

## **Burton Sailing Club – Sailing Instructions Open Meeting Edition**

### **1 RULES**

- 1.1** Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS 2017-20), the prescriptions of the RYA, the rules of Burton Sailing Club, the rules of the appropriate classes, the Notice of Race and the by these Sailing Instructions.

### **2 ENTRIES**

- 2.1** The safety of the 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 a race. Neither these sailing instructions nor any inspection of the boat limits or reduces this absolute responsibility for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused. Every owner/person in charge warrants the suitability of the boat for the race or races. The boat shall have current 3<sup>rd</sup> party insurance of at least £2,000,000.
- 2.2** A declaration sheet in the Clubhouse shall be signed by the skipper to certify that the boat was fairly raced within the rules and completed the set course, or has retired, or is protesting, within 30 minutes of the last crew to finish arriving ashore from each race. Should races be sailed back to back, then the time limit for signing off will be 30 minutes from the last crew to finish the last race arriving ashore. Skippers failing to sign off will be disqualified.
- 2.3** The minimum number of starters to constitute a valid race will be 3.
- 2.4** A boat may be required to present her valid measurement certificate and/or racing certificate on request by the Race Committee.
- 2.5** Boats may be measured before or after any race at the discretion of the Race Committee, who also reserve the right to inspect buoyancy at any time.
- 2.6** A boat wishing to use alternative distinguishing marks on her sails must apply to the Race Committee prior to racing. This changes RRS 77.
- 2.7** Adequate personal buoyancy shall be worn at all times when afloat. This changes RRS 40.
- 2.8** Wetsuits, drysuits or polar wear shall be worn by all sailors in cold weather.

### **3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 3.1** Notices to Competitors or amendments to Sailing Instructions shall be posted on the official notice board located in the Clubhouse area.

### **4 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 4.1** Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted 30 minutes before the advertised starting time of the race concerned. Flag 'L' will be flown.

## 5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Clubhouse flagpole.
- 5.2 A red flag indicates that no sailing is allowed.
- 5.3 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 20 minutes' in race postponement signal AP.

## 6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 The schedule of races will be advised at the briefing and/or on the official notice board.
- 6.2 After a long postponement (>1 hour), an orange flag will be displayed with one sound signal at least four minutes before a warning signal is displayed to alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin.

## 7 CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 Class flags will be:

Class	Flag
505	International Code Flag W
Flying Fifteen	Naval Numeral 6
Handicap	White Flag with a Black H
Laser	White Flag with Laser Symbol
Contender	International Code Flag C

Other Classes will be advised on the official notice board and/or at the briefing.

## 8 RACING AREA

- 8.1 Sailing in the crosshatched areas of the reservoir map is prohibited. These limits are to be treated as obstructions under the RSS. The Race Committee may protest offenders who are liable to disqualification. Non-competing boats in the race area shall comply with the RRS.

## 9 THE COURSE

- 9.1 The courses will be one of two formats:

Format A – Permanent moored Numbered/Lettered marks

Format B1/2/3/4 - Temporarily moored inflatable marks (no numbers/letters)

The format to be used at an event will be stated on the official notice board. One format will be used for the whole event.

Format B1 & B2 will not be used in a Handicap race

### **Race Format A 9.2 – 9.8 apply**

- 9.2 Course marks are as follows (map can be found in appendix A)
- 1 to 10 are fixed orange can buoys
  - X is a movable green can buoy
  - Y is a movable yellow/blue can buoy (Y may be upside down)

- 9.3** Should it be necessary to change the course after it has been displayed, but before the warning signal, then International Code Flag 'C' shall be flown with a sound signal. This amends RRS 27.1.
- 9.4** The course will be displayed on the committee boat and will be indicated by numbers/letter corresponding to the racing marks. The positions of the racing marks are shown on the map of the water.
- 9.5** The order in which the marks are to be rounded and the side on which each mark is to be left shall be shown by numbers/letters on a red board to signify rounding to port, or numbers/letters on a green board to signify rounding to starboard. The inclusion of a black G on a white board indicates that the starting gate is to be included in each lap. The inclusion of a black G on a white board indicates that the starting gate is to be included in each round. When a gate is used it must be crossed in the same direction as the start for each lap, except the last lap, where it must be crossed as viewed from the last mark of the course.
- 9.6** The number of laps to be sailed shall be displayed on the Committee Boat. A lap constitutes rounding all the marks in the order specified on the course board. The full course comprises the specified number of laps, plus any leg to the finish line, whose position shall be shown on the course board, rounding all intervening marks to the finish on their designated side.
- 9.7** The start line will be between a mast displaying an orange flag on the Committee Boat and either an outer distance mark with an orange flag, a course mark or a non-course mark. The mark to be used will be specified on the course board. A non-course mark will be indicated by a mark number on a white background.
- 9.8** The finishing line shall be between a mast carrying an orange flag and any specified mark of the course or flag buoy
- 9.9** The course may be shortened by reducing the number of laps.
- When the finish line is "to mark of the course" the shortened course signal must be made as the first boat that must follow the shortened course approaches the penultimate mark of the course. Ie if the course is 4-2-8 finish to 8 the signal must be made as the first affected boat approaches 2. All subsequent boats rounding this mark must also finish on this lap irrespective of the number of laps completed.
  - When the finish line is "to flag" the shortened course signal must be made as the first boat that must follow the shortened course approaches the last mark of the course. Ie if the course is 4-2-8 finish to flag the shortened course signal must be made as the first boat affected boat approaches 8. All subsequent boats rounding this mark must also finish on this lap irrespective of the number of laps completed.

**Race Format B 9.10 – 9.16 apply**

- 9.10** The start line will be between a mast displaying an orange flag on the Committee Boat and an outer distance mark with an orange flag.
- 9.11** When after a race has started there is a substantial wind shift; the Race Committee may move one or more marks. When the course to be made good is significantly changed by such an alteration, a boat will be stationed near the mark at the start of the leg affected, and will fly code flag "C" over a green or red flag indicating that the direction of that leg lies either to starboard or port respectively of its previous bearing. She will draw attention to this signal by making intermittent sound signals. When the leg affected is to windward, the approximate magnetic bearing of the new direction to the next mark will, when possible, be displayed near the start of that leg. (This changes RRS 33)
- 9.12** The course number B1,B2,B3 or B4 will be displayed on the official notice board and the number of laps will be displayed on the Committee Boat. Each rounding of the leeward mark (3) as indicated in appendices B constitutes a lap. The full course

comprises the specified number of laps, plus any leg to the finish line as specified in appendix B.

- 9.13 Marks 1,2,3 and 4 are inflatable red tubular buoys 1A is a red spherical buoy.
- 9.14 The course may be shortened at any time and all boats must complete the lap they are on and then sail the upwind leg from leeward mark (3) as indicated in appendices B and cross the start/finish line.
- 9.15 The finishing line shall be between a mast carrying an orange flag and a flag buoy
- 9.16 The start/finish line need not be crossed between laps, ie there is no gate.

#### **Race Format A and B 9.17 onward apply**

- 9.17 For a PURSUIT race, the course comprises an unspecified number of laps but a fixed duration.

### **10 THE START**

- 10.1 The races will be started using rule 26.
- 10.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area. Any craft failing to keep clear may be disqualified by the OOD, without a hearing, from their subsequent race.
- 10.3 Recalls will follow rule 29, with the exception that individual recalls: Flag 'X' will be displayed for a maximum of two minutes. This amends RRS 29.2.
- 10.4 The orange flag shall be lowered after a minimum of two minutes to indicate that the start line has closed.

### **11 THE FINISH**

- 11.1 All boats finishing must keep clear of the finish line after finishing.

### **12 TIME LIMIT**

- 12.1 The time limits will be 120 minutes for the leading boat of all classes. In class racing, boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat finishes (or in handicap racing within 60 minutes), or within the limit, whichever is the later, shall be scored 'did not finish'. In the event of the course not being completed in 120 minutes by the leader, then the position at the last recording may be used to give a result. This changes RRS 35 and A4.1.

### **13 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 13.1 Protest forms are available at the Clubhouse. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 13.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished. When races are sailed 'back to back' the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat finishes the last of those 'back to back' races. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.
- 13.3 A deposit of £5.00 is required to accompany a protest form. This will be returned unless the protest committee deems the protest to be frivolous.
- 13.4 The protest Jury will hear protests in approximately the order of receipt. A notice will be placed on the official notice board to inform all parties of the time and place of the hearings.

## **14 SCORING**

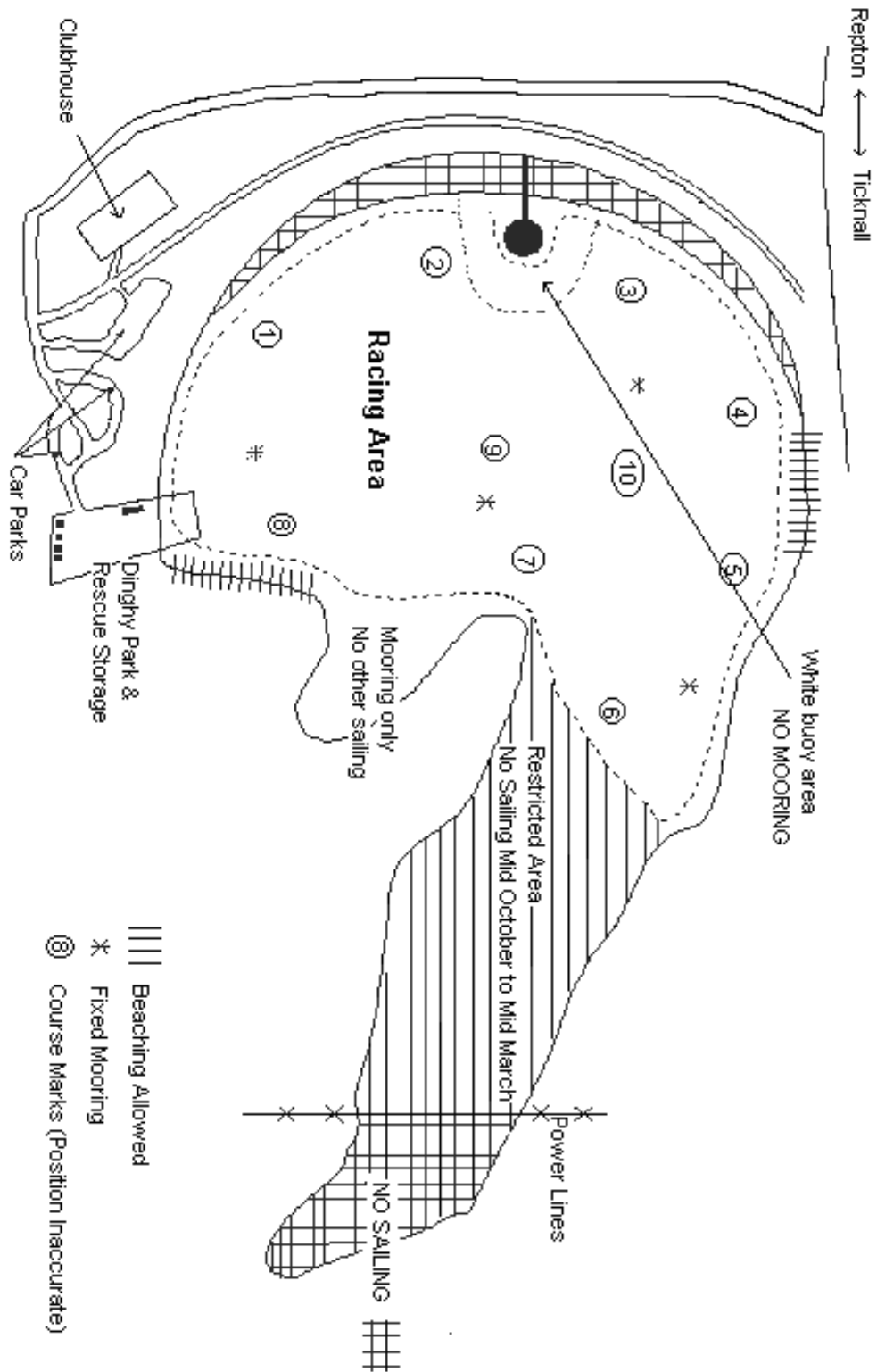
**14.1** The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.

**14.2** The scoring system is as follows:

- If 3 or more races are sailed the worst score will be discarded.
- If less than 3 races are sailed all races will count

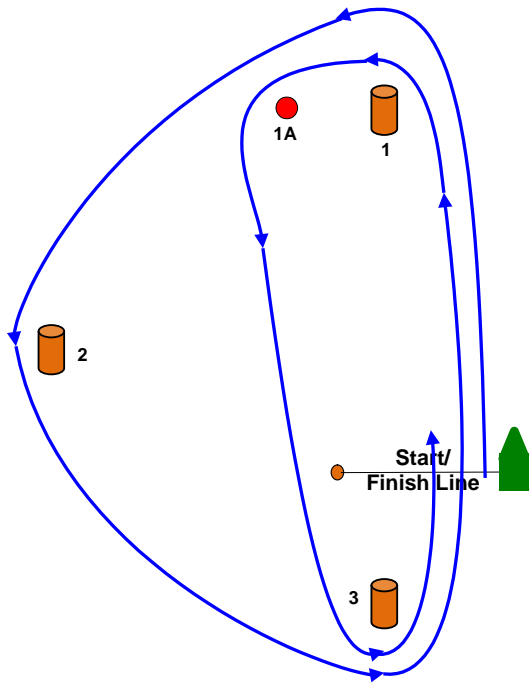
**14.3** Handicap races shall be decided by the Time and Distance scheme as described in YR2. Portsmouth Yardsticks as set out in the current YR2 will be used.

Appendix A



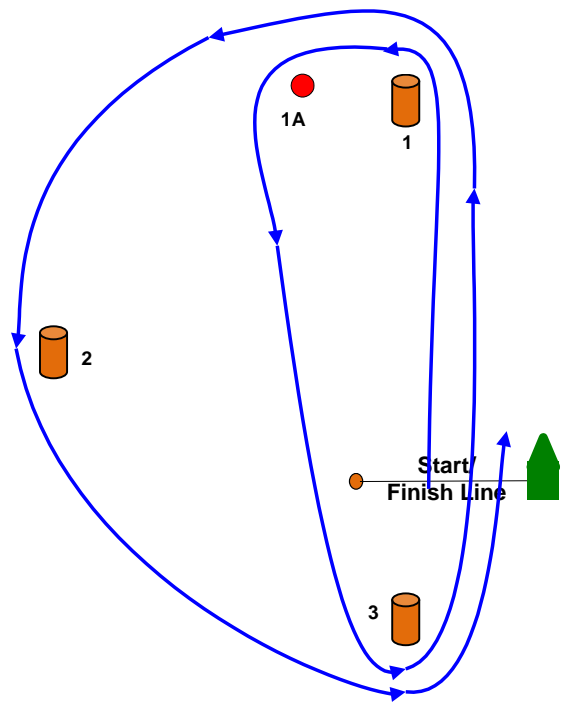
**Appendix B**

**Course B1 (Olympic)**



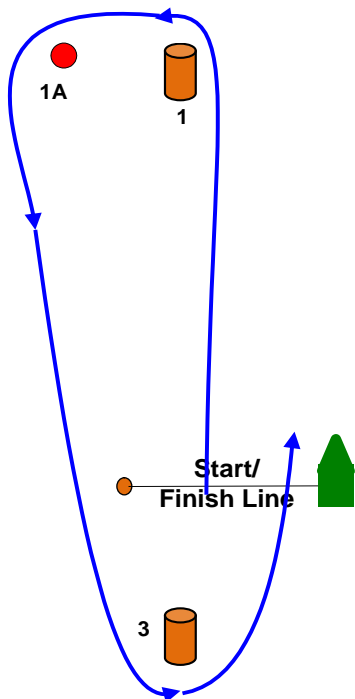
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 Start finish line need not be crossed between laps.  
 Each rounding of 3 completes a lap

**Course B2 (Reverse Olympic)**



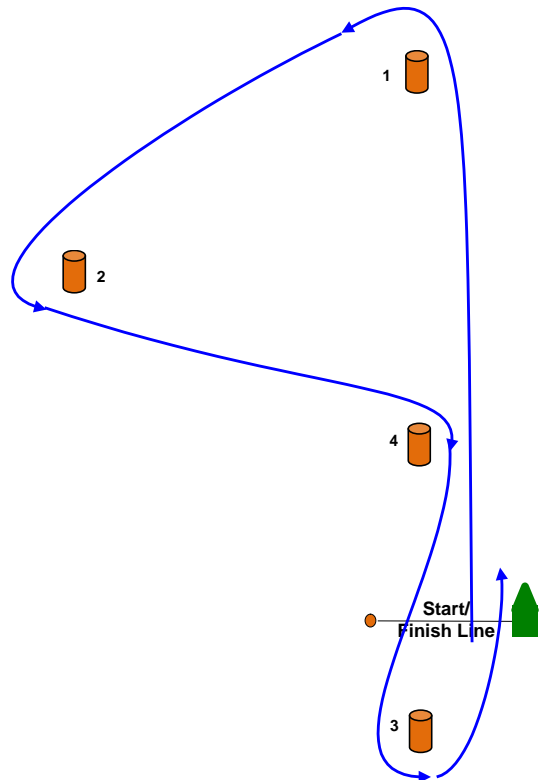
The course is 1,1A,3,1,2,3  
 Start finish line need not be crossed between laps.  
 Each rounding of 3 completes a lap

**Course B3 (Windward Leeward)**



The course is 1,1A,3  
 Start finish line need not be crossed between laps.  
 Each rounding of 3 completes a lap

**Course B4 (Letter q)**



The course is 1,2,4,3  
 Start finish line need not be crossed between laps.  
 Each rounding of 3 completes a lap