

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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1. RULES

Racing will take place under the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the R.Y.A., these Sailing Instructions (S.I.), the rules of the Classes concerned and any notice to competitors subsequently issued by the Sailing Committee.

2. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

2a General. The safety of a boat and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/competitor racing the boat who must ensure that the boat and crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of the race. Neither the establishment of these Sailing Instructions nor the inspection of the boat under these conditions in any way limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner/competitor for the crew, the boat and the management thereof. The race organisers shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury however caused to the owner/competitor, skipper or crew, as a result of their taking part in the race or races. Moreover, every owner/competitor warrants the suitability of the boat for the race or races.

2b A boat sailing at WOBYC shall have third party insurance for a minimum of £2,000,000.

2c Entries for Open Regattas shall be registered with the race committee before the warning signal of the first race.

2d Oulton Week entries may be made in advance of the week or on a race by race basis before the warning signal of the race in which they are entering.

2e Entry for club points races (which are for club members only and specially invited guests at the discretion of the O.O.D. or Club Officers) are made by manoeuvring in the vicinity of the start line.

2f For the purpose of (ii) and (iii), it is the boat which scores the points, not the helm except that in the case of club-owned boats the points will be scored by the helms unless they cannot be identified.

2g It is the competitor's responsibility to decide the suitability of their craft to sail the course on Oulton's shallow and restricted waters without recourse to redress.

3. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS Notices to competitors shall be posted at the Club House.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS Any changes to these Sailing Instructions or schedule of races shall be posted not less than one hour before the first race of the day on which they take effect.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore shall be displayed from the Club House signal mast.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES As per current Club Yearbook or Event Programme.

7. CLASS FLAGS

Optimist: Class Flag; Slow Handicap: Numeral 7; Fast handicap: Numeral 8; Laser: Numeral 9; Squib: Naval Numeral 9; Waveney OD: Code Flag X; Broads OD: Code Flag Z; Mixed Keels: L.

8. RACING AREA The racing area shall be Oulton Broad and the adjoining waterways.

9. COURSE

9a. The course to be sailed shall be displayed at the starting line. Numbers with a green background to be left to starboard and numbers with a red background to be left to port. The number of rounds will be shown in white figures on a black background.

9b. Average lap races: A white letter A on a black background shall signify that the race is a handicap race calculated on average lap times. (The number of laps is not shown.) All boats shall pass through the gate formed by the start line distance marks at the end of each lap. A yellow letter G on a black background will indicate the gate in the course.

9c. When the first mark is prefixed by the letter X on a yellow background it shall not rank as a mark of the course on the first round.

9d. The inclusion of the letter F on a blue background in the course indicates a clubhouse finish, having rounded the mark preceding the F the prescribed number of times.

9e. The course may be shortened at the discretion of the O.O.D.. This is indicated by code flag S above the class flag(s) accompanied by two sound signals. This shall be flown from the club signal mast to indicate a club line finish; the leading boat shall finish when she next crosses the finishing line while sailing the prescribed course. The course may also be shortened at a mark of the course in which case a committee boat flying the shorten course flag shall be stationed close to a mark and the finishing line will be between the black and white pole on the committee boat and that mark; the leading boat shall finish when she next crosses this finishing line while sailing the prescribed course.

9f. An 'average lap' handicap race shall finish after code flag S is flown and boats complete the lap they are sailing on.

9g. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER START The O.O.D. shall not order the marks remaining to be sailed to be moved during a race.

10. MARKS The marks of the course are buoys, numbered by their position around the broad 1 to 7 starting with No. 1 to the west of the clubhouse, then clockwise around the broad, with No.7 the furthest to the east. They are red/orange in colour. They may be moved to suit wind or tide conditions.

Mark 8 shall be **black** and may be positioned anywhere in the racing area.

11. THE START

11a. RRS 26 shall not apply. Sound systems shall govern (starting sequence only).

- 6 minutes before the start – class flag and one sound signal.
- 3 minutes before the start – preparatory flag and one sound signal
- start – class flag removed and one sound signal for a clean start.

Preparatory flag will remain flying if start is one of a series at 3-minute intervals.

11b. The Clubhouse start line shall be an extension of a line passing through the orange signal mast on the Club House and the black and white pole on the quay. Limit marks (buoys with through poles) may be positioned approximately on the line. Boats shall pass between these buoys when starting.

11c. Committee Boat Starts.

Indicated by flying Code Flag Q from the Club House signal mast. The Committee Boat shall display an orange flag. The start line shall be a line through the black and white pole on the Committee Boat and the outer distance mark (buoy with through pole). An inner distance mark (buoy with through pole) may be positioned approximately on the line. To start boats shall pass between these marks. Boats which pass between the inner distance mark and the Committee Boat at any time (after their preparatory signal) shall be disqualified.

11d. When a Class has a split start each boat may display a coloured streamer from the end of the boom, to signify which start they are in. Red - 1st; Yellow - 2nd. The streamer shall not be considered as part of the boat.

11e. Boats whose Preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose preparatory signal has been made.

11f. A boat shall not start later than TWO minutes after her starting signal.

11g. RRS 30.2 shall not apply.

12. RECALLS

12a. RRS 29.1 shall apply except that the class flag shall be left at the dip. Code flag X shall not be flown. Sail numbers shall not necessarily be called.

12b. General Recalls. RRS 29.2 shall apply. The preparatory signal for the restart shall be made one minute after lowering the first substitute except when the start is one of a series when it shall go to the end of the series. (1 minute after the lowering of the recall flag, both the warning and preparatory flags shall be flown and the new start will be 3 minutes later.)

13. FINISH

13a. For races (**other than Average Lap Races**) sailed in accordance with SI 11b (Clubhouse start) the finish line shall be between the orange signal mast on the Clubhouse and the pole carrying three

coloured discs on the opposite bank, unless shortened at a mark when boats shall finish by passing between a committee boat flying code flag S and the adjacent course mark on its prescribed side.

13b. For races (**other than Average Lap Races**) started in accordance with SI 11c (Committee Boat starts) the finish line, unless shortened at the clubhouse, or having a course containing F, shall be finished between the black and white mast on a committee boat and the first mark of the course. Boats shall sail the prescribed number of rounds, plus an additional leg to finish by sailing between the first mark on the prescribed side and a committee boat. For a start in accordance with SI 11c the course may be shortened at any mark when boats shall finish by passing between a committee boat flying code flag S and the adjacent course mark on its prescribed side.

13c. For Average Lap Races, the finishing line will be between the start line distance marks.

14. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

14a. Two-Turns Penalties. RRS 44.1 shall not apply to the River Cruiser Class who shall use their recommended penalty system.

15. TIME LIMIT There shall be no time limit.

16. PROTESTS

16a. Protests shall be written on forms obtainable from the race box and submitted within one hour of the last boat in the race finishing.

16b. Failure of attendance by parties or witnesses having been informed are not grounds for deferment of the hearing.

17: The Exoneration Penalty and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration procedures of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. See the Club Notice Board for details.

18. SCORING

18a. Open meetings, Championships and the End of Season Regatta shall be scored according to Appendix A, low points system, of the RRS.

18b. Oulton Week shall be scored in accordance with Appendix A of the RRS except that A4.2 shall not apply. An entrant who does not record a finishing position will score 50 points. A non-entrant in a race of a series will record 99 points.

18c. The method of scoring for club points shall be displayed on the Club notice board.

18d. The WOBYC Committee shall have power not to count races for club points if application is made by any class and to award points to helmsmen representing the Club in official races.

18e. A helmsman (owner) may apply to the Sailing Committee to have his points transferred to another boat of the same class. The Sailing Committee shall have the power to accept or reject the application.

18f. The minimum number of boats ranking as starters is two, otherwise the race is void.

19. REEFING The Waveney and Broads OD classes shall make their own decision on reefing and communicate this to the O.O.D. The O.O.D. shall fly one cone (point up) over class flag for one reef and two cones (point up) for two reefs at the Clubhouse. The starts of these classes shall be postponed a minimum of 15 minutes, except during Oulton Week.

20. SAFETY

20a. When racing, suitable personal buoyancy must be worn by all dinghy sailors and by junior sailors (under age of 18) and keelboats must carry buoyancy aids or lifejackets in accordance with RRS 1.2.

20b. All competitors shall wear suitable personal buoyancy in the Winter season.

20c. All sailing boats less than 15m in length must abide by Broads Authority Navigation Byelaw 24 (1995): Sailing vessels must not impede commercial, passenger carrying vessels greater than 15m in length, the Waveney Princess, for example.