

# DRAYCOTE WATER SAILING CLUB

OPEN MEETING SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (Amended April 2008)

## 1. Rules

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

## 2. Entries

Eligible boats may be entered by completing registration with Draycote Water Sailing Club, and paying the appropriate fee. Eligibility requirements for boats are that they comply with and hold a valid class certificate. Eligibility requirements for competitors are that they are members of a RYA affiliated organization.

### 2.1. Insurance

All boats shall have a valid certificate of insurance against third party risks providing the minimum cover specified in the declaration of insurance, which must be signed by all competitors before they go afloat

## 3. Safety

### 3.1. Personal Buoyancy

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

### 3.2 Exposure Proof Clothing

During the months of 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.

**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.

## 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 event. If such permission is granted no further change will be permitted

## 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.

## 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.

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Competitors should note that signals may be flown from halyards at the club flagstaff in connection with the control of club racing.

## 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.

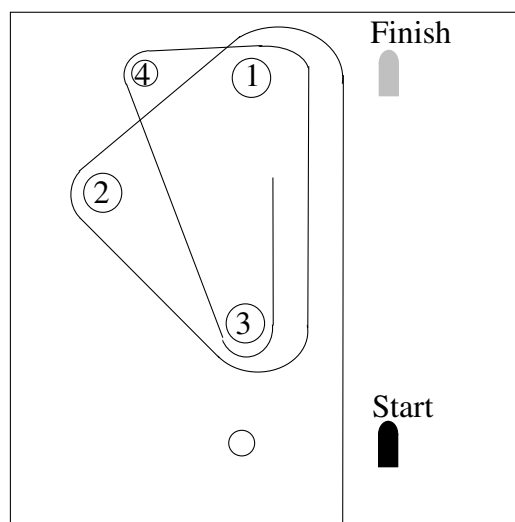
Landing in an exclusion area is allowed only in an emergency.

The pontoon and moorings in front of the Clubhouse are for use only by official boats.

Competitors shall keep clear of the club racing start line and the club racing finish line, which lies between the clubhouse and the mark lettered OL in front of the clubhouse.

## 11. The Course

Unless otherwise designated on the Official Notice Board the course will be of Olympic style as shown in the diagram:



Marks to be rounded as follows:

Round 1, and subsequent odd numbered rounds. Marks 1,2,3.

Round 2, and subsequent even numbered rounds. Marks 1, 4,3

Although the diagram shows marks to be rounded to port, the course may be set in the mirror image to that shown with the marks to be rounded to starboard. The intended direction of rounding will be signalled by the display of a flag from the committee boat prior to the warning signal.

A red flag to signify "round all marks to port"

A green flag to signify "round all marks to starboard"

Mark 1 is the intended windward mark.

Mark 4 will be laid adjacent to the windward mark.

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The diagram indicates the number of legs required to complete each round. It does not indicate the angle between legs. The full course will comprise the number of rounds displayed on a board on the Committee Boat before the warning signal plus a finishing leg from Mark 3 to the finishing line.

## 12. Marks

Marks 1, 2, and 3 will be cylindrical in shape and coloured orange. Mark 4 will be spherical in shape and coloured white. The starting mark will be a spherical in shape and coloured red. The finishing mark will be cylindrical in shape, coloured orange, and a mark of the course.

## 13. The Start

13.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag or shape on the race committee boat and a starting mark.

13.2. 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.

13.3. A boat shall not start later than four minutes after her starting signal.

13.4. 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.

Flag C will not normally be flown to indicate any change, nor will "+" or "-" signs be displayed.

**This changes rule 33**

## 15. 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.

## 16. Time Limit

The time limit will be two hours from the start for that 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.**

## 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.

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## 18. Protests

18.1. Protests shall be written on forms available at the race office and delivered there within 30 minutes after the time of the last boat's finish., except when races have been notified to competitors as being run contiguously, ('back-to-back'). In this case protests 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.

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: "On the last day of racing, a party to a hearing may ask for a reopening no later than one hour after being informed of the decision".

## 19. Scoring

The low point scoring system rule A2 will apply, modified so that each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with her worst score discarded if 3 or more races have been completed. The scheduled number of races will be published on the Official Notice Board, of which 2 races shall be completed to constitute a series.

## 20. 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.

## 21 Radio Communication

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

## 22. Local Rules

All sailing, including club racing, 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. The Race Committee may decide to control the open meeting solely from a Committee Boat when normal club sailing has been abandoned or sailing is outside normal club sailing times. In this case the Committee Boat, meaning that only open meeting competitors may sail will fly the club burgee.

All entrants and authorized guests will be deemed to be temporary members of Draycote Water Sailing Club during the period of the open meeting and, as such, will abide by all of the Club rules and by-laws and may sail only the boat entered for the open meeting.

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

- a) No parking on any roadways. All vehicles shall be parked in the sailing club car park once the boat is unloaded.
- b) Dogs are not allowed on the site.
- c) Draycote Water Sailing Club reserves the right to make a condition of entry that a visiting boat be properly disinfected.