

## BARTLEY SAILING CLUB

# OPEN MEETING SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1. SEVERN TRENT WATER AUTHORITY RULES

- a) All crew on the reservoir side of the water gate must be wearing adequate personal buoyancy.
- b) Landing on the banks of the reservoir away from the slipways is not permitted except in an emergency.
- c) Full details of the STWA rules applicable to the use of the water are displayed on the notice board in the clubhouse.

### 2. RACING RULES

Racing will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Prescriptions of the Royal Yachting Association, the rules of the relevant Class Association, (except as any of these may be altered by these Sailing Instructions) and by these Sailing Instructions (SI). In the event of any conflict, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

### 3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the Race Control Building.

### 4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board not less than 30 minutes before the start of the race.

### 5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag mast at the Race Control Building.

### 6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Races are scheduled as shown in the event details.

### 7. CLASS FLAGS

The class flags to be used will be described at the open meeting briefing.

### 8. THE COURSE

The course, the start and finish line and the number of laps to be sailed will be shown on the course board. Alternatively, the course may be shown on the committee boat using numerals with background colours indicating the side on which each mark is to be left (red for port, green for starboard) and displayed in the order in which marks are to be passed.

### 9. MARKS

The main course marks are blue cylinders with tops and numbers coloured alternately yellow (even) and red (odd) from 1 to 8 anti-clockwise around the reservoir. There are four additional marks. Mark "O" is located between marks "1" and "8" and has a white top. Marks "A", "B" and "C" are located down the centre of the reservoir and are white cylinders with black letters. The location of marks is shown on the course board and any deviation from this layout will be described at the open meeting briefing. Additional marks may be used and, in this event, they will be shown on the course board and described at the open meeting briefing.

### 10. THE START

Races will be started by using rule 26 (i.e. 5,4,1,0 minutes.).

A boat that starts later than five minutes after her starting signal will be scored "Did Not Start". This changes RRS A4.1

**11. SHORE BASED START LINE**

A shore based start line will be a transit between a post-mounted orange triangle and an inverted triangle on the Race Control Building.

**12. WATER BASED START LINE**

A water based start line will be between the flag mast of the committee boat (flying a blue flag) and a mark of the course or a mark laid for the purpose.

**13. LIMIT MARKS**

The starting line may be limited at either end by buoys that will not necessarily lie on the starting line.

**14. THE FINISH**

The finish line will be, either a transit as described in paragraph 11 or, a line between the flag mast of the committee boat displaying an orange flag and a mark of the course.

**15. PROTESTS**

Protests must be made on the appropriate form obtainable from the Race Officer, and must be handed to the Race Officer within 30 minutes of the time the last boat finishes the relevant race.

**16. SCORING**

The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.

Three races are scheduled of which two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

When fewer than three races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

When three races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her scores, excluding her worst score.

**17. PRIZES**

The number of prizes awarded will be dependent on the number of entries.

**18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the open meeting entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organising 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 open meeting.

**19. INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance having a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

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