



Bartley Sailing Club

Supernova Dinghy Open Meeting

Sailing Instructions

Sunday 2nd August 2026

1.0 Rules

- 1.1 Bartley Sailing Club implements the RYA Racing Charter and helms are required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, details of which can be found at the front of the RYA Rule Book (Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028). Racing will take place under the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA, the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions. If there is conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, then these Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

2.0 Notices to Competitors

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the designated official notice board in the clubhouse or on the blackboard located at the OOD hut. Supporting verbal announcements may be made in the clubhouse.

3.0 Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 Any changes to sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board not less than 15 minutes before the start of the Race.

4.0 Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag mast in front of the OOD hut. Signals made afloat will be from the Committee boat.

5.0 Schedule of Races

- 5.1 There will be 3 races. The start for the first race will be at approximately 11.00am. Race 2 will take place after lunch. Race 3 will follow back to back.
- 5.2 The Race Officer reserves the right to change the race timings to suit the weather conditions.
- 5.3. Club Racing will occur under a separate start.

6.0 Signing on

Entry should be made in advance at www.bartleysailingclub.com//event/1228991

6.1 Entry will be permitted on the day of the event, but you are strongly encouraged to enter online in advance.

6.2 Entry must be made prior to the boat / helm / crew entering the racing area.

6.3 If a competitor retires then they must sign off when coming ashore.

7.0 Class Flags

7.1 The class flag will be the designated flag of each respective class unless otherwise advised.

8.0 Courses

8.1 The number of rounds to be sailed will be displayed on the course board, either on the committee boat or on the course board at the OOD hut.

8.2 The course displayed will be shown with numbers indicating the marks in the order that they should be passed and with a green or red background to indicate with side the mark should be left. The course displayed on the course board at the OOD hut or on the committee boat as advised by the race officer.

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

9.1 Marks are numbered numerically anticlockwise around the reservoir perimeter from 0 to 8, and down the centre of the reservoir from A to C.

9.2 The location of marks is shown on the course board. The even numbered buoys are yellow/orange, uneven are blue, A B and C are black, 0 is green.

9.3 Temporary rounding marks may be used.

10.0 The Start

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

10.2 If there is a General Recall, the sequence will recommence 1 minute after the General Recall flag is lowered.

10.3 When a committee boat start is used the starting line is defined as the line between the mast on the Committee boat and the designated OD mark.

10.4 When a shore-based start is used the starting line will be as displayed on the notice board at the OOD hut.

10.5 When a shore-based start is used limit marks may be laid.

10.6 A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal shall be scored "Did Not Start" without a hearing. This changes RRS rules Appendix A, A4 & A5.

11.0 Change of The Position of The Next Mark

11.1 To change the position of the next mark, the Race Committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position. The change will be signaled as per the RRS before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the mark may not yet be in the new position.

12.0 The Finish

12.1 A shore-based finish line will be between the flag staff outside the race office and a mark laid for the purpose. The finish line may be described on the course board.

12.2 A water-based finish line will be between the flag mast of the committee boat and a mark of the course, or a mark laid for that purpose.

12.3 Any competitor retiring from a race must inform the OOD or his/her on the water team (safety or race) at the earliest opportunity, before leaving the race area

13.0 Time Limits

13.1 Boats failing to finish within 30 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

14.1 Protest forms are available at the OOD hut. Protests shall be delivered there within 30 minutes of the last boat finishing the race, or the following race if races are sailed back to back.

15.0 Scoring

15.1 The low point scoring system of Appendix A will apply on the day of racing.

15.2 Discards for the event are as per the RRS.

16.0 Safety Regulations

16.1 Adequate personal buoyancy shall be worn by all crew members whilst afloat or in the launching area (this is anywhere beyond the water gates). Wetsuits / drysuits do not constitute adequate buoyancy.

16.2 When the Race Committee or a Safety Boat Operative considers that a boat or competitor is in difficulties it may instruct the boat or competitor to accept outside help, retire or sail ashore.

17.0 Equipment and Measurement Checks

17.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions by a Class authorised person. On the water, a boat can be instructed by

a Class authorised person to proceed immediately to shore for inspection when such a Class authorised person is present at the event.

18.0 Risk Statement

- 18.1 Sailing is a water sport that, by its nature, is unpredictable and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in any waterborne activity, each competitor agrees that:
- (a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure to themselves, their crew and their boat 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, safety boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
 - (f) The provision of safety boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
 - (g) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3 million against third party claims;
- 18.2 All members are also reminded of Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) Rule 3, which states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone"

19.0 Coaches & Supporters

- 19.1 No coach or support boats will be permitted. Coaches & supporters accompanying competitors are required to comply with the principles of good sportsmanship and behavior and the rules of Bartley Sailing Club. Failure to do so may result in investigation by the Regatta organizers, and potentially in an instruction to the competitor to leave the premises of Bartley Sailing Club without means of redress.