

Supernova / Lightning Open Meeting Sailing Instructions
To be held at and organized by Bolton Sailing Club
Saturday 25 April 2009

1.0 Rules

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the "Rules" as defined in "The Racing Rules of Sailing", the prescriptions of the RYA, the appropriate class rules and these sailing instructions.
1.2 The racing rules will govern all boats on the water at all times.

2.0 Notices To Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located inside or outside the clubhouse, adjacent to the race office.

3.0 Changes To Sailing Instructions

Any changes in the sailing instructions will be indicated by displaying International code flag "L" and two sound signals at least 20 minutes before the advertised start time.

4.0 Signals Made Ashore

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole adjacent to the race office.

5.0 Schedule Of Races

The first Warning signals for the races will be at approximately 11:30, 13:30, and 15:15

6.0 Signing on

Competitors must pay and sign on before the first race. It is not necessary to sign on/off before/after every race.

7.0 Class Flags

Class flags will be:

Supernova Supernova **Star** (flag **H** if not available)
Lightning Flag **Y**

8.0 Courses

- 8.1 The number of rounds to be sailed will be displayed on the course board.
8.2 The course will be displayed on the course board adjacent to the race office at least 20 minutes before the start of the race or on the Committee boat at least 10 minutes before the start of the race.
8.3 When an alteration to the course is made, two sound signals will be made and International Code Flag Numeral Pennant Two flown.

9.0 Marks

The normal rounding marks will be yellow. Temporary rounding marks may be used and will be red / orange.

10.0 The Start

- 10.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 as follows:

<u>Signal</u>	<u>Flag</u>	<u>Sound</u>	<u>Minutes before starting signal</u>
Warning	Class Flag hoisted	1	5
Preparatory	Flag P (or Black Flag) hoisted	1	4
One- minute	Flag P (or Black Flag) lowered	1	1
Starting	Class flag lowered	1	0

The Starting signal for the Supernova Class will be the Warning signal for the Lightning Class

- 10.2 If there is a General Recall, the above sequence will recommence 1 minute after the General Recall flag is lowered.
10.3 If there is a General Recall of the Supernova fleet, the Supernova start will precede the Lightning start.

- 10.4 When a Committee boat start is used, the starting line is defined as the line between the mast on the Committee boat and outer starting mark. The outer mark will be red / orange with a pole. When a shore-based start is used the starting line will be an extension of the line through the two transit poles.
- 10.5 A limit mark may be laid adjacent to the Committee boat. Limit marks are marks of the course. No boat shall pass between the limit mark and any part of the vessel it guards after the preparatory signal.
- 10.6 When a shore-based start is used starting marks may be laid. The starting marks will be black and white chequered buoys.

11.0 Changing The Next Leg Of The Course

The race committee may change a leg of the course that begins at a rounding mark by changing the position of the next mark (or the finishing line) and signaling all boats before they begin the leg. The signal shall be the display of flag C with repetitive sounds. The next mark need not be in position at that time. Subsequent legs may be changed without further signaling. This changes rule 33.

12.0 The Finish

- 12.1 The finishing line will be an extension of the line through the transit poles outside the race office and between the two black and white chequered finishing marks.
- 12.2 When flag S is displayed from the race office mast the race will finish when this line is next crossed after the last mark of the course is rounded.
- 12.3 Finishing at a mark. When flag S is flown from the mast of a Committee boat not under way, the race will finish between the mast of that Committee boat and the nearby rounding mark.
- 12.4 Any competitor retiring from a race must inform the OD at the earliest opportunity.

13.0 Time Limits

Boats failing to finish within 25 minutes of the winning boat will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rules 35 and A4.1.

14.0 Protests And Requests For Redress

Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within 25 minutes of the last boat finishing the race.

15.0 Scoring

- 15.1 The low point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.
- 15.2 In the case of a series tie in the Supernova fleet, rule A8.2, will be changed as follows:

If there is still a series-score tie between two or more boats after application of rule A8.1, each boat's race scores shall be listed in order of best to worst, including any excluded race scores. At the first point(s) where there is a difference, the tie shall be broken in favour of the boat(s) with the best score(s).

If a tie still remains between two or more boats, they shall be ranked in order of their scores in the last race. Any remaining ties shall be broken by using the tied boats' scores in the next-to-last race and so on until all ties are broken. These scores shall be used even if some of them are excluded scores.

- 15.3 The number of races to count shall be one less than the number of races completed. If less than 3 races are completed, all races shall count.

16.0 Safety Regulations

- 16.1 Adequate personal buoyancy shall be worn by all crew members whilst afloat. Inflatable type buoyancy must be worn inflated. Wetsuits do not constitute adequate buoyancy. This alters Rule 40.
- 16.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

17.0 Equipment And Measurement Checks

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.

18.0 Official Boats

Any patrol boat displaying the club burgee shall rank as a Committee boat.

19.0 Local Variations

- 19.1 The passage between the Bolton-Preston road and the island is not to be made during racing unless a specific instruction to do so is given when the course is laid.
- 19.2 The number of boats shall be limited to 50.
- 19.3 Rule 45 is hereby varied. Boats may remain on the beach or be made fast to the jetty between the preparatory and starting signals.

20.0 Disclaimer Of Liability

Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. 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 event.

21.0 Insurance

All craft sailing on the club water shall be covered by a policy of insurance including third-party and passenger liability to a minimum of £2,000,000.