/WOMAN.**

5.1. At least 7 days before the first regatta of the season each affiliated club must register with the Association a list of all oarsman/woman who will be racing for the Club with their status.

5.2. Any additional oarsman/woman must be so registered at least 7 days before competing in any event. (Note: Day 1 to count as day registration is received by H&D ARA Registration and Results Officer).

### **H&D Regatta Rules.**

12.5. Where an event is rowed in heats it shall be permissible for a regatta committee to cede to ensure fair and equal racing.

### **H&D Regatta Rules**

13.1. The regatta committee shall publish an official regatta programme which shall contain the following details:

- The names and details of individual crews entered by each club.
- The scheduled start time of the regatta and the anticipated start time of each race.
- The details of all competing clubs registered colours and designs.
- The names and details of all officials officiating at the regatta.
- The race programme and details of the event draws and the number of crews qualifying from each round to the next.

## **H&D Regatta Rules.**

### **Regatta Rule 14.0. Number of crews eligible for qualification to later event rounds.**

If the number of entries for an event at an event that has more than two crews racing in a round require qualifying races and if for any reason the number of crews left in a qualifying race be equal to or less than the number of crews qualifying for subsequent rounds of the event as published in the regatta programme such that all crews in the race will qualify, and if the race cannot be scratched with the drawn crews being incorporated into other heats or subsequent rounds of the event, then the number of crews qualifying for subsequent rounds from that race shall be adjusted so that one crew in the race will not qualify.

## **H&D Registration and Competition Rules.**

### **4.0. COMPETING FOR MORE THAN ONE CLUB.**

4.1. No oarsman/woman shall compete for more than one affiliated club in the H&D A.R.A., Coast A.R.A. or West of England A.R.A. in regattas counting for championship points in any one season unless permission is granted under Rule 6.0. below.

4.2. Oarsman/woman from one club rowing for another should be immediately disqualified with the rest of the crew.

## **H&D Rules for Boat Racing.**

### **2.0. The Start Line.**

2.1. The starting line should be marked by two posts ashore clearly visible to the crews.

2.2. If the posts are to be used by the Starters as the sighters for the start line, they must be placed so that the Starters can easily align both posts.

### **Recommendations for the start line marker posts for the crews.**

2.2. The posts are to be a minimum of 5cm thickness/diameter and to be topped with two solid triangles with edges a minimum of 35cm in length.

2.3. The height of the posts should be such that the triangle on the seaward post must be lower than the triangle on the landward post and the height of the landward post should be such that its triangle is higher than the seaward post triangle so that both triangles can be seen as separate triangles by crews on the start line.

2.3. The seaward triangle should be affixed with its apex pointing upwards and the landward triangle should be fixed so that its apex points downwards so that when viewed from the water the two can be aligned.

2.4. The triangles are to be painted fluorescent orange in colour.

2.5. The posts should be painted or marked in a manner that makes them distinct from any background.

2.6. These start line marker posts may be in addition to any sight markers provided for the Starters to indicate the start line but if the Starters are using the same posts, then the height of the posts and triangles should be such that the triangles do not obscure the Starters view of the start line.

## **H&D Championship Event Rules.**

### **9.0. WITHHOLDING OF CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS.**

9.1. Should any of the names listed as the winning crew on a championship point claim received from any club be found to have not been registered as required under H&D ARA Registration and Competition rules 5.1 and 5.2 then the championship point will not be awarded to them but may be awarded to the next placed crew subject to the same rules.