

Bolton Sailing Club Open Meeting Sailing Instructions
Supernova Open Meeting
Saturday 25th September 2021

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 RYA Racing Charter, 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 11:00, 13:00, and 14:30

6.0 Signing on

Competitors must register upon arrival at the event, this will constitute signing on for the racing. Payment of £10.00 will be required at the point of registration. It is not necessary to sign on/off before/after every race.

7.0 Class Flags

Class flag will be flag H (unless a Supernova Class flag is provided)

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 as follows:

<u>Signal</u>	<u>Flag</u>	<u>Sound</u>	<u>Minutes before starting signal</u>
Warning	Class Flag raised	1	5
Preparatory	Flag P raised	1	4
One-minute	Flag P lowered	1	1
Starting	Class Flag lowered	1	0

- 10.2** If there is a General Recall, the above 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 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.
- 10.4** 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. Disqualification will be at the discretion of the OOD.
- 10.5** When a shore-based OOB box 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 signalling 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 signalling. 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** In addition to the procedure for shortening course in rule 32, the race committee may also award a finishing score to a boat that is still racing by displaying to her from a boat, flag W with one sound signal. A boat so notified is no longer required to sail the course (changing rule 28.1), shall stop racing and return to the shore. A finishing score under this sailing instruction will be the score she would have received had she sailed the course and finished within any time limit, without gaining or losing any place. However, when two or more boats that are overlapped are notified, they will be scored as if they were tied. The decision by the race committee to use this procedure or not to use it shall not be grounds for requesting redress, changing rule 60.1(b).

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** 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.
- 15.3** Points for race ties will not be added and divided.

16.0 Safety Regulations

- 16.1** Adequate personal flotation devices 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.
- 16.3** All sailors should recognise their limitations and with the current social distancing measures in place only go out if they are confident in the given conditions.
- 16.4** If the mean wind strength exceeds 20 knots the event will be cancelled.

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** 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. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing 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 regatta.

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.