

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR OPEN MEETINGS & CLUB RACING

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. The club accepts no liability for any loss, damage or injury to persons or property.
2. All entrants & their guests are deemed to be temporary members of Sutton Bingham SC during the period of the open meeting & as such, will abide by all club rules, byelaws & the regulations of Wessex Water Plc.
3. Relevant rules of Wessex Water Plc are summarised below. The full regulations are to be found on the OOD desk in the clubhouse.
 - (i) The company shall not be liable for any loss, damage or injury to any person, whether sailing or otherwise, & whether or not such loss, damage or injury is caused or occasioned by the negligence or default of the Company, their servants or agents.
 - (ii) In no circumstances shall a boat be put in the water with a mast height greater than 28 feet.
 - (iii) Pollution rendering the water unsuitable for fish is prohibited.
 - (iv) No dogs are permitted in the club area.
 - (v) No fishing, bathing or shooting is permitted in or around the club area.
 - (vi) There is to be no interference with fishing or any other activity being carried out in or near the reservoir by the Company or persons authorised by the Company.
 - (vii) Sailing is only permitted in the northern part of the reservoir, no further than 200m south of the power lines.
 - (viii) Apart from launching areas in front of the clubhouse, boats may not land on any part of the foreshore except in an emergency.
 - (ix) No one is permitted on the water without adequate personal buoyancy (wetsuits/drysuits do not constitute adequate buoyancy).
4. Those in charge of children must ensure that the children are adequately supervised at all times on the club premises, & in particular non-swimmers & children under the age of 10 years must wear buoyancy aids whilst on the pontoons.

1....SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1.1-Racing shall take place under the current ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing,, these sailing instructions, the

appropriate class rules & the prescriptions of the RYA. All events are designated Category B.

1.2_Action by Race/Protest Committee without a hearing – If RRS 42 is deemed to have been infringed by the Race or Protest Committee (or its designated observer), then RRS 67 will be invoked.

2....CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

2.1-Eligible boats shall be entered on the receipt of the appropriate entry form provided. The safety of a boat & its entire management, including insurance (min. £2,000,000) shall be the sole responsibility of the owner & person in charge. They must ensure that the boat & the crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of the race. Neither these sailing instructions, nor any inspection of the boat, limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner/person in charge, for the crew, the boat & their management. The race organisers shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, personal injury or death however so caused to the owner/person in charge, or crew, as of their taking part in the race or races. Moreover, every owner/person in charge warrants the suitability of their boat for the race or races.

2.2-Measurement Certificates – Before a boat is eligible to race, her valid measurement certificate must be produced if required at the race office. Only under exceptional circumstances may RRS 78.2 be applied. The committee reserves the right to measure boats, sails & gear (inc clothes).

2.3-Eligibility – Competitors must be members of the appropriate class association and members of the RYA or RYA affiliated clubs in the case of SBSC open meetings.

3....SAFETY

3.1-Adequate personal buoyancy must be worn at all times afloat. Wetsuits/drysuits do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy. This amends RRS 40. Anyone not wearing adequate personal buoyancy will be disqualified from that race & asked to leave the water.

3.2-No sailing shall take place unless the club burgee is flying from the flagstaff.

4....COMMUNICATION

4.1-Briefing – Official communications with competitors shall be posted on the official notice board at the race office. Briefings will be held at the office as appropriate.

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4.2-Changes to Sailing Instructions – Any changes will be posted at the race office no later than ½ hour before the start of the race.

5....RACE COURSES

5.1-The order of rounding & numbers of the buoys on the course will be displayed adjacent to the launching facilities. A green background indicates the buoy must be left to starboard, a red background to port.

5.2-The course & number of laps to be sailed will also be displayed on the official notice board at the race office. In the event of any disparity, the course displayed in front of the flagstaff will take precedence.

6....STARTING

6.1-Sail Numbers – All craft shall compete under their registered sail number. Any entrant wishing to use a different number from that of their boat must apply to the race officer for permission to do so before that race.

6.2-Starting Sequences – Starting times will be displayed at the race office. The starting system to be used will be defined by the race officer. All races will be started using the system defined in RRS 26, (i.e. signals will be made at 5, 4, 1 minute & then start) & in the event of a general recall rule 6.6 of these S.I.'s will take precedence.

6.3-Reservoir Starting Lines – The line will be between a mast on the committee boat & an outer distance mark, which will be defined by the race officer. The committee boat will be flying an orange flag when on station. If an inner distance mark is used, it is a mark of the course & no boat will pass between it & the committee boat.

6.4-Shore Starting Line – The starting line is defined as being the extended line between the orange/white pole & the white transit pole on the race office. The black & white flagpole may be used instead of the white pole at the race officer's discretion, but this change must be notified to the competitors. The outer distance limit of the line will be indicated by an outer distance mark, which will be the white 'F' buoy unless otherwise stated. This buoy will not necessarily be on the line.

6.5-Starting & Individual Recalls – The starting procedure shall be in accordance with RRS 29.2, except that the class flag at

the dip may be used instead of flying flag 'X'. Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area (& all boats whose preparatory signal has been made) or be disqualified. A

boat shall not start later than 4 mins after her starting signal.

6.6-General Recalls – Where there is only one class racing, the re-start of the start sequence will be made 5 minutes after the failed start – i.e. the 1st substitute flag will be lowered (with a sound signal) 4 mins after the failed start). When there is more than one class racing, the re-start of the recalled fleet will be made 5 mins after the start of the last fleet to start.

After a 1st general recall SI 6.7(i) will be invoked.
After a 2nd general recall SI 6.7(ii) will be invoked.

6.7-Premature Starting Penalties

(i)'I' Flag Rule – After a general recall the 'I' flag rule as denoted in RRS30.1 shall be invoked. The 'I' flag will be flown with the preparatory signal.

(ii)'Black' Flag Rule – After a second general recall the 'Black' flag rule as denoted in RRS30.3 shall be invoked. The black flag will be flown with the preparatory signal.

7....FINISHING

7.1-Finishing Line –

(i)For a committee boat finish, the finishing line will be between the mast of the committee boat and an adjacent buoy. The committee boat will be flying an orange flag when on station.

(ii)For a shore based finish the line will be between the white pole on the race hut and the white 'F' buoy, unless otherwise stated.

7.2-Shortening Course –

(i)The signalling of the shortened course will be in accordance with RRS 32.

(ii)When flag 'S' is flown from the mast of the committee boat, the finishing line will be set as in SI 7.1(i).

(iii)When flag 'S' is flown from the flagstaff on the race hut (black & white pole), the finishing line will be set as in SI 7.1(ii).

7.3-Time Limit – The time limit for a race will be 2 hours, except in the case of a pursuit race, as RRS 35 will apply.

7.4-Obligations of Finished Boats – Boats that have finished must take care not to obstruct boats that have not finished. If they do not & have deemed to do so by the race officer (or designated observer) then they will be disqualified from that race.

8....PENALTIES

8.1-Touching a Mark of the Course – RRS 44.1 shall apply (exoneration by 360° turns).

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8.2-Alternative Penalty – RRS 44.2 shall apply (exoneration by 720° turns).

8.3-RRS 44.3 (scoring penalties) will not be used.

9....PROTESTS

9.1-Protests must be submitted on form supplied by the race office & handed in to the race officer within 1 hour of the last boat finishing the race in which the protest occurred. Protests shall comply with the provisions of RRS 60. Protest notices will be posted on the official race notice board within 1 hour of the protest being received, to inform competitors where & when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a hearing, or named as a witness.

10...DECLARATIONS

10.1-All competitors are required to sign on before the days racing only. If the event is an open meeting then receipt of an entry form is deemed to be signed on. There is no requirement to sign off.

11...OPEN MEETING SCORING SYSTEM

11.1-The series(or races) will be scored as defined in Appendix A of the Racing Rules for Sailing, using the Low Point System.

11.2-A boat classified as DNF shall receive points equal to the number of entries in that race +1.
A boat disqualified shall receive points, equal to the number of entries in the event +2.
A boat that records a DNS shall receive points equal to the number of entrants in the event +1.
This instruction amends RRS A4.2.

11.3-In a series of 3 races, the points from 2 races will count. Where 2 races or less are sailed then all races will count to the final positions.

11.4-In the event of a tie, each boats race scores will be listed in order of the best to worst. At the 1st point that there is a difference the tie will be broken in favour of the boat with the best score. No excluded scores shall be used.

In the event of a further tie, it shall be broken in favour of the boat that scored better than the other boat in more races. If there are more than 2 boats, they shall be ranked in order of the number of times each boat scored better than another of the tied boats. No excluded scores shall be used.

If there still remains a tie, they shall be ranked in order of their scores in the last race. Any remaining ties shall be broken by using the tied boats scores in the next-to-last race and so on until all ties are broken. These

scores shall be used even if some of them are excluded scores.

This reiterates RRS A2.3.

12....CLUB SERIES RACING SCORING

12.1-For club racing the SBSC adjusted PY No system will be used (see notice board in race hut).

12.2-For a club only event consisting of 3 races, the event will be scored as in SI 11.4.

12.3- A boat classified as DNF shall receive points equal to the number of entries in that race +1.
A boat disqualified shall receive points, equal to the number of entries in the event +2.
A boat that records a DNS shall receive points equal to the number of entrants in the event +1.
This instruction may be amended for special series, at the discretion of the series organiser.
This instruction amends RRS A4.2.

12.4-Series Results
(i)70%(rounded up)of the number of races in a series shall count towards assessing the overall series results.

(ii)In the event of a tie, the series will be decided by the number of wins, then on who sailed the most number of races. If there is still tie after that, then the most number of 2nd places will decide, the most number of 3rd places, and so on until a winner is decided.

(iii)Average points are awarded to a helm or crew doing an allotted duty (race officer or OOD). These points will be based on their average results in that series. OOD's should inform the race officer that they are doing their duty, and this should be marked on the race sheet.

13...AWARDS

The committee shall decide from time to time, what prizes, if any shall be presented. This should be based on the number of entries in a series, and as guidance be:-

20-39 entries – 1 prize
40-59 entries – 2 prizes
60-79 entries – 3 prizes
80+ entries – 4 prizes