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### Regatta Rules.

A.- (a) In these Rules "oarsman/woman" shall include "sculler", "rowing", "sculling", regatta, a race or processional event unless the contrary intention is expressed. Regatta does not include an Invitation race or Races restricted to entries by invitation only. The season shall extend from the 1st January to the 31st December in each year.

(b) The Rules governing racing laid down by the Association shall be observed by all regattas, clubs and competitors taking part in any regatta affiliated to the Association.

(c) No oarsman/woman shall compete in any rowing event held under the rules of the Association unless he/she is a member of a club affiliated to this or other Association recognised by the A.R.A as an amateur as defined by the A.R.A.

(d) No member of an affiliated club shall compete at any regatta not held under the Rules of this or other Association recognised by the A.R.A.

B. -Status of Classification of Oarsman/Woman.

#### Oarsman.

The Association will decide annually at its AGM if a single Novice win or two wins will be required before promotion to Junior status. Rule B -Status of Classification of Oarsman/Woman, section (a) will be applied accordingly.

(a) Novice Oarsman. *Single win before promotion to Junior status.* A Novice Oarsman is one who has never won an open race with oars at a Regatta. Immediately a Novice Oarsman wins a Novice race he becomes a Junior Oarman.

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(a). Novice Oarsman. *Two wins before promotion to Junior status.* A Novice oarsman is one who has never won or only won one open race with oars at a Regatta. Immediately a Novice Man wins his second Novice race he becomes a Junior. Single Novice Fours wins will be wiped clean at the end of the season, subject to no oarsman/women having a Novice win wiped clear twice (Note. This applies to Novice Fours events only and not to Novice Single Sculls where any win is carried over to the new season).

(b). Junior Oarsman. A junior oarsman is one who has won a novice race at an open regatta and promotion to Junior status. Immediately he wins a junior race he becomes a junior senior oarsman, but he may continue to row in junior racing for the rest of the season in which he has won.

(c). Junior Senior Oarsman. A junior senior oarsman is one who is no longer eligible to compete as a junior but has not qualified as a senior. When he has won a junior senior race he may continue to row in junior senior racing for the rest of the season in which he has won.

(d) Senior Oarsman. A senior oarsman is one who has won a senior race at an open regatta.

(e) Veteran Oarsman/Woman. A Veteran Oarsman/Woman is one who has attained the age of 40 years on the day of the Regatta. A Veteran fours crew must have a minimum age of 40. Mixed crews are allowed and one member of a crew can be from another Club as long as they meet the criteria of a

Veteran, but a composite crew can not be awarded a Hants & Dorset Championship point – the point being awarded to the first full Club crew to finish as long as two full club crews started the race.

#### Oarswoman.

The Association will decide annually at its AGM if a single Novice win or two wins will be required before promotion to Junior status. Rule B -Status of Classification of Oarsman/Woman, section (f) will be applied accordingly.

(f) Novice Oarswoman. *Single win before promotion to Junior status.* A Novice Oarswoman is one who has never won an open race with oars at a Regatta. Immediately a Novice Oarswoman wins a Novice race she becomes a Junior Oarswoman.

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(f). Novice Oarswoman. *Two wins before promotion to Junior status.* A Novice Oarswoman is one who has never won or only won one open race with oars at a Regatta. Immediately a Novice Oarswoman wins a second Novice race she becomes a Junior Oarswoman. Single Novice Fours wins will be wiped clean at the end of the season, subject to no oarsman/women having a Novice win wiped clean twice (Note. This applies to Novice Fours events only and not to Novice Single Sculls where any win is carried over to the new season).

(g) Junior Oarswoman. A junior oarswoman one who has won a novice race at an open regatta and promotion to Junior status. When she has won a Junior race she may continue to row in Junior racing for the rest of the season in which she has won.

(h) Senior Oarswoman. A senior oarswoman is one who has won a senior race at an open regatta.

#### Scullers.

(i) A Junior Sculler is one who has won two Novices races at open Regattas and promotion to Junior status. When he/she has won a Junior sculling race he/she may continue to row in Junior Sculling races for the rest of the season in which he/she has won.

(j) Senior Sculler. A senior sculler is one who has won a senior Sculling race at an open regatta.

(k) Under no circumstances can an oarsman/woman be reinstated to a lower status after he/she has won a race which qualifies him/her for a higher status.

(l) [Removed at AGM 1/3/03]

(m) If no Championship Points are awarded then there is no change to an Oarsman's/Oarswoman's status.

(n) J16 Oarsman/women – A J16 Oarsman/Woman is a competitor who has not attained sixteen years of age before the first of September preceding the event. J16 Crews can be mixed J16 races are not Championship events.

Note: ARA J16 age qualification rule states (part relevant to J16 only) –

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c. A J16 is a competitor who had not attained the age sixteen years years of age before the first day of September preceding the event.

(p) A Novice Sculler is one who has never won a sculling race at any open Regatta. Immediately a Novice Sculler wins a second Novice race he/she becomes a Junior sculler.

Note 1. - An oarsman/woman's status shall be in accordance with the classifications set out above and shall take immediate effect.

Note 2. - If an oarsman/woman wins rowing in a higher status to the one for which he/she is qualified the Rules governing classifications immediately apply.

Note 3. - Coxswains. There is no classification.

Note 4. - The status of an oarsman/woman shall not effect his/her status as a sculler or vice versa.

Note 5. - The Associations Rules as to status shall apply to competitors from other associations competing in events held under the Rules of the Association.

Note 6. - Any Oarswoman who has won a Junior Sweep Oar event, ie. Coxed Four or Coxless Pairs since their inauguration as Championship events (1985 for Junior Fours when the two statuses were introduced and 1991 for Ladies Pairs) and must register and compete at Senior level.

Note 7. - The Ladies Pairs event is a Senior Ladies Pairs event, ie: all Ladies regardless of status can compete in the Ladies pairs but if they win a Ladies pairs event they immediately assume Senior Ladies Status.

Note 8. - Sculling events are individual H&D Championship events - not Club Championships - so Junior Ladies will carry championship status with a Championship medal awarded. Novice events, with two wins before promotion are a Club Championship only with no medal awarded.

Note 9. - Any sculler who had won a Coastal Junior or Senior sculling event is a Senior Sculler. All others would start the season as Novice Scullers - so for at least the first six regattas in the first season there would probably be no Junior Sculling events for Men. With no Novice status for Ladies Scullers Novice Ladies Scullers would have to scull at Junior.

Note 10. - Veterans

- 1) If one Veteran crew member is from another Club the Crew shall take the name of the Club with most members.
- 2) The Championship will be a Club Championship the Club winning most points being declared Hants & Dorset Champions and four Championship Medals only being awarded to the names nominated by the winning Club.
- 3) If one crew member is from another Club he/she must be registered with the Hants & Dorset ARA for that Club.
- 4) If one crew member is from another Club he/she should wear the racing colors of that Club.

C.- No oarsman/woman shall compete for more than one affiliated club in regattas counting for championship points in any one season unless permission is granted under Rule E. Oarsman/woman from one club rowing for another should be immediately disqualified with the rest of the crew.

D.- 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 and any additional oarsman/woman must be so registered at least 7 days before competing in any event counting championship points.

E.- An oarsman/woman wishing to change clubs must notify both clubs in writing and obtain written permission from both clubs before being eligible to row for the second club in the same season. Any oarsman/woman having been refused permission shall have the right to appeal to the Executive Committee whose decision shall be final and binding on all parties. All transfers must be registered with the Association under Rule D and accompanied by a fee of £1.

F.- Any club or member of a club violating the above rules is liable to suspension for a period determined by the Executive Committee.

G. - Regatta committees shall state on their bills, programmes, notices and advertisements the time of the first race and that the races are held under the rules of the Association and with the consent of the

Association they may publish additional rules and byelaws providing they do not conflict with those of the Association which in all cases shall prevail.

H.- Regatta committees shall give adequate notice to all affiliated clubs of the closing date for entries which must not close more than three weeks before the event and the time and place of the draw which shall take place at least three clear days before the regatta and the regatta committee shall not divulge the names of entrants until such entries have closed but shall do so on request by an affiliated club after the closing date. Regatta committees may reject any entry not detailing the surname and initial of each individual entrant and shall do so if one club enters two crews for the same event without names or if the names are not provided 3 clear days before the regatta. The regatta committee shall publish the names and details of individual crews in a programme a copy of which must be sent to the Hon. Secretary of the Association before the regatta and copies of which must be distributed to each official officiating at the regatta and to each club competing and exhibited at the regatta committee headquarters. Wherever possible such names and details should be published in the official programme.

I.- All entries must be submitted on the Association forms by the competing club together with the entry fee. Any alterations to crews must be given to the regatta committee in writing at least one hour before the race is timed to start with the names of the substitutes. Not more than half the crew may be substituted and no substitution is permitted in a single sculling races. A Novice crew who has won at another regatta and gained promotion to Junior status after the draw has been made shall be automatically entitled to race in the junior event without payment of a further fee and regatta committees should make provision in the draw for such entries whenever possible but any new novice crew picked by a club to replace the crew who have become juniors shall be treated as a late entry. Names of Novice Crews are not required before the day of the Regatta but must be submitted before the start of the Regatta after which any changes are subject to the usual rules. Novice Oarsman/Women must be registered with the Association in accordance with Rule D.

J.- The regatta committee shall investigate any questionable entry irrespective of any objection being received and may reject any entry which they do not hold to be in accordance with these rules. Any objections to the qualifications of a competitor or crew shall be made to the Regatta secretary in writing immediately a query arises and in any case before the prize distribution and the regatta committee may then withhold prizes until the outcome of any investigation is announced. After the prize giving any objection must be sent to the secretary of the Association in writing and the association shall have no power to disturb the prizes so distributed but may withhold points or take other appropriate disciplinary action.

K.- Regatta committees may refuse entries received after the closing date and subject to the consent of the Executive Committee of the Association being first obtained may limit the number of crews accepted from each club in each event.

L.- The draw shall take place once entries have closed and representatives of clubs entered shall be permitted to be present at the draw. All boats must race in the position they are drawn, No 1. position counting from nearest to the starter. Where a race is rowed in heats it shall be permissible for a regatta committee to cede crews in a manner approved by the executive committee in writing.

M.- All clubs must register their colors with designs with the Association and competitors must race in their registered colors with oars painted accordingly and Regatta Committees must publish these colors and designs in their Programmes. *Members of the crew can wear garments under their racing vests as long as they are WHITE and the garment can have a stripe or stripes of any color on the sleeve – but the garment must not reduce the ability of the Racing Officials to determine the Club involved.*”

N.- Umpires, Starters and judges for championship events must be licensed by the Association. Regatta committees shall apply to the Association for the names and addresses of such officials.

O.- The regatta committee shall ensure that the umpires shall have suitable boats to keep them in contact with the competitors throughout the race; if this is impossible for any reason regatta committees must appoint sufficient umpires either afloat or ashore to cover all sections of the course and such umpires will

be responsible for decisions in the section of the course allotted to them. Where possible two umpires shall be appointed to each section.

P.- Regatta committees shall advise all competing clubs the telephone numbers of responsible officials available at stated times on the morning of the regatta to advise clubs on weather conditions and the advisability of proceeding to the regatta.

Q.- Entry fees shall be as prescribed by the Association at its Annual General Meetings and may be returned to the Clubs where a race or Regatta is cancelled at the discretion of the Regatta Committee.

R.- In the event of a Regatta being postponed the programme will remain as originally drawn unless the consent of the Association is obtained to a re-draw and in the event of the regatta not being completed the results of completed races shall stand but any races where the final has not been rowed shall be declared void and the regatta committee may arrange to complete the remainder of the programme on a postponement date over the same course but any proposal to row the same over a different course must be with the approval of the Association.

S.- In addition to the Rules the Association may from time to time make recommendations for the guidance of regatta committees which although not absolutely binding such committees shall be expected to use their best endeavours to adopt and failure to do so without reasonable explanation may be taken into account in deciding whether points shall be awarded to a regatta. Recommendations can similarly be made to clubs and failure to comply without reasonable explanation can be referred to the Association in general meeting as a breach of discipline.

T. Regattas applying for Championship points must undertake to include races for all events for which Championship points are awarded unless the executive committee authorise any events to be omitted.

U. One or more rescue boats must be provided to give adequate assistance to boats in difficulty and to keep the course clear and provision should also be made for a boat or boats other than the umpires boat to be responsible for keeping the turning bouys in position.

V. The regatta committee should ensure that medical and life saving services are available if required.

W. All Coxswains must be members of a Hants & Dorset Club.

X. Any scratching made after the the first race of the Regatta has come under starters orders will have a £5 per seat Association fine imposed on the Crew. The Club will be advised in writing of the fine within one month of the end of the Regatta Season and will have a further month to appeal, in writing to the Association. Appeals will be considered by the Associations Executive Officers (at least three from President, Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary) ) if the fine has been received by the Association and the Club will be advised of the result in writing and Club advised of the result. The decision of the Association Officers will be final.

Note to rule: A crew will not be penalised if withdrawn from a race after the start because of concern for their safety due to the prevailing weather or sea conditions and the experience and/or competence of the crew.

Y. Composite Novice crews will be allowed under the following rules –

a) This will be controlled by the controller of the regatta.

b) The controller will take the names of all novices (both men and women) that wish to race in composite crews on that day. The captains will provide them at check in. The controller will then draw the names for crews on a random basis.

c) The regatta should allow provision for 'Comp' 1, 2 etc in the program to prevent any disruption to the program.

d) The rowers should all compete in there own club colours.

e) If a composite crew should win then there will not be a H&D championship point awarded for that race however the members of the crew will be deemed to have won a qualifying race at novice.

f) The composite crew would be awarded prizes.

Z. Any crew, or individual, selected and invited to represent the Association in a Championship event at a South Coast Championship Regatta who declines the invitation will not be allowed to enter any of the Open or invitation events at that Regatta.

XA. At every Hants & Dorset ARA Championship Regatta there shall be a Club Briefing, of all pre-race information prior to the start of the Regatta. Failure to attend will automatically disqualify a Club from competing in the regatta until they have received the briefing. However an individual club briefing can be given allowing that Club to compete in the Regatta but this will incur a penalty of £25 to the Association. A register of Clubs represented at the meeting will be maintained by the Regatta organizers and this must be forwarded to the Association Secretary with the Regatta Results. Club Race Officials can represent their Clubs at briefings provided they then brief their clubs and Clubs can, in special circumstances, be represented by a nominated member of another Club, as long as the Club in question notifies the Regatta of the nominee prior to the start of the meeting and the nominee then briefs the Club in question. The penalty imposed is subject to appeal, in writing and on payment of the penalty, to the Associations Executive Officers whose decision will be final.

