

BWSC Open Meeting 2024
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. The RYA Prescriptions shall apply.
- 1.3. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 10:30 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the club room.
- 3.2. The race office is located in the club house.
- 3.3. [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- 4.2. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall handle any equipment or place advertising provided by the organizing authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the start line or at the top of the slipway.
- 5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore at the top of the slipway, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 10 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1. Shall be three races

Race	Time
1	11:00
2	13:00
3	Following race 2

- 6.2. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is as per the race schedule.
- 6.3. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed before a warning signal is made.
- 6.4. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15:30.

7. CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1. Class flags will be:
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Class	Flag
General Handicap	Club flag
Comet class	Comet flag

8. RACING AREA

- 8.1. The racing area shall be from the Cumberland Basin to Prince Street Bridge.
9. COURSES
- 9.1. The course will be as marked on the course board with the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2. Legs of the course will not be changed after the preparatory signal. This changes RRS 33.
10. MARKS
- 10.1. Mark 1 will be a round inflatable. The IDM will be a small red mark. All other marks will be yellow inflatable marks.
- 10.2. New marks, as provided in SI 12.1, will be yellow inflatable marks.
- 10.3. The starting and finishing marks will be the orange club start flag at one end and a buoy with flag at the other end or as indicated on the course board.
- 10.4. A race committee vessel signalling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in SI 13.1.
- 10.5. New marks, as provided in SI 13, are yellow inflatable marks.
11. OBSTRUCTIONS
- 11.1. The harbour walls are designated as an obstruction.
12. THE START
- 12.1. Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 12.2. The starting line will be between the orange pole on the bank displaying the orange flag and the flagpole of the floating mark or as indicated on the course board.
- 12.3. The IDM mark shall be passed on the correct site at the start and all subsequent laps.
- 12.4. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 12.5. If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress for request. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 12.6. A boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE
- 13.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark or the finishing line to a new position.
14. THE FINISH
- 14.1. The finishing line will be between the orange flagpole with blue flag showing on the bank and the flagpole of the floating mark or as described on the course board.
- 14.2. If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she should report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
15. PENALTY SYSTEM
- 15.1. The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, applies. The penalty is 5 places.
- 15.2. RRS Appendix P applies.
16. TIME LIMITS [AND TARGET TIMES]
- 16.1. The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

Mark 1 Time	20 Minutes
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Race Time	60 Minutes
Finishing Window	20 Minutes

- 16.2. If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 16.3. The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.
- 16.4. Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

17. HEARING REQUESTS

- 17.1. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat finishes or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 17.2. Hearing request forms are available from the race office at the club house.
- 17.3. 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 the club house, beginning at the time posted.
- 17.4. A list of boats that have been penalized for breaking RRS 42 under Appendix P will be posted.
- 17.5. RRS 62.2(a) and 66.2(a) do not apply.
- 17.6. The right of appeal from a protest committee decision is denied as provided in rule 70.5[(a)] [(b)] [(c)].

18. SCORING

- 18.1. The scoring system is as Appendix A of the racing rules of sailing.
- 18.2. 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.3. A boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst scores as shown in the table below.

Number of races completed	Number to be excluded
1	0
2	0
3	1

- 18.4. Rule A5.3 applies.

19. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1. Rule 40.1 applies at all times afloat or on the pontoon.
- 19.2. [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

20. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 20.1. [DP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

- 20.2. [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.
21. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS
- 21.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.
- 21.2. [DP] When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.
22. SUPPLIED BOATS
- 22.1. Boats will be supplied by the organizing authority. See SI Addendum A.
23. OFFICIAL VESSELS
- 23.1. Official vessels will be identified as follows: BWSC markings.
24. [DP] SUPPORT TEAMS
- 24.1. Support teams, including all support persons and support person vessels, shall comply with the support team regulations outlined below.
- 24.2. Team leaders, coaches and other support persons shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 24.3. Support person vessels shall be identified with markings of class supported.
25. TRASH DISPOSAL
- 25.1. Trash may be placed aboard official or support person vessels.
26. BERTHING
- 26.1. [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the boat park.
27. PRIZES
- 27.1. Prizes will be given for first, second and third place.
28. RISK STATEMENT
- 28.1. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.
29. INSURANCE
- 29.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000.00 per incident or the equivalent.

SI ADDENDUM A BOATS SUPPLIED BY THE ORGANIZING AUTHORITY A1 BOATS

A1.1 Boats will be supplied for all competitors, who shall not modify them or cause them to be modified in any way except that

- (a) a compass may be tied or taped to the hull or spars;
- (b) wind indicators, including yarn or thread, may be tied or taped anywhere on the boat;
- (c) hulls, centreboards and rudders may be cleaned, but only with water;
- (d) adhesive tape may be used anywhere above the water line; and
- (e) all fittings or equipment designed to be adjusted may be adjusted, provided that the class rules are complied with.

A1.2 All equipment supplied with the boat for sailing purposes shall be in the boat while afloat.

A1.3 The penalty for not complying with one of the above instructions is disqualification from all races sailed in which the instruction was broken.

A1.4 Competitors shall report any damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to the organizing authority's representative immediately after securing the boat ashore. The penalty for breaking this instruction, unless the protest committee is satisfied that the competitor made a determined effort to comply, is disqualification from the race most recently sailed.

A1.5 Class rules requiring competitors to be members of the class association do not apply.