

DRAYCOTE WATER SAILING CLUB.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 2008.

1. Rules

Sailing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA, the rules of Draycote Water Sailing and the appropriate class rules, except as any of these are changed by these sailing instructions. Club racing is designated Category A.

- 1.1. All sailing is controlled by Draycote Water Sailing Club and may take place only when the Club Burgee is flying on the flagstaff in front of the Clubhouse.
Note. Open Meeting Instructions allow for sailing for Open Meeting competitors when general sailing is not allowed. In this case the club burgee will be flown by the Committee Boat, meaning that only open meeting competitors may sail.

2. Entries

- 2.1. **Members will show their intention to race** by signing on the appropriate race sheet which will be located outside the wet bar adjacent to the club flagstaff or in the race box as appropriate.
- 2.2. **Members cruising** will sign the cruising declaration sheet which will be located outside the wet bar adjacent to the club flagstaff.
- 2.3. **Insurance** All boats shall have a valid certificate of insurance against third party risks providing the minimum cover of £2,000,000 specified in the declaration of insurance, which must be signed for acceptance by all craft owners on the renewal form of their membership and kept valid through out the membership year.

3. Safety

3.1. Personal Buoyancy

Adequate personal buoyancy shall be worn at all times whilst on the water. Wet suits and dry suits is not adequate personal buoyancy. This changes Rule 40.

3.2 Exposure Proof Clothing

From the commencement of winter sailing (during the months of November through to the end March), all persons on the water shall wear "exposure proof clothing". Minors, under the age of 18 will wear "exposure proof clothing" until the end of April.

'Exposure proof clothing' shall mean an adequate expanded neoprene wet suit providing protection from neck to ankle or a dry suit providing watertight cover from neck to ankle.

- 3.3 **The safety** of a 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 the race. Neither these sailing instructions nor any inspection of the boat limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner/person in charge for the boat, the crew, and her management. The race organizers shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/person in charge or crew, as a result of their taking part in the race or races. Moreover every owner/person in charge warrants the suitability of the boat for the race or races.

3.4. Black Shape

To emphasize safety, a black cone (Triangle) will be flown from the Club mast if the wind strength exceeds 11 knots (Force 4 plus). This is to act as a warning to inexperienced sailors that they should seriously consider staying ashore. If the Bosun feels that sailors are not coping adequately with the conditions, he/she may instruct them to return to the shore. In addition, those hiring club boats will not be allowed afloat.

A Black Ball signifies adverse conditions both on and off the water. All those intending to go afloat (including windsurfers) must report to the bosun and sign on to the 'pink' sheet before doing so. If the bosun, at this or any other later stage feels that conditions are not suitable, he/she may instruct any water users to remain on or return to the shore.

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If the Club burgee is not flying, the water is closed and sailors and windsurfers shall not go afloat.

4. Distinguishing Numbers

All boats shall compete under their registered numbers to comply with Rule 77. Under exceptional circumstances a boat may be permitted to carry sail numbers or letters in contravention of her class rules provided that written application, stating the circumstances, is made to the Race Committee prior to the race / races.

5. Notices to Competitors.

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the entrance adjacent to the main club flagstaff, and also upon the Sailing Committee notice board in the wet bar.

6. Changes In Sailing Instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 30 minutes before race time on the day it will take effect and shall be valid for all subsequent races in the series unless notified to the contrary. The posting of such notice will be signaled using a halyard of the club flagstaff.

7. Schedule of Races

The schedule of races will be posted on the Official Notice Board:

8. Class Flags

Class flag(s) will be as designated on the Official Notice Board:

9. Obstructions

- 9.1. Fishing boats**, whether engaged in fishing or not, shall rank as obstructions. For this purpose, the area within which a fishing line extends from, or is being cast from, a fishing boat, shall form a part of the fishing boat.
- 9.2. Rescue boats and Committee Boats** when not displaying definitive start or finish flags, shall similarly rank as obstructions.

10. Exclusion Areas

Boats shall not sail at any time within 30 metres of the shore except at the Club compound, nor, during the fishing season, within the buoyed area in Toft Bay or within 80 metres from Draycote Bank. These areas rank as obstructions

Landing in an exclusion area is allowed only in an emergency.

The pontoon and moorings in front of the Clubhouse shall be used only by official boats.

11. The Course

The course will be displayed either:

On the course board on the balcony adjacent to the club line.

And / Or

Displayed on the course board on the committee boat instead,

This will be indicated on the balcony course board located by the club flag pole. The course board shall indicate the sequence of marks to be rounded, the direction of rounding (red background to port, green- background to starboard). The number of rounds to be sailed will be displayed on the board on the balcony.

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12. Marks

- 12.1. The principal fixed marks** will be cylindrical black or blue shapes bearing identification letters. These may be supplemented by coloured spherical marks.
- 12.2. Starting marks** may be any of the marks indicated in 12.1..

13. The Start

- 13.1. The starting line** will be between a staff displaying a green flag or shape on the race committee boat and an indicated starting mark. Alternatively, if a club line start is used, the line will be between mark OL and the transit line on the front of the OOD box.

- 13.2 The Races Start sequence** will be started as follows. **This changes Rule 26.**

Warning	0 minutes	Yellow flag hoisted		One sound
	+2 minutes	Yellow flag lowered		
Preparatory	+3 minutes	Blue flag hoisted	Display Start 1	One sound
	+5 minutes	Blue flag lowered		
First start	+6 minutes	Red flag hoisted	Remove 1 Display 2	One sound
	+8 minutes	Red flag lowered		
Second start	+9 minutes	Red flag hoisted	Remove 2 Display 3	One sound
	+11 minutes	Red flag lowered		
Third start	+12 minutes	Red flag hoisted	Remove 3 Display 4	One sound

Continue this sequence until all classes have started

The preparatory signal for the second and subsequent starts is indicated by the hoisting of the red flag for the first, or previous start.

- 13.3. General recall.** In the case of a General Recall, **Rule 29.3 is altered.**

The new preparatory signal for the recalled start will be the start signal for the last scheduled sequence start.

The first substitute for the affected start will be lowered without a sound signal one minute before the next start.

If the class recalled is the last start, the first substitute will be lowered as soon as possible with one sound signal, and one minute later the red flag hoisted as the preparatory signal. Two minutes later the red flag will be lowered and the start indicated by hoisting the red flag one minute after that..

- 13.4. Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made** shall keep clear of the starting area, and of all boats whose preparatory signal has been made.
- 13.5. A race may not be started** if, in the opinion of the Race Officer, the wind is so light that there is a risk that a significant number of boats may not complete the course before the expiration of the Time Limit set by the finish of the leading boat.

14. Change of Course after the Start

Change of Position of Marks

The position of marks may be changed during a race in the event of a wind change. Such change will be made only if no boat is sailing towards the mark on that leg of the course.

A boat flying Flag C with sound signals to indicate the new designated mark and direction of change by the displayed or “+ or green” or “- red” signs.

This changes Rule 33

15. Shortening or Abandoning after the Start

Rule 32 is changed as follows:

Racing for a or all classes may be abandoned, or shortened by the display of appropriate flags as required by Rule 32. By displaying these flags together with the appropriate class flag or flags,

16. The Finish

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag or shape on a race committee boat and an adjacent mark of the course, or, if the club line is used, a line between the mark labeled OL and the transit mark on the front of the OOD office.

17. Time Limit

The time limit will be one and a half-hours from the start for each class. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat of her class finishes or within the time limit, whichever is later, will be scored "Did not finish". This changes Rule 35.

18. Declarations

After each race the helm or crew of each boat, shall sign the declaration sheet declaring that their boat has observed and complied with the rules during that race. The declaration shall be signed within 30 minutes of the time that the last boat finishes the race, except when races have been notified to competitors as being run contiguously, ('back-to-back'). In this case declarations for all 'back-to-back' races must be made within 30 minutes of the time the last boat finishes for the last of them. The Race Committee may extend the time limit in exceptional circumstances.

19. Protests and requests for redress

- 19.1. Protests forms are available in the race office and the written form delivered there within 30 minutes after the time of the last boat's finish or where two or more races are to be sailed without coming ashore between them, within 30 minutes of finishing the last race.
- 19.2. The jury will hear protests in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible.
- 19.3. Rule 66 is changed by adding this sentence: " a party to a hearing may ask for a reopening no later than one hour after being informed of the decision".
- 19.4. If a protest committee awards average points for a series, it should be for the whole series, not races sailed so far.
- 19.5. When an appropriate judge is available the three stage hearing process (advisory, mediation, protest) will apply.

Where a competitor accepts a penalty after mediation they will have points equal to 20% of the total entry for their class for the event added to their finishing position.

20. Scoring

The low point scoring system Rule A4.1 will apply. The scoring of each series will be as determined by the class or club for each series and published on the appropriate notice board.

21. Support Boats

Team leaders, coaches, and other support personnel shall not be in the racing area 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. The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement will be the disqualification of all boats associated with the support personnel who so do.

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22 Radio Communications

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions whilst racing, nor receive radio communications not available to other boats.

23. Local Rules

23.1 Vehicle Parking

Any sailor's vehicle or vehicle associated with a sailor found parked on a slipway or roadway will result in that sailor or sailors being disqualified from races until the vehicle is removed to the appropriate car park. Should the vehicle owner not be located, Draycote Water Sailing Club reserve the right to immobilise the vehicle in an attempt to identify the owner.

The race committee/Draycote Water Sailing Club reserve the right to close the water if the vehicle obstruction is deemed to prevent access to emergency vehicles. Draycote Water Sailing Club will not be responsible for any costs incurred for closing the water.

All members and authorized guests, deemed to be temporary members of Draycote Water Sailing Club, will abide by all of the Club rules and by-laws.

23.2. Dogs are not allowed on the site.

23.3. Draycote Water Sailing Club reserves the right to require that a boat be properly disinfected before being launched on the water.