

## **OPEN MEETING SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** **[USING LARGE MARKS AND STANDARD COURSES]**

### **GENERAL**

The word craft, where it appears in these instructions, shall be taken to mean all classes of sailing craft permitted to sail on Cheddar Reservoir. The word boat, where it appears in these instructions shall be taken to mean any craft participating in the race.

The safety of a craft and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/person in charge who must ensure that the craft and crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of racing or whilst otherwise sailing on the reservoir. Neither these sailing instructions nor any inspection of the craft limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner/person in charge for the crew, the craft and her management. The race organisers shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/person in charge or crew, as a result of their taking part in the race or races. Moreover, every owner/person in charge warrants the suitability of the craft for the race or races or general sailing.

Whilst afloat on the reservoir, all craft, whether racing or not, must have third party indemnity insurance of at least £3,000,000 (three million pounds).

### **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

#### **1 RULES**

All races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA, the rules of the appropriate Class(es), except as any of these are changed by these sailing instructions, and by these sailing instructions. The Organising Authority shall be Bristol Corinthian Yacht Club (BCYC) unless stated otherwise in the Event Specific SIs (ESSIs) or an amendment to these SIs.

Sailboards will be governed by the same rules, and RRS Appendix B, Windsurfing Competition Rules will apply.

#### **2 CONDITIONS OF ENTRY**

##### **2.1 Entries**

Each eligible boat must enter by using the form provided and submitted with the appropriate fee to the Race Secretary before racing. During the event a substitute crew will only be permitted in exceptional circumstances and with the prior permission of the Race Committee.

##### **2.2 Eligibility**

Each competitor must be a member of the appropriate class association.

##### **2.3 Measurement Certificate**

No boat shall be entitled to race without a valid measurement certificate with current buoyancy endorsement where applicable as provided by the appropriate Class Rules. Competitors may be required to produce the certificate on request. See RRS 78.

##### **2.4 Sail Numbers**

All boats must display their distinguishing numbers and Class emblems as required by RRS 77. Any competitor wishing to sail under numbers other than the registered number of the yacht must obtain the prior permission of the Race Officer.

##### **2.5 Personal Buoyancy**

Adequate personal buoyancy must be worn at all times by all persons going afloat. RRS 40 applies (IC flag Y is not required). Wet or dry suits alone do not constitute adequate buoyancy.

##### **2.6 Advertising**

World Sailing Regulation 20, Advertising Code, applies.

## 2.7 Interference

Competitors are reminded that other classes may be taking part in races and are requested to accord all boats their proper rights and courtesies. Attention is drawn to RRS 24 "Interfering with another Boat".

## 3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board situated inside the clubhouse door on the right hand side.

## 4 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the instructions will be posted not later than 60 minutes before the start of the next race, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 17.00 on the day before it will take effect. It is the responsibility of competitors to check for all changes that have been posted correctly.

## 5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole in front of the race box.

5.2 When Flag AP has been displayed ashore, when it is removed '1 minute' is replaced by 'not less than 15 minutes' in the Signal AP. This adds to RRS Race Signal - Postponement signal AP.

## 6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

The schedule of races will be posted on the official notice board.

## 7 CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be as posted on the official notice board.

## 8 THE COURSE

8.1 Fixed Marks - The club marks in their normal fixed positions will not be used.

8.2 Order of Rounding - The course will be as indicated on the attached diagram shown in Appendix A. The number of laps to be sailed will be indicated by a number displayed on the committee boat. A lead boat will not be used.

8.3 Shortening Courses 1 & 2 (special case) - When the finishing line has been laid in the vicinity of the intended leeward mark or gate, and when Flag S is displayed with two sound signals from the finishing boat, the meaning of flag S is changed to: 'The course is changed, and the intended leeward mark or port side of the gate is the last mark of the course. Pass the mark to port and finish'.

## 9 MARKS

Of the normal club marks, only mark "A", a white spherical buoy with a black horizontal band and mark "C", a yellow spherical buoy, will be used; the former as the starting mark and the latter as the finishing mark or spreader mark.

## 10 THE START

10.1 The order in which it is intended that the classes will be started will be posted on the official notice board.

10.2 If a class has a general recall, the intended succeeding classes may not be postponed, and starts may continue in the stated sequence, with the recalled class starting after all other classes, except for any other classes subsequently recalled. The general recall flag will be removed before the succeeding start. This changes Race Signals, First Substitute, and RRS 29.2.

10.3 An exception to SI 10.2 is that where club racing is taking place on the same course as an Open Meeting, then the club race, or races, will usually start last regardless of General Recalls.

10.4 The starting line will be between a mast of the Committee boat, or safety boat, displaying an orange flag and a mark described on the course diagram or on the Official Notice Board.. Normally, the committee boat will be at the starboard end of the line.

- 10.5** 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 in accordance with RRS 24.1. Failure to do so may result in a protest.
- 10.6** A boat may not start later than 4 minutes after her starting signal.
- 11** **PREMATURE STARTERS**  
Individual Recalls shall be in accordance with RRS 29.1, except that the class flag may be left at the dip in which case Flag X will not be displayed. This adds to RRS 29.1.
- 12** **CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START**  
A change of course will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not then be in position. Any subsequent mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration.  
A change of course will be signalled by displaying Flag C with an intermittent sound signal. In addition, the direction of the new mark may be indicated using a green flag, if mark has moved to starboard, or red flag, if mark has moved to port. Other than displaying flag C, a change in length of leg will not be signalled. This changes RRS 33.
- 13** **THE FINISH**  
The finishing line will be between the mast of the committee boat flying an orange flag and the finishing mark, being either a yellow spherical buoy or another buoy described on the course diagram or on the Official Notice Board.
- 14** **TIME LIMIT**  
. Boats not finishing within 30 minutes of the leading boat in their class will be deemed not to have finished and will be scored DNF.
- 15** **PROTESTS**  
Protests shall be written on forms available at the race office and delivered there within 45 minutes of the time of the last boat's finish of the day or when racing was abandoned for the day.  
  
Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt and as soon as possible.
- 16** **DECLARATIONS**  
Any helmsman who does not finish a race (DNF), or who subsequently retires after finishing (RET) shall sign the form of declaration within 30 minutes of coming ashore. The form will be posted on the notice board inside the Clubhouse. If the form of declaration is not available, then the race officer should be informed.  
(NB. The signing of a declaration is not required if a boat completes a race correctly)
- 17** **SCORING**
- 17.1** Scoring will be in accordance with RRS Appendix A. Other scores are to be:-  
DNF, RET                      Number of starters in that race plus 1  
OCS                              Number of starters in that race plus 2  
DNC & DSQ                    Number of starters in the series plus 2
- 17.2** In pursuit races, the '1995' three-digit Portsmouth Yardstick numbers will be used, but adjusted to reflect later amendments to individual class PYs. The Race Committee reserves the right to alter published numbers, at its discretion, before the first race in the event of any, or all, series.
- 17.3** The number of races to count will be as follows:  
Two races or less no discard  
Three to seven races, one discard  
Eight or more races, two discards