

Supernova National Championship **10,11,12&13 June 2006**

Held Under the Burgee of Saundersfoot S.C.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Supernova Class Rules and rules as prescribed in these Sailing Instructions. The Supernova Class Rules referred to in these Sailing Instructions are the rules in effect at the date of the event.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the Club House at Saundersfoot Sailing Club

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09.00 on the day it will take effect except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 18.00 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Saundersfoot Sailing Club flagpole.
4.2 When the postponement flag is displayed ashore, no signal shall be made on the committee boat in respect of any start until at least 30 minutes has elapsed from the lowering of the postponement flag.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 There will be a briefing for competitors on Saturday 10th June at 13.00hrs.
5.1 Championship races will be held on each day Saturday 10th Sunday 11th Monday 12th & Tuesday 13th June 2006. Racing may be cancelled at the discretion of the Race Committee in adverse wind strength or conditions.
5.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on Saturday is 14.55 and 10.55hrs on Sunday, Monday & Tuesday.
5.3 There will be two races sailed back to back on Saturday normally lasting 60 mins. for the first boat and two 75 min races on each subsequent day.

Saturday racing is scheduled to commence at 15.00hrs.

Sunday, Monday & Tuesday racing commencing at 11.00hrs.

5.4 When more than one race will be held on the same day, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that another race or sequence of races will begin soon, the postponement signal will be displayed for at least four minutes before a warning sign is displayed.

5.5 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 15.00.

6. CLASS FLAGS

6.1 The class flag will be Supernova Class Flag.

7. RACING AREAS

7.1 Racing will take place in Saundersfoot Bay.

8. THE COURSES

8.1 The diagrams in Attachment B show courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be passed. They do not show the angles between legs.

8.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the number of the course to be sailed and the approximate compass bearing from the starting line to Mark 1

9. MARKS

9.1 Marks 1, 2, 3 & 4 will be orange, inflatable buoys.

9.2 New marks, as provided in instruction 11.1, will be orange inflatable buoys

9.3 The port end starting mark will be a yellow inflatable buoy.

9.4 The port end finishing mark will be a yellow inflatable buoy.

10. THE START

10.1 Races will be started by using RRS rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.

10.2 Races will use line starts.

10.3 The starting line will be between the mast of the committee vessel at the starboard end displaying an orange flag and the port-end starting mark.

10.4 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored "Did Not Start". This changes RRS rule A4. 1.

11. CHANGE OF THE POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK

11.1 To change the position of the next mark, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the existing mark or the finish line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable if necessary. The change will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not yet be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated without further signalling to maintain the course configuration. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

12. THE FINISH

12.1 The finishing line will be between the mast displaying an orange flag on the committee vessel at the starboard end and the port-end finishing mark laid off the bows of the Committee Vessel.

12.2 If the Committee Vessel displays Flag S with two sound signals while in the position in which she was placed at the start of the race, the signal shall mean "Finish the race at the end of the current round by crossing the finishing line described in the Sailing Instructions. This changes Rule RRS 25 and Race Signals.

13. PENALTIES

13.1 A boat that has taken a penalty under RRS rule 31.2 or RRS rule 44.1 or retired shall complete an acknowledgement form at the race office within the protest time limit.

13.2 As provided in RRS rule 67, the protest committee may, without a hearing, penalise a boat that has broken RRS rule 42.

14. TIME LIMITS

14.1 The time limit shall be 2 hours.

14.2 Failure of the first boat to complete the race with 2 hours shall not be grounds for redress.

14.3 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, will be scored "Did Not Finish" unless 14.4 applies. This changes RRS rules 35 and A4. 1.

14.4 The Race Committee may, in its absolute discretion, allocate a finishing position to any boat that appears to be unlikely to finish in the time limit. A request for redress in respect of any decision by the race committee under this sailing instruction will not be considered by the Protest Committee. This changes RRS rules 60 and 62.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1 Protest forms are available from the beach master. Protests shall be delivered to the beach master.

15.2 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the race committee and protest committee and to requests for redress. This changes RRS rules 61.3 and 62.2.

15.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Club House beginning at the time specified in the Notice referred to in 15.4.

15.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS rule 61.1 (b).

15.5 For the purpose of RRS rule 64.3(b) the 'authority responsible' is the measurer appointed by the Supernova Class Association.

15.6 Breaches of instructions 13.1, 17, 18, and 20 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS rule 60.1 (a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

15.7 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered

(a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;

(b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS rule 66.

16. SCORING

16.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.

16.2 This varies the low point score of Appendix A by including the discarded race(s) as stated below.

Where there is a tie on total points between two or more boats, each boat's scores shall be listed in order of best to worst, and at the first point where there is a difference the tie shall be broken in favour of the boat with the best score(s). If a tie still remains the discarded race(s) shall be counted. Where all races count then the tie shall be broken by counting the score in the last race. Any remaining tie shall be broken by counting the score in the next to last race etc. until broken.

16.3 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

16.4 (a) When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores.

(b) When either five, six, seven or eight races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. (This changes the Notice of Race section 9.1)

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1 Competitors shall wear life jackets or other adequate buoyancy at all times when afloat. Wet suits and dry suits are not adequate personal buoyancy. This changes RRS rule 40 and the preamble to Part 4.

17.2 A tally system of declaration will be used and failure to comply with the procedure may result in disqualification.

17.3 A tally board will be situated with the beach master on the beach. Each helm intending to start in a race shall ensure that their allocated numbered tally is taken from the board.

17.4 Within 15 minutes of coming ashore, each helm shall ensure that their allocated numbered tally is placed back on the board.

17.6 If on any day a competitor does not comply with this procedure they may be disqualified at the sole discretion of the Protest Committee, subject to the provisions of 17.7 below.

17.7 As an alternative to disqualification and at the sole discretion of the Protest Committee, a competitor may be reinstated on payment of the sum of £10 to the Race Office. All such funds will be paid to the RNLI.

18. REPLACEMENT OF competitors OR EQUIPMENT

18.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

18.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

19. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

19.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

20. RADIO COMMUNICATION

20.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones

21. PRIZES

21.1 Prizes will be given in accordance with the Notice of Race.

ADDENDUM

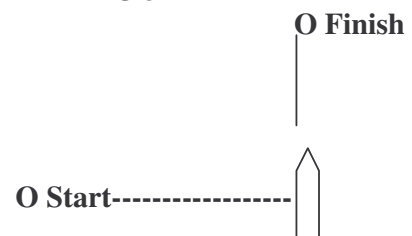
COURSES

Course 1 All marks are to be taken to port.
The start will be between a port mark and
the Committee Boat.
The finish will be between a mark and the bows
of the Committee Boat.

O 1

O 2

O 3



Round 1	Round 2	subsequent odd Rounds	subsequent even rounds
Start -1-2-3	1-3	as Round 1	as Round 2

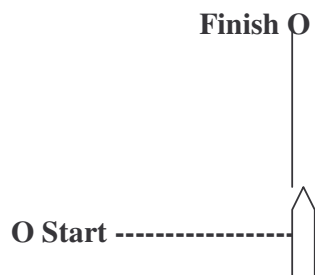
**Course 2 Marks 1; 2& 4 are to be taken to port
Mark 3 is to be taken to starboard
The start will be between a port mark and
the Committee Boat.
The finish will be between a mark and the bow
of the Committee Boat.**

O 1

O 2

O 3

O 4



**Each Round
Start-1-2-3-4**