



FISHERS GREEN SAILING CLUB SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

(Revised June 2017)

1) RULES

Racing will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS) and relevant class rules, except as any of these are changed by these Sailing Instructions or any Special Sailing Instructions (SSI) applicable to a particular event.

2) REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

- 1 Entry to Open Meetings: Helms shall register by completing an entry form before racing.
- 2 Entry to club events and Points Series: Helms shall be entered into a club event or 'points series' race by registering the boat and crew on the entry sheets in the clubhouse. Unregistered helms may be excluded from race results.

3) NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the clubhouse.

4) CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board at least 30 minutes before the race(s) concerned.

5) RACE SIGNALS

Signals will be displayed in front of the clubhouse, at a shore based starting position, or on the Committee Boat or other support boat.

6) SCHEDULE OF RACES

Entry to Open Meetings: Race start times will be posted on the official notice board or will be given in the Notice of Race.

Club Races:

The schedule of club events and points series will be notified each year in the Sailing Programme. Any amendments will be posted on the official notice board.

The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 10:55 (7pm Wednesday evenings) unless otherwise posted on the official notice board.

Several short hoots may precede the warning signal.

7) CLASS FLAGS

Cadet (Y), Comet (Comet Pennant), Laser (D), Menagerie (M), Solo (R), Wineglass (W), Phantom (class supplied)

8) RACING AREA

1. Racing will take place on Holyfield Lake. A map of the lake showing mark positions is appended to these instructions (Appendix 1).
2. Boats are not permitted to enter the bird sanctuary (bounded approximately by the chain of islands and white spherical buoys situated in the SW corner of the lake), or sail within 15 metres of the north and east shores of the lake (right hand side as viewed from the clubhouse facing the lake) when fishermen are present. Both areas are shown on the map.
3. These areas are obstructions under RRS.
4. The penalty for infringement is disqualification unless exonerated under RRS 64.1.

9) THE COURSES

1. The course and number of rounds will be displayed on the Committee Boat, or at a shore based starting position.
2. A boat shall leave a mark displayed on a red background to port, and on a green background to starboard.
3. The letter G on a black background indicates that boats shall sail through the start/finish gate at the end of each round.
4. The number of rounds will be indicated by a white number displayed on a black background.
5. A course change before the start will be signalled by flag C and five sound signals. The timing of flag C will not provide grounds for a competitor to seek redress.
6. The moving of marks during a race will be signalled by flying flag C and making sound signals. The mark moved and direction of the move will be communicated by appropriate gestures and/or verbal instructions. This changes Rule 33a and 33b.

10) MARKS

1. Course marks 1 through 12 including "W(est)" and "F(isherman)" are blue with white identification characters.

2. Temporary marks may be of any colour and their locations may change between or during races.
3. An inner distance mark, if used, will be a white unnumbered buoy. The outer distance mark will be an orange unnumbered sausage buoy. A course mark may alternatively be used as an outer mark.

11) THE START

1. Races will be started using Rule 26 (i.e. 5, 4, 1, GO).
2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag or shape on the Committee Boat or the shore based starting position and an outer distance mark.
3. An inner distance mark may be laid near the committee boat or shore end of the line. If an IDM is used a boat starting shall pass between the inner and outer distance marks.
4. The warning signal for each succeeding class in a sequence of starts shall be made with the starting signal of the preceding class.
5. A boat trying to start later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This changes Rule A4.1.
6. When less than three boats from a fleet come to the starting area for a 'points series' race, those boats will sail with the menagerie fleet but their race results shall be recorded separately as though they raced with their particular fleet.
7. For timing purposes, sound signals shall govern. This changes Rule 26.

12) GENERAL RECALLS

For consecutive starts Rule 29.2 is modified as follows:

1. The "1st Substitute" (General Recall) Flag will be lowered 1 minute after the start signal of each recalled class. The recalled race will be started after the last scheduled start, and the warning signal (Class Flag) will be displayed at the starting signal for the last scheduled start.
2. When more than one race is recalled, the starts will be in the same order as the original sequence.
3. When the only race recalled is the last in the sequence Rule 29.2 will apply.

13 THE FINISH

1. At the absolute discretion of the Race Officer, the average lap rule may be adopted for any race, where slower boats may be finished one or more laps early. (This is only possible if the start/finish line are the same).
2. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag or shape and either the rounding side of the nearby mark of the course, or an unnumbered orange finishing mark.
3. Boats finishing shall pass between any inner limit mark and the outer finishing line mark.
4. Flag S (Shorten) and 3 hoots when hoisted with Flag K (Yellow and Blue) indicates the immediate termination of the race. The last completed lap time will be used for each boat in calculating the PY corrected time for the race results. This finishing procedure is to be used only at the absolute discretion of the Race Officer on Wednesday evening series races.

14) PENALTIES

Infringements of Rule 42 shall be addressed under Appendix P1 and P2 of the RRS. Observers may include any member(s) of the Race Committee or Sailing Committee. This modifies Appendix P1.1.

15) TIME GUIDE

The time guide for any race will be 40 minutes. After that time, and at the discretion of the RO, nearby boats will be finished. Those who would unreasonably delay other activities will be retired and given scores one greater than the number of boats who did finish. This changes Rule 35.

17) PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

1. Protest forms are available at the office in the Clubhouse. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
2. For each class, the protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the session. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the race committee and protest committee and to requests for redress. This changes Rules 61.3 and 62.2.
3. Notice will be posted on the official notice board within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in or near the Clubhouse.
4. Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under Rule 61.1(b).

18) SCORING

At least one third of the scheduled races must be run for a series to be valid. Decimal places are rounded off, e.g if 10 races are scheduled, one third is 3.33 so 3 or more races must take place. If 11 races were scheduled, then one third is 3.67 which is rounded off to 4 or more races required.

Of the races which are run, half that number shall count, rounded down to obtain the competitor's series score.

1. Points shall be awarded to the helm of any class competing in that class series.
2. A helm performing a Race Officer or OOD duty shall be entitled to claim average points for that days racing in any series.
3. The low point scoring system as defined in Appendix A of the RRS shall be used for all club championship event days, open meetings and club series. In the event of a tie, the first attempt to break the tie shall be made by counting any discarded races. If a tie remains unbroken, the procedure defined in Appendix A8.1 and A8.2 shall be used.
4. A helm may change their boat to another of the same class at any time during a series without penalty.
5. The Club Championship "Bit O Teak & T' other Bit" shall be a series of 15 races taking the best 9 results to count.

6. Owners of vintage or classic boats may apply to the Sailing Committee to be allocated a Handicap Number consistent with the age and/or design of the boat, consulting with their Class Association or the CVRDA where appropriate.

19) SAFETY REGULATIONS

1. Adequate personal buoyancy must be worn at all times when competitors are afloat. Wet or dry suits do not qualify as adequate personal buoyancy. This changes Rule 40.
2. All helms shall comply with instructions given by, or on behalf of, the Safety Officer (Water). Rule 4, The decision to race still applies.

20) EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

1. A boat shall comply fully with her Class Rules.
2. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Rules and Sailing Instructions.

21) SUPPORT BOATS

Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel 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 the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. Failure to comply shall lead to disqualification of the relevant competitor(s).

22) PRIZES

1. For Open Meetings, prizes will be notified in the Notice of Race.
2. For club events and series, prizes will be awarded to helm and crew when the following criteria are met:
 - i. 1st Prize: Average number of boats that came to the starting area for each completed race shall be not less than three.
 - ii. 2nd Prize: Average number of boats that came to the starting area for each completed race shall be not less than five.
 - iii. 3rd Prize: Average number of boats that came to the starting area for each completed race shall be not less than seven.

23) DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 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 regatta.

24) INSURANCE

Participating boats shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

25) POSTPONMENT OF CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP RACES

In order to avoid running Club Championship races when the wind conditions are unsuitable for a large number of boats, the sailing committee may agree to postpone such an event to a subsequent date. The wind conditions are to be measured using the club weather station (in the office) with particular reference to the 10 minute average wind speed. If the reading is less than 3 knots or greater than 20 knots the majority of the sailing committee present on the day can postpone the event whereby the racing held on the day will count towards the usual club series racing.

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