



**2022 Allen Brothers
Enterprise Inland Championship
30th April, 1 & 2nd May 2022**

Sailing Instructions

The organising authority for the event will be the joint Race Committees of Ogston Sailing Club and the Enterprise Association.

1. Rules & Entry Requirements

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-24.
- 1.2 The Enterprise Class Rules will apply.
- 1.3 If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race, the Class Rules and these sailing instructions, then these sailing instructions shall take precedence.
- 1.4 The event is open to boats of the Enterprise Class. A valid measurement certificate must be available for inspection at registration. Competitors must be current members of the Enterprise Association.
- 1.5 All participating boats shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 for any one accident.
- 1.6 Entries are accepted on the understanding that competitors automatically grant the organising authority and the event sponsor the right to use and show at their discretion any photography, audio and video recordings and other reproductions made of them at the venue from the time of their arrival until the time of their final departure without compensation. They further grant the right to include the name(s), boat and sail numbers of entrants in the results and write ups of this event. The committee may share race results with other clubs, class associations, and the RYA, and provide race results to local and national media.

2. Risk Statement and Safety Regulations

- 2.1 Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone". Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
 - a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
 - b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
 - d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
 - e) The provision of a Race Management Team, Patrol Boats or other officials and volunteers by the Event Organizers does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
 - f) The provision of Patrol Boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- 2.2 RRS 40.1 (personal flotation devices) shall apply to all competitors at all times whilst afloat, flag Y will not be displayed. This changes RRS 40. Wet or dry suits do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy.
- 2.3 Wet or dry suits shall be worn by all competitors between 1st November and 30th April.
- 2.4 A manned safety boat must be available on the water before any other boats are launched.

3. Notices to Competitors

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board in the clubhouse by the Registration Area.
- 3.2 A competitors briefing will take place at approximately 11:00 on Saturday morning in front of the boat hut. Subsequent briefings may be held and will be advertised on the official notice board.

4. Changes in Sailing Instructions

- 4.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board in the clubhouse by the

Registration Area, 60 minutes before the advertised warning signal of the race or races concerned. Code Flag "L" flown from the gantry adjacent to the club house and accompanied by a single sound signal shall indicate a posted change.

5. Signals Made Ashore

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the gantry adjacent to the club house.
- 5.2 When IC flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 20 minutes'. This changes the meaning of AP in RRS Race Signals.

6. Schedule of Races

- 6.1 Saturday 30th April 3 races scheduled First warning signal not before 11:55
- Sunday 1st May 4 races scheduled First warning signal not before 10:25
- Monday 2nd May 3 races scheduled First warning signal not before 10:25
- 6.2 The race committee may change the schedule during the event. Any change to the intended time of the first warning signal will be posted on the official notice board by 20:00 on the day before.
- 6.3 No warning signal will be made after 15:00 on the last day.
- 6.4 In the event of a race being recalled, restarted, re-sailed or abandoned, the next race sailed shall be that race with subsequent races being sailed thereafter in their scheduled order.

7. Class Flags

- 7.1 The class flag will be code flag E

8. Racing Area

- 8.1 The racing area will be Ogston Reservoir. A sketch map of the reservoir showing the approximate positions of the fixed marks will be available at registration and will be displayed on the official notice board.
- 8.2 Competitors shall not sail within 10 metres of the banks and shall not beach other than in front of the club, except in case of an emergency.
- 8.3 Competitors should stay clear of the area around the reservoir wall and particular the overflow.

9. The Course

- 9.1 The course will be displayed on the rear of the committee boat, no later than the Warning Signal.
- 9.2 The course will be indicated by the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left. "G" will indicate that it is necessary to sail through the lapping gate at the end of each lap.
- 9.3 The number of laps to be sailed will be indicated by a white numeral on blue.
- 9.4 A powered lead boat may sail ahead of the fleet on the first lap. If provided, details of the identification of the boat will be given at the briefing.
- 9.5 A boat observed by the race committee to have not sailed the correct course will be scored NSC without the need to protest. Boats may seek redress from this action.

10. Marks

- 10.1 The marks of the course will consist of a selection from the fixed marks (coloured cans 1 to 12 and coloured buoys A to H) and two moveable marks ("X" and "Y").
- 10.2 The starting and finishing marks will be buoys with orange flags (but see instruction 14.1 Finish Line).

11. Obstructions

- 11.1 An area of 5 metres around the Tern rafts is designated a no sailing area and constitutes an obstruction.

12. The Start

- 12.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 12.2 The starting line will be between the main mast (displaying an orange flag) on the committee boat at the starboard end and an Outer Distance Buoy displaying an orange flag at the Port End. A limit mark carrying an orange flag may be laid adjacent to the committee boat. This mark will be a mark of the course. No competitor may pass between the limit mark and any part of the committee boat after the first warning signal.

12.3 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. The changes RRS A4 and A5.1.

13. Change of the Next Leg of the Course

13.1 Courses will not be changed after the start. This changes RRS 33 (but see instruction 14.1 Finish Line).

14. The Finish

14.1 The finishing line will be the same line as that designated as the starting line; or in the case of a shortened course, the finishing line may be between the mast on the committee boat (flying the S flag) and a nearby rounding mark. In order to maintain the lapping gate, a buoy may be laid at the starboard end, where the committee boat was previously anchored.

14.2 When the course is shortened (see RRS 32) all boats will finish the next time they sail through the finish line.

14.3 Boats that are trailing considerably behind the main fleet may be finished with their observed position on the course at the discretion of the Race Officer. Boats that are finished in this way will be advised of the fact by a safety boat and should stop racing thereafter.

15. Time Limits

15.1 There is no time limit for the first boat to finish. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat finishes, will be scored with their observed position on the course. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5. Boats that are finished in this way will be advised of the fact by a safety boat and should stop racing thereafter.

16. Declarations

16.1 A boat that Did Not Compete, Did Not Start, Retired, or Retired under RRS 44.1(b) shall complete an acknowledgement form at the race office within the protest time limit.

17. Protests & Requests for Redress

17.1 Protests shall be written on forms available in the clubhouse and delivered to the race office within 60 minutes of the last boat finishing the last race of the day.

17.2 Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible.

17.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the expiry time to inform competitors in which they are parties to or named as witnesses. It is the responsibility of competitors to check the official notice board for such notices, obtain their copy of the protest and to make sure they and their witnesses attend the hearing.

18. Scoring

18.1 Scoring will be in accordance with RRS Appendix A4, the Low Points Scoring System

18.2 A minimum of 3 races will be required to be completed to constitute a Championship.

18.3 When 5 races have been completed, 1 discard will be applied.

When 10 races have been completed, 2 discards will be applied.

19. Replacement of Crew or Equipment

19.1 Substitution of a competitor will not be allowed without the prior written consent of the Race Committee.

19.2 Substitution of lost or damaged equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity.

19.3 Distinguishing Numbers. Under exceptional circumstances, the Race Committee may permit a boat to use sails carrying a distinguishing number other than that required by RRS 77 and Appendix G. Such permission is only valid if sought in writing and granted prior to the use of the sail.

20. Equipment and Measurement Checks

20.1 A boat may be inspected at any time for compliance with class rules and sailing instructions.

20.2 Class Conformity: Every boat shall comply with the current relevant class rules. Failure to do so may result in disqualification without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

21. Prizes

- 21.1 The overall winner of the Championship will be awarded the first place trophy and the title of Inland National Champion.
- 21.2 Prizes will as a minimum be awarded to the first 4 boats.
- 21.3 In addition there will be various other prizes for different categories.