

DRAYCOTE WATER SAILING CLUB
Sailing Instructions
Effective 28th March 2010 until further notice

1. Rules

Sailing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS2009-2012), ISAF Supplement to the RRS effective 1st January 2010, the prescriptions of the RYA, and any appropriate class rules, except as any of these are changed by these sailing instructions. Any class rule that may give any class an unfair advantage by, for example altering the penalty system or permitting the touching of marks shall not apply in club races, however all class rules relating to construction, buoyancy and manner in which the boat is sailed shall apply.

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.

Note that the word 'boat' as used here and elsewhere shall be taken to include windsurfers.

2. Notice area.

The notice area shall be the area outside the wet bar adjacent to the club flagstaff.

3. Sailing

Eligibility requirements for boats are that they comply with and hold a valid class certificate where appropriate.

Eligibility requirements for competitors are that they are members, temporary members of the club or the guest of a member.

Members and guests will show their intention to race by signing on in the appropriate manner either by race sheet or by the signing on computer which will be located in the notice area.

3.1. Members Cruising

All members cruising shall sign the cruising declaration sheet or sign on to the water using the signing on computer which will be located in the notice area. Where possible, a boat cruising shall not interfere with a boat racing.

3.2. 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. **Members** must sign for acceptance of the declaration on the renewal form of their membership and keep their insurance valid throughout the membership year. **Guests** must sign the declaration of insurance before going afloat.

4. Safety

4.1. Personal Buoyancy

Adequate personal buoyancy shall be worn at all times whilst on the water unless specifically agreed in writing by the Committee. Wet suits and dry suits are not adequate personal buoyancy. **This changes Rule 40**

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4.2 Exposure Proof Clothing

During the months of November, December, January, February and March, all persons on the water shall wear exposure proof clothing. For the purpose of this instruction '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.

4.3 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. Neither the race organisers nor Draycote Water Sailing Club shall be responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to any person as a result of their taking part in the race, races or cruising. Moreover every owner/person in charge warrants the suitability of the boat for the race, races or cruising.

4.4 Black Shapes

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.

5. Distinguishing Numbers

All boats shall compete under their registered numbers (or names should her class rules permit) 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 an application, stating the circumstances, is made to the Race Committee prior to the race or races.

6. Notices to Competitors.

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

7. Changes to the 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 indicated to the contrary. A change to sailing instructions will be signalled using the club flagstaff.

8. Schedule of Races

The schedule of races shall be displayed in the notice area and on the club's web site.

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.

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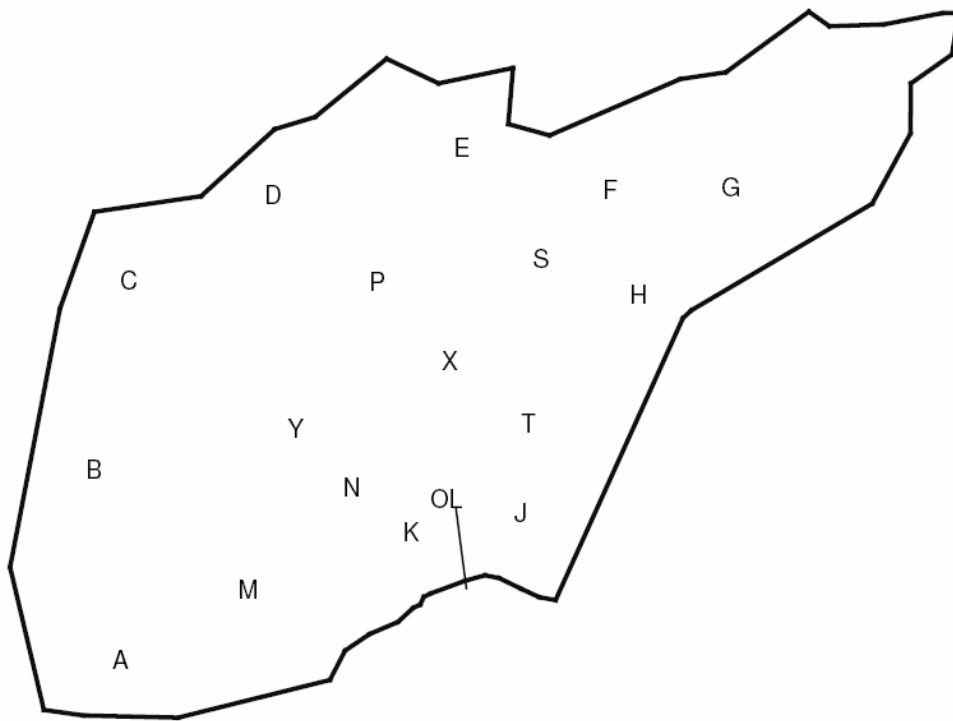
The first mark of the RTC course shall be the windward mark for the windward/leeward race, which will then return through the start line downwind as a gate.

All RTC entrants shall follow the full course specified on the notice board, keeping each mark to the appropriate side.

All racing boats shall endeavour to keep clear of finishing areas on the other courses.

12. Marks

12.1. The principal fixed marks will be cylindrical black or blue shapes bearing identification letters, in the approximate positions here:



12.2. Starting marks may be any of the marks indicated in 12.1 or a red buoy placed for the purpose.

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 Start sequence. Races will be started as follows. This changes Rule 26.

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For races Sunday Race 1 and 2, Wednesday evening

Warning	0 Minutes	Yellow Flag hoisted		On Sound
	+2 Minutes	Yellow Lowered		
Preparatory	+3 Minutes	Blue Flag Hoisted	Display Start Number 1	On Sound
	+5 Minutes	Blue Lowered		
1 st Start	+6 Minutes	Red Flag Hoisted	Display Start Number 2	On Sound
	+8 Minutes	Red Lowered		
2 nd Start	+9 Minutes	Red Hoisted	Display Start 3	On Sound
	+11 Minutes	Red Lowered		
3 rd Start	+12 Minutes	Red Hoisted	Display Start 4	On Sound

The sequence is continued until all races are started.

The Start Numbers are displayed in grey on the committee boat.

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

For pursuit races start times will be displayed on the committee boat or clubhouse in a rolling format from the datum time.

For the summer third race every Sunday there is a mass start. The start sequence will be:

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	+2 Minutes	Yellow Lowered		
Preparatory	+3 Minutes	Blue Flag Hoisted	Display Start Number 1	On Sound
	+5 Minutes	Blue Lowered		
1 st Start	+6 Minutes	Red Flag Hoisted		On Sound

The Start Numbers are displayed on the committee boat.

13.3. General recall. In the case of a General Recall, the fleets shall restart as specified in the schedule of races. This alters rule 29.3.

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.

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14. Shortening or Abandoning after the Start

Racing for any or all classes may be abandoned, or shortened in accordance with Rule 32. If the shorten course or abandonment flags are displayed with one or more numerical pennants, then these flags only apply to the starts with the appropriate numbers. This changes rule 32.

15. The Finish

The finishing line for the W/L race shall be the original start line.

The finishing line for all other races shall either be from the OOD box line to the OL Mark or between a staff displaying a blue flag or shape on a race committee boat and a mark of the course. If the committee boat also displays any of the code pennants 1-6, the finish only applies to the boats in the appropriate races.

For pursuit races the finish line will be a rolling line formed by two power boats which will work their way back through the fleet from first through to the last competitor. There may also be fixed finish points at marks of the course, as decided by the race officer.

16. Time Limit

The time limit will be two hours from the start for that class. Boats failing to finish within 60 minutes after the first boat of her class finishes or the time limit, whichever is later will be scored "Did not finish". **This changes rule 35.**

17. Declarations

Competitors retiring from a race will be required to declare their retirement on the Retirement Sheet supplied. The standard codes of the RRS will be used, Appendix A11 Scoring Abbreviations.

18. Protests

18.1. Protests forms are available in the race office and the written form delivered there within 30 minutes after the time of the last racing boat's ashore or where two or more races are to be sailed without coming ashore between them, within 30 minutes after the time of the last racing boat's ashore

18.2 The jury will hear protests in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible.

18.3. 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".

18.4. If a protest committee awards average points for a series, it should be for races sailed in the whole series, not races sailed so far.

18.5. When an appropriate judge is available the three stage hearing process (advisory, mediation, protest) will apply.

19. Scoring

19.1. The low points scoring system of RRS A2 will apply.

19.2. Duty officers (ODs) will be awarded average points for all races sailed in the series for the day they are on OD.

19.3 In the case of a fleet series or special event, the rules of the event take precedence over 19.1 and 19.2.

20. Support Boats

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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.

21 Radio Communications

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions whilst racing, nor receive radio communications not available to other boats. "Radio transmissions" includes the use of mobile phones.

22. Local Rules

All entrants and authorised guests shall also comply with the following Water Authority Regulations:

- Draycote Water Sailing Club reserves the right to make a condition of entry that a visiting boat be properly disinfected.

22.1 Car parking/ Access Roads

All people or associated people racing or cruising are required to abide by the club's car parking regulations which in summary are:

- 22.1 All motor vehicles shall be parked in the car park in accordance with any instructions given by The Committee. No car or trailer shall be parked on or obstruct the access roads to the Club's premises or the perimeter road to the Water. The Club's roads may be used by cars and trailers for the purpose only of access to the boat parks and Clubhouse and no car or Trailer shall obstruct the Club's roads, but shall be parked as soon as practicable in the car park.
- 22.2 The Windsurf Car Parks are exclusively for those members sailing windsurfers, except when signage indicates otherwise during open meetings.
- 22.3 No motor vehicle shall be used on the Club slipways.
- 22.4 No boat trailer or launching trolley shall be left on any boat slipway, where practical it should be moved to allow others unrestricted access the water.
- 22.5 The road access to the Club's premises and the boat park shall be used one-way in a clockwise direction.

Note: Regulations are available in full on
<http://www.draycotewater.co.uk/html/regulations.html>

Any person in breach of these rules will, without a hearing, be scored DSQ from all races on the day the breach occurs and the subsequent 6 days. **This changes RRS Rule 63.1**