

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS - 2018

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 All club sailing will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), 2017-2020.
- 1.2 These sailing instructions, the club rules and any appropriate class rules will apply.
- 1.3 Under rule 86.1(b), in the definition of the Zone the distance is changed from three to two hull lengths (to cater for the restricted racing area on the lake).

### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the notice board in the clubhouse.

### 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted 30 minutes before the start on the day it will take effect.

### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole in front of the race control box.

### 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The schedule of races for open meetings will be printed on posted in the clubhouse.

### 6 RACE ENTRY AND ELIGIBILITY

- 6.1 The minimum number of entries for a race is two boats
- 6.2 All competitors must wear adequate personal buoyancy at all times when afloat. Neither a wet suit nor a dry suit constitutes adequate personal buoyancy. Inflatable type buoyancy aids will not be considered adequate unless fully inflated. Failure to comply will result in automatic disqualification. This alters RRS 40.
- 6.3 All competitors must ensure that their boat has adequate built-in buoyancy and may be asked to demonstrate this at any time.
- 6.4 Boats may use sails other than those meeting the appropriate class rules in normal club racing providing prior permission is granted by the Sailing Committee. This means RRS 87 shall not apply and amends RRS 86.
- 6.5 The helm/crew must ensure that they are competent to sail in the prevailing conditions.

### 7 CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 Class flags will be:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Flag</u>
Supernova	M (White cross on blue background)



Comet      Class flag


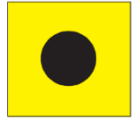
### 8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The course and the hand for the rounding of marks will be displayed in the race control box, or alternative location indicated by the Race Officer, at least 15 minutes before the start of the race.

### 9 THE START

- 9.1 The Race Officer at their discretion may give one long sound signal to inform competitors that the next race will start in approximately 15 minutes.

9.2 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made five minutes before the starting signal using the flags listed below. Times shall be taken from the visual signal; failure of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

<u>Title</u>	<u>Signals</u>	<u>Time to Start</u>
Warning	Class flag, one sound	FIVE minutes
Preparatory	P or I flag, one sound  (P flag, white square on blue background)   (I flag, black circle on yellow background)	FOUR minutes
Rule Flag	P or I flag removed, one sound	ONE minute
Starting	Class flag removed, one sound	START

9.3 The starting line will be posted on the board at race control and be an imaginary line between a committee boat and a nominated mark, a point on the shore and a nominated buoy or between two nominated buoys, which maybe a temporary buoy or a permanent club course mark.

9.4 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing.

9.5 Individual Recall. When at a boat's starting signal any part of her hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line or she must comply with rule 30.1, the race committee shall raise flag X with one sound. The X flag shall be displayed until all such boats are completely on the pre-start side of the starting line or one of its extensions and have complied with rule 30.1 if it applies, but no later than four minutes after the starting signal or one minute before any later starting signal, whichever is earlier. The race committee will attempt to indicate which boats have started early, but the responsibility for starting correctly lies with the helm.

9.6 General Recall. When at the starting signal the race committee is unable to identify boats that are on the course side of the starting line the race committee may signal a general recall (display the First Substitute with two sounds). The warning signal for a new start for the recalled class shall be made one minute after the First Substitute is removed (one sound), and the starts for any succeeding classes shall follow the new start.

## 10 THE FINISH

10.1 The finishing line will be the same as the start line. Shortly before the finish, flag S will be displayed with two sound signals. This is the 'About to Finish' (ATF) signal and made when the boat "about to finish" is on the last leg of the course. The signal is made AFTER the boat rounds the last mark, not before. All boats will finish the race when they next pass through the finish line.

Flag S has its conventional meaning (shorten course).

10.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the OOD as soon as possible.

10.3 Helms are not required to sign off after club races.

## 11 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

11.1 Target time will be 50 minutes.

11.2 The time limit for a race is the target time for that race plus 30 minutes. Boats failing to finish within the time limit will be scored "Did Not Finish" without a hearing. This alters RRS 35 and Appendices A4.1 and A4.2.

## 12 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

12.1 Protest forms are available in the clubhouse. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within 30 minutes of the protesting helm reaching the shore.

12.2 Protest may in the Formal or in the form of an Advisory and Arbitration Hearing; Exoneration Penalty.

12.3 The Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration procedures of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedure will be available. For these purposes, if an Exoneration Penalty of 20% shall apply, the final position of a penalised boat shall be no worse than if she had retired. At an informal hearing, rules 61.2, 63.5, 63.6 RRS shall not apply.

12.4 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in a suitable location as notified by the OOD.

**13 SCORING**

- 13.1 The low point scoring system as detailed in Appendix A4.1 of the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 - 2020 will be used.
- 13.2 Series points will be awarded to the helm not the boat.
- 13.3 If there is a series-score tie between two or more boats, Appendix A8 will apply.
- 13.4 The number of races to count is as follows:

<b>Number of Races</b>	<b>Races to Count</b>
3	2
2	2
1	1

If a race in a series is not sailed or is abandoned, it will not count towards the number of races in a series.

**14 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

- 14.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

**15 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 15.1 Competitors participate in a race entirely at their own risk. The club will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the race.

**16 INSURANCE**

- 18.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000.