

BALA SAILING CLUB SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 2017

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (current edition).
- 1.2 Competitors for club racing are required to sign on for the day at race control

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the Clubhouse of Bala Sailing Club.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than 60 minutes before the start time, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at Race Control
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, and racing is being started from a committee boat, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 15 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 4.3 Flag Y will not be flown. Personal floatation devices shall be worn at all times when afloat or on jetties. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in disqualification without a hearing. This changes the preamble to Part 4 of the Racing rules of sailing & rules 40 & 63.1 & A5.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Dates of racing will be as advised in the Notice of Race
- 5.2 Number of races will be as advised in the Notice of Race.
- 5.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day will be as advised in the Notice of Race.

6 CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be listed on the official notice board

7 RACING AREA & MARKS

The map (Appendix 1) shows the location of the racing area & the approximate position of Marks. The Marks are blue buoys with either yellow letters or yellow numbers. Yellow inflatable buoys may also be used.

8 THE COURSE

- 8.1 Course boards will be displayed at Race Control or on the Committee Boat. A white board with black letters or numerals indicates which mark is being used for the start line.
- 8.2 The course will be indicated by boards coloured either red or green, bearing letters or numbers in black. Red boards indicate a port rounding and green boards indicate a starboard rounding. The sequence of boards indicates the sequence in which marks should be rounded
- 8.3 The number of laps to be sailed will be displayed on a black board with white numerals
- 8.4 If the 'F' board is displayed (a red diamond on a white board) buoys shown before the 'F' board shall only be rounded once. The course indicated after the 'F' board shall be rounded for the number of laps displayed.
- 8.5 If the 'G' Board is displayed (a yellow & blue striped board) a gate is in operation through which boats must pass at the end of each lap. The gate will be between the committee boat & a nearby pillar mark topped with a 'G' Flag. Boats shall not sail through the gate except at the end of each lap.

9 THE START

- 9.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 3 minutes before the starting signal.
- 9.2 The Shore based Start line will be :
A transit between the Flag Mast at Race Control displaying an orange flag and the Transit Pole. The Outer Limit of the Transit Line to be a yellow pencil mark. An Inner Limit may also be set, with a yellow pencil mark.
OR
Between the flag mast at Race Control displaying an orange flag and X Mark
- 9.3 A Committee Boat Start will be between the flag mast of the Committee boat displaying an Orange flag, and **EITHER** a nearby mark of the course **OR** a yellow pencil mark.
- 9.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

10 REPLACEMENT OF CREW

Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior approval of the race committee.

11 THE FINISH

- 11.1 The finishing line will be between:
The Flag Mast of the Committee Boat displaying a Blue flag and a nearby mark of the course,
OR
The Flag Mast of the Committee Boat displaying a Blue flag and a nearby Pillar mark topped with a G Flag, when a gate is in operation.
OR
The Flag Mast at Race Control displaying a Blue flag and the X mark, when X is a mark of the course.

- 11.2 Boats having finished shall clear the line round its extensions and not interfere with boats still racing.

12 AVERAGE LAP TIMES

Flag 'F' with 2 sound signals displayed before the boat to be finished crosses the finish line, will signify that average lap times are being used for that fleet. After the signal, all boats in that fleet will finish as they next cross the finish line. This changes RRS 32, A3, A4 and A5

13 TIME LIMIT

Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

Protest forms are available at the race office, located at Race Control. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

For each class, the protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

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 the protest room, located at Race Control, beginning at the time posted

Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b). On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based upon a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2

15 RISK STATEMENT

Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone". Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees & acknowledges that :

- (a). They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk 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, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (f). The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- (g). It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

16 SCORING

- (a) When fewer than three races have been completed, a boat series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When three or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst scores.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

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