



South Staffordshire Sailing Club



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR OPEN MEETINGS

1.0 RULES

1.1 Racing will take place under the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA, these sailing instructions and the appropriate class rules.

1.2 The South Staffordshire Sailing Club implements the RYA Racing Charter. Competitors shall undertake to sail in accordance with the Charter.

1.3 In the event of a conflict, the Sailing Instructions take precedence over the Notice of Race.

2.0 CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

2.1 Competitors participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

2.2 If requested, a valid measurement certificate shall be presented to the race committee.

2.3 Yachts may be measured before or after any race at the discretion of the race committee.

2.4 Under exceptional circumstances, and provided that the class rules allow, and permission is obtained from the Race Officer prior to the warning signal of the race or races concerned, the race committee may permit a yacht to use sails carrying a distinguishing number other than that required by RRS Appendix G.

2.5 All yachts shall be adequately covered, by third party insurance, to a minimum value of £2,000,000 for any one claim.

2.6 Adequate personal buoyancy for helmsman and crew shall be worn at all times whilst afloat. Wet suits or dry suits do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. This amends RRS 40.

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2.7 Any helm retiring must sign the retirement sheet within 15 minutes of the last boat finishing.

3.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located by the Race Office.

4.0 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1 Any changes in sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board no later than 15 minutes prior to the warning signal of the race or races concerned.

5.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be hoisted on the flagpole located in front of the clubhouse.

6.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 The time of the start of the races will be as stated in the notice of race. These times may be changed by the race committee, by signals in accordance with RRS Race Signals.

7.0 CLASS SIGNALS

7.1 Class warning signals will be as Follows:-

Lark Code Flag 'L'

GP14 Code Flag 'A'

OK Code Flag 'H'

Solo Code Flag 'I'

Firefly Code Flag 'F'

8.0 COURSE INSTRUCTIONS

8.1 The course area is Lower Pool, Gailey Lea Lane, Gailey

9.0 THE COURSE

9.1 The course will be notified by means of coloured number plates displayed from the starting box or committee boat. The colours on these plates will show which way each mark will be taken, i.e. a red 3 shows that No. 3 will be left to port.

9.2 The number of rounds to be sailed will be displayed on the board from the starting box or committee boat before the warning signal.

10.0 MARKS

10.1 Course marks are orange buoys numbered 1 to 8 in a clockwise direction from the mark nearest the dam in the northwest corner of the pool. All odd numbered marks are orange & even numbered marks are yellow.

11.0 MARK BOATS

11.1 Any mark boat will be advised by the Race Officer on the official notice board.

12.0 STARTS

12.1 Fixed line starts will be used for all races.

12.2 The starting line shall be between the mast of the starting box or committee boat and an outer distance mark.

12.3 An inner mark may be laid adjacent to the starting box or committee boat, which may not be on the starting line. When an inner distance mark is used, any yacht sailing into the triangle formed by this mark and the front and rear of the starting box or committee boat, after the one minute signal, is liable to disqualification without a hearing. The inner distance mark ranks as a start mark and the prohibited triangle formed by this mark and the committee boat/starting box is not an obstruction to sea room.

Anything permanently or temporarily attached to the committee boat or starting box should be considered to be part of the committee boat or starting box and is not an obstruction to sea room.

12.4 The starting procedure for races will be in accordance with RRS 26.

13.0 RECALLS

13.1 Recalls will be in accordance with RRS 29.

14.0 CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

14.1 When after the race has started a mark of the course is moved, a boat will be stationed near the start of the leg affected, and will fly flag C over a red or green flag indicating that the direction of that leg lies either to port or starboard respectively of its previous bearing.

The race committee may move a mark 20 metres in any direction without signalling the change. This amends RRS 33

15.0 FINISHING

15.1 The finishing line shall be between the committee boat and the first mark of the course from the direction of the last mark, after sailing the required number of laps. If the course is shortened RRS rule 32 shall apply. The Race Officer may shorten course for any reason to facilitate completion of the race. This amends RRS 32. Should the Race Officer shorten course this will not be grounds for redress under RRS 62.

15.2 In addition to shortening course in rule 32. The Race Committee may also award a finishing position to a boat still racing by displaying to her flag 'W' with one sound signal from a committee boat (which may be in motion). A boat so notified shall no longer be required to sail the remainder of the course. (Changing rule 28.1). The finishing position of a boat under this sailing instruction, will be the position she would have received had she finished the course within any time limit, without gaining or losing any places. When two or more boats when notified are overlapped, they will be scored as if they were tied.

16.0 TIME LIMITS

16.1 Any yacht which does not finish within 15 minutes after the first finishing yacht shall be deemed to have retired. Three sound signals will be made at the finish line to indicate the end of this time limit.

17.0 PROTESTS & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS & RYA ADVISARY & ARBITRATION HEARINGS

17.1 Protests and requests for redress must be made in writing on the form provided and submitted to the Race Officer within 15 minutes of the last boat finishing. This time limit may be extended at the Protest Committee's discretion. Protest hearings will commence as soon as possible thereafter.

17.2 The Exoneration Penalty and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration procedures of the RYA Rules Disputes procedures shall apply. The outcome of an RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee, but an arbitration cannot be reopened or appealed. See the Club Notice Board for details.

18.0 SCORING SYSTEM

18.1 Appendix RYA A will apply.

19.0 PRIZES

19.1 Prizes will be awarded based on the number entries, at the discretion of the race committee.

20.0 LOCAL VARIATIONS

20.1 The buoys marking the prohibited area around the island shall be considered an obstruction to sea room. Boats infringing this area should retire immediately or protest.

20.2 A maximum of 50 boats will be allowed on the water at any one time.

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