

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS - Open Meetings

1. RULES

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

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official briefing board located on the quayside near the black channel marker ashore at Baltic Wharf.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 10:30am 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.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Briefing Board.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 10 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 4.3. The race sequence shall be: 5 minute, club flagup, four minute Prep flag up, one minute Prep flag down, start club flag down.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. Dates of racing are the advertised in advance on class association websites.
- 5.2. Number of races: 3
Class Number Races per day
Club Race Held in conjunction with the final race of the afternoon.
- 5.3. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 10:55.
- 5.4. No warning signal will be made after 16:00.

6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1. The club flag will be used to begin the race start sequence:

7. RACING AREAS

- 7.1. The racing area shall be from the Baltic Wharf to Prince Street Bridge.

8. THE COURSES

- 8.1. The course will be as marked in the briefing area with the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9. MARKS

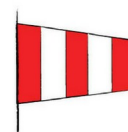
- 9.1. Mark 1 will be a round inflatable, red in colour. All other marks will be yellow rigid blue barrels.
- 9.2. New marks, as provided in SI 12.1, will be yellow barrels.
- 9.3. The starting and finishing marks will be the club start flag at one end and a buoy with a white flag at the other end.
- 9.4. A race committee vessel signalling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in SI 12.2.

10. THE START

- 10.1. Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 10.2. The starting line will be between the club flag pole on the bank and the flag pole of the floating mark.
- 10.3. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 10.4. 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 A4 and A5.

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.



Race postponed



P or Prep Flag -
4 minutes to start



Club Flag

- 11.2. Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee vessel signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee vessel to starboard. This changes RRS 28.
12. THE FINISH
- 12.1. The finishing line will be between the club flag pole on the bank and the flag pole of the floating mark.
- 12.2. 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.
13. PENALTY SYSTEM
- 13.1. Appendix P will apply.
- 13.2. RRS P2.3 will not apply and RRS P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one.
14. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES
- 14.1. Time limits and target times are as follows:
- | Class | Time limit | Mark 1 | Target time |
|-------|------------|--------|-------------|
| All | 80 | 20 | 60 |
- 14.2. If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 14.3. Boats failing to finish within 20 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.
15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS
- 15.1. Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.2. For each class, the protest time limit is 90 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.
- 15.3. 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 Baltic Wharf Sailing Club, beginning at the time posted.
- 15.4. Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 15.5. A list of boats that, under SI 14.3, have been penalized for breaking RRS 42 will be posted.
- 15.6. Breaches of SIs 11.3, 18, 21, 23, 25, 26 and 27 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 15.7. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 15.8. Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.
16. SCORING
- 16.1. 2 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.2. When 3 races are completed a boats series score shall be the total of her series score excluding her worst score.
17. SAFETY REGULATIONS
- 17.1. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
18. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT
- 18.1. Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior approval of the race committee.
- 18.2. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
19. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS
- 19.1. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a member of the race committee or the technical committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection. Ashore, equipment may be inspected or measured at times specified in the class rules or the notice of race.
20. SUPPORT BOATS
- 20.1. 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 class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
21. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 21.1. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
22. PRIZES
- 22.1. Prizes will be given as follows: 1st, 2nd and 3rd
23. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY
- 23.1. Competitors participate in the meeting entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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 meeting.
24. INSURANCE
- 24.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.
25. CANCELLATION DUE TO WEATHER
- 25.1. If a weather forecast of F6 or above is forecast the regatta will be cancelled by 17:00 the day before whenever possible.
- 25.2 If the wind comes in stronger than forecasted, the race or regatta may be cancelled or postponed within ½ an hour of the start of the race.
- 25.3. Rule 1 & 2 also apply for extreme cold weather.