



Sailing Instructions: Weston Sailing Club, Supernova, Lightning 368 and Streaker Open Meeting 17th 18th April 2010

	1 st Start	2 nd Race	3 rd Race
Saturday 17 th April	12.00	Follow race 1	Follow race 2
	4 th Start	5 th Race	6 th Race
Sunday 18 th April	11.30	Follow race 1	Follow race 2

**Briefing 17th April 10:15 – Prize-giving for Streaker Southern Paddle approx 2 hours after last race on Saturday.
Prize-giving on Sunday as soon as possible after last race.**

1.0 RULES

- 1.1 Racing will take place under the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009-2012, the prescriptions of the RYA and the appropriate class rules and sailing instructions, except as any of these are changed by these sailing instructions, and by these sailing instructions. This event is designated Category C.

ENTRIES

- 2.1 The safety of a boat and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/person in charge who must ensure that the boat and crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of the race. Neither these sailing instructions, nor any inspection of the boat, limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner/person in charge for the crew, the boat and her management. The race organisers shall not be responsible for any loss, damage or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/person in charge or crew, as a result of their taking part in the races. Moreover, every owner/person in charge warrants the suitability of the boat for the races.
- 2.2 The provision of safety equipment and boats by Weston Sailing Club is neither a guarantee that assistance can be rendered to any competitor in need, nor an acceptance of any responsibility for rescue of competitors. Further, in the event that any assistance is rendered to a competitor, no liability for any loss, damage or injury to the competitor and/or boat and its equipment is accepted by either the Club or the crew of such rescue craft.
- 2.3 **All boats entered for this event must attach a tag to the launching trolley, in a position, which it is clearly visible, displaying the registered sail number. A competitor may be stopped from launching if this tag is not attached. The purpose of this tag is to monitor who is afloat for safety reasons. These tag are available at registration**
- 2.4 **Personal Buoyancy**
Adequate personal buoyancy shall be worn by all crewmembers whilst afloat. Flag Y will not be displayed. This changes rule 40. Wet suits and dry suits do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy.
- 2.5 **Eligibility**
Only boats belonging to competitors who have completed an entry form and paid the prescribed entry fee are eligible to race in this event. If required MUST be fully paid up members of the relevant class association.
- 2.6 **Identification – Sail Numbers**
Competitors wishing to use sail numbers other than those declared on the relevant entry form must notify the race officer via the office in writing before the race concerned.

3.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITOR

3.0 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board in the club, located outside the changing rooms.

4.0 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to these sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board at least 60 minutes before the scheduled start time of the race to which they apply. No flags will be displayed to notify competitors of changes to the sailing instructions.

5.0 SIGNALS

5.1 Signals for this event will be by flags displayed on the committee boat.

6.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 There are six scheduled races for each fleet for this event. The streaker open meeting is scheduled to consist of six races but their Southern Paddle will be a result of the Saturday's results. The time of the first fleet start time for each day is shown on these SIs.

7.0 CLASS SIGNALS

7.1 The class signal for each fleet will be said at the briefing.

8.0 RACING AREA

8.1 The racing area is as defined in Figure 1: Racing Area and Marks, between the Weston shore and the Deep Water Channel. **Boats must not enter the Deep Water Channel whilst racing; offending boats will be disqualified from that race.**

9.0 THE COURSE

9.1 The course for each fleet is as figure 2. The number of laps will be at the race officer discretion.

10.0 MARKS

10.1 The marks to be used are shown in figure 2. All marks are yellow inflatable tetrahedral buoys except for starting and finishing marks, which will be small white spherical buoys.

11.0 THE START

Races will be started according to RRS 26. It is planned for Fleet 2's start sequence to commence at the start of Fleet 1 subject to the Race Officer's discretion.

11.1 Starting Line

The starting line will be between the mast of the Committee Boat flying an orange flag and a white spherical buoy (ODM) as shown in Figure 2. The Race Officer may as his discretion drop a white spherical buoy as an inner distance mark. Boats approaching the line to start shall pass between this mark and the ODM.

11.3 General Recalls

General recalls will be signalled by displaying the flag showing 'First Substitute' and making two further sound signals immediately after the start signal. The procedure for subsequent starts will be as follows:

The recalled fleet will be restarted 5 minutes after the last scheduled start, under the black flag rule.

If the final start in the sequence is subject to a recall, a new warning signal will be displayed 1 minute after the first substitute flag has been removed and the start will be 5 minutes later.

12.0 SHORTEN COURSE

12.1 Races will be shortened according to RRS 32.

12.2 Flag 'S' and the class signal will be flown from the committee boat and two sound signals will be made when the leading boat in the fleet for which the course is to be shortened is in the vicinity of the last mark before the finish. Boats in that fleet will round the mark in the normal manner and then proceed directly through the finish line. If flag 'S' is flown without a class flag, then all boats will finish on the next occasion of crossing the finish line.

12.3 When the first boat in a fleet has finished, the rest of that fleet will finish on the next occasion of crossing the finishing line irrespective of the number of laps completed. The first boat finished may not be the leading boat.

13.0 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between the mast of the committee boat flying an orange flag and the ODM or a mark of the course as shown in figure 2.

14.0 TIME LIMITS

14.1 The time limit for each race will be 90 minutes. Boats failing to finish within the time limit or within 30 minutes of the first boat finishing will be scored 'Did Not Finish'. This changes rule 35.

15.0 PROTESTS

15.1 Protests in writing must be handed in at the office within 60 minutes of the last boat finishing the last race of the day.

16.0 SCORING

- 16.1 The Low Point scoring system, as defined in ISAF RRS Appendix A, will apply, except as amended below.
- 16.2 A minimum of 2 races to count, with 1 discard if 3 races sailed and 2 discards if all six races are sailed.

17.0 LOCAL VARIATIONS

- 17.1 **Fishing Lines:** All helmsmen are requested to keep clear of fishing lines, both shore and water based
- 17.2 **Starting Area and line:** All helmsmen are requested to keep clear of the start line and vicinity when preceding fleets are starting. Persistent offenders may be protested under RRS 2 'fair sailing' and may cause general recalls and subsequent delays for all competitors.
- 17.3 **Retirements:** Boats retiring or not intending to sail the next race(s) should inform the Race Officer or closest rescue boat. Alternatively, please tell the office immediately you come ashore to enable the race officer to be informed by VHF.