

# **Sutton in Ashfield Sailing Club**

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

### **Handicap and class racing amended 1/5/19**

#### **1 RULES**

- 1.1 Sailing will be governed by the rules as defined in the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-2020, the consequent rules and these sailing instructions.
- 1.2 In accordance with rule RRS 86.1(b), in the definition 'Zone' the distance is changed to two hull lengths.

#### **2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board in the SASC Clubhouse.

#### **3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted 45 minutes before the start of racing on the day it will take effect together with Flag L.

#### **4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole at the Race office.
- 4.2 When the postponement flag (AP) is flying ashore and the postponement ends; the warning (5 minute) flag will follow 1 minute later.

#### **5 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 5.1 Races are scheduled as per the Sailing Programme displayed in the clubhouse. Where more than one race is scheduled the next race start time is to be displayed at the start box as soon as possible after the finish of the previous race.

#### **6 CLASS FLAGS**

Class Flags will be as recommended by the race committee, the prescriptions of the RYA and class associations.

#### **7 RACING AREAS**

- 7.1 The racing area will be as shown in Appendix A to these SI's.
- 7.2 Races will be limited by the number of laps or a specified time announced at the signing on.
- 7.3 Entrants will sign on 20 minutes before their first race of the day or will not be entered. This is to enable the races to start promptly. Competitors signing for more than one race should inform the start box of any changes.

## **8 THE COURSES**

- 8.1 Courses and number of laps or time limit will be displayed on the Course Board outside the Race Office.

## **9 MARKS**

- 9.1 Marks 1-9 and **X** will be buoys marked with their identifying number.

## **10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS**

The Reed beds at either end of the reservoir as shown in Appendix A.

## **11 THE START**

- 11.1 Races will be started by using RRS Rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2 The starting line will be between the green flag on or in close proximity to the Committee boat and the port-end starting mark, displaying a red flag.
- 11.3 **RECALLS:** Individual and general recalls will be made in accordance with RRS Rule 29.
- 11.4 Entrants must pass through the Start Line within 10 minutes of the start signal or will be scored DNS (Did Not Start) without a hearing.

## **12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 12.1 The Course will not be changed during a race.

## **13 THE FINISH**

- 13.1 The finish line will be between the start box transit post and buoy number 9.
- 13.2 A boat finishing must pass through the finishing line in one continuous motion in accordance with the principles of good seamanship. (28.1)
- 13.3 Boats must not pass through the Finish Line in any direction after properly finishing the race. Doing so will result in disqualification without redress.

## **14 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 14.1 The two-turn penalty as described in RRS 44.1 & RRS 44.2 shall apply. RRS 44.3 shall not apply.
- 14.2 Touching a mark with any part of the boat or crew shall constitute an infringement of the Rule and will require a one-turn penalty. If a boat touches a Start or Finish mark they shall complete a one-turn penalty in accordance with RRS 44.2.

## **15 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

- 15.1 The target time limit for each race shall be 45 to 60 minutes from the starting signal for the leading, on the water.
- 15.2 Boats will be finished after crossing the line after the leading boat.
- 15.3 The race officer may shorten the course using the club finish line as prescribed in 13.1, or by creating a new line between a mark of the course and a staff in a boat displaying

code flag 'S'. Two sound signals will be made as code flag 'S' is deployed. Shortened course shall be signalled before the first boat crosses the finish line.

## **16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 16.1 Protest forms are available at the Race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.2 The protest time limit is 20 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 16.3 Notices will be posted no later than 20 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. It shall be the responsibility of competitors to check the notice board for such notices.
- 16.4 Notices of protests by the race committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b) and the boats involved by word of mouth.
- 16.5 A request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered within 30 minutes of the decision being published. This changes rule RRS 66.
- 16.6 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 rule 62.2.

## **17 SCORING**

- 17.1 The Low Points scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 17.2 (a) Rule A 9 will apply
- (b) DNS (Did Not Start) refers to a boat that enters the starting area with the intention of starting but fails to cross the starting line.

## **18 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 18.1 Adequate personal buoyancy for crew members shall be worn at all times whilst racing and also on the jetties. Neither a wetsuit nor a dry suit constitutes adequate personal buoyancy. This changes RRS 40.
- 18.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

## **19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 19.1 Substitution of competitors in a series will be allowed, with prior written approval of the race committee.
- 19.2 Where a hull, spars or sails are damaged to such an extent that they cannot be used in the next race, after all reasonable steps are taken to carry out repairs; the competitors may change equipment with the prior agreement of the Race Committee.
- 19.3 Crews will not change roles after the boat has signed on, without informing the timekeeper, and not at all during a race unless in an emergency.

## **20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector, or measurer, to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

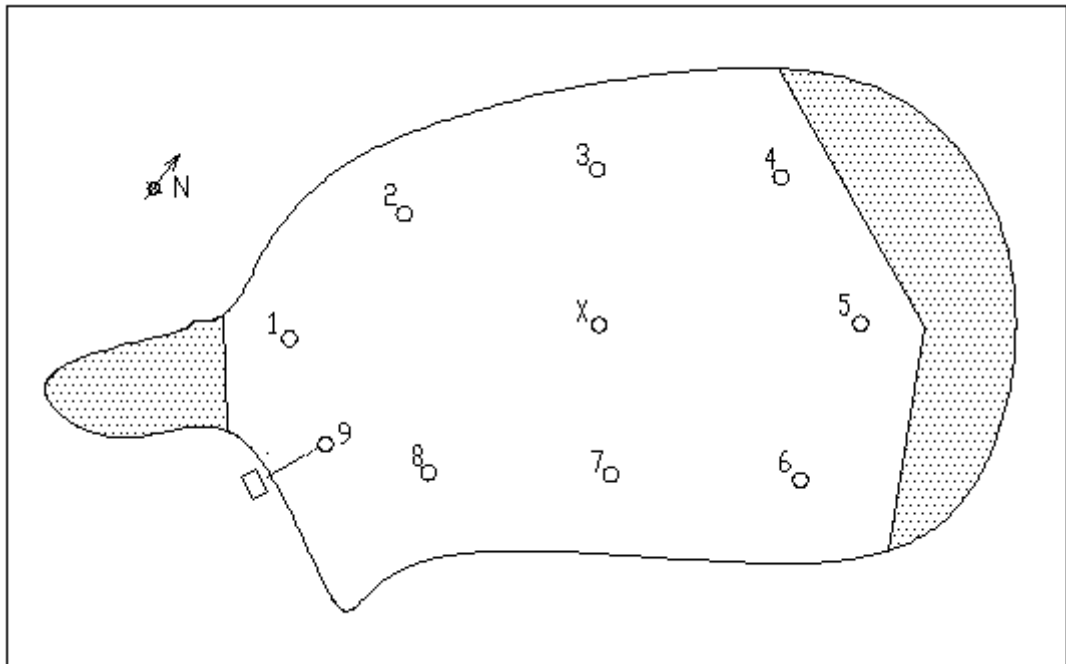
**21    DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in sailing entirely at their own risk. See RRS rule 4; Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death, sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after Sailing.

**30    INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per event, or the equivalent.

**ADDENDUM A**  
**ILLUSTRATING THE COURSE AREA**



**ADDENDUM B**

**Flag signals used by SASC**

**Handicap Warning (5 minute)**

**No 6**



**Class Warning**

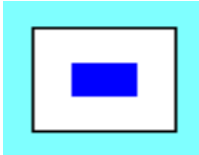
**Appropriate class flag**

**Preparatory Flag (4 minute)**

**Letter P**



**Shorten course**



**Letter S**

**Individual Recall**



**Letter X**

**General Recall**



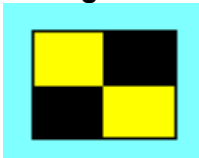
**First substitute**

**Postponement**



**AP**

**Change to Sailing Instructions**



**Letter L**

**ADDENDUM C**

**Series scoring**

All entrants in the series will awarded the number of points equal to the total number of entrants in the series for each race unless they

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|-------------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Sailed the course satisfactorily |     |
| 2. Did not start ( see 17.2b)       | DNS |
| 3. Started but failed to finish     | DNF |
| 4. Retired after finishing          | RTD |
| 5. Disqualified                     | DSQ |

DNS, DNF, RTD and DSQ are scored at the number of entrants plus 1 for that race.

An entrant may discard their highest scores according to the number of races they have sailed.

## **ADDENDUM D**

## **Discards**

The first 2 races sailed in a series have no discard. Each subsequent set or subset of 2 races will qualify for 1 more discard e.g.

Races sailed in series	Number of discards available
1-2	0
3-4	1
5-6	2
7-8	3
9-10	4
11-12	5
13-14	6
15-16	7
17-18	8
19-20	9
21-22	10

Sailing Secretary on behalf SASC Sailing Committee.