

DRAYCOTE WATER SAILING CLUB
Sailing Instructions
Supernova Winter Championships 23rd January 1020
U.K. Sprint 15 Association Winter TT 23rd January 2010

1. Rules

The regatta 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 the appropriate class rules, except as any of these are changed by these sailing instructions. The regatta is designated Category A.

2. Entries

Completing registration with Draycote Water Sailing Club and paying the appropriate fee may enter eligible boats. 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 organisation and Supernova sailors must be members of the Supernova Class Association.

Registration will be in the club house dry bar from 9.00 a.m. on the day of the race.

Sprint 15 boats must declare their rig and crew complement at registration.

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 is 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 reduce the absolute responsibility of the owner/person in charge for the boat, the crew, and her management. The race organisers 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.

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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 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 notified to the contrary. The posting of such notice will be signalled using a halyard of the club flagstaff.

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

7. Schedule of Races

Supernova Fleet - There will be three races in total.

Sprint 15 Fleet - There will be two races in total.

The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 10:25am

The second race will start immediately after the first race.

The third race for the Supernova fleet will be after a break for lunch, at a time specified by the Race officer during the briefing.

8. Class Flags

Supernova Fleet – Class flag for this event will be the Supernova Class Flag.

Sprint 15 fleet - Class flag for this event will be flag 'D' of the international code.

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.

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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

The course will be displayed at the by the race officer at the briefing. Any changes to the course after the briefing will be displayed on the official notice board located at the entrance adjacent to the main club flagstaff at least 30 minutes before the start of the race or sequence of races.

12. Marks

Marks will be cylindrical in shape and coloured orange. All marks are rounding marks.

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 an orange buoy.

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.

13.5 The Start order will be:

1st Start – Sprint 15 Fleet

2nd Start – Supernova Fleet

13.6 In the event of a general recall of the Sprint fleet, the start sequence will be recommenced and the Supernova fleet will start after the Sprint 15 fleet.

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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. Penalties

A boat in the Sprint 15 fleet that may have broken a rule of part 2 while racing may take a 360-degree turn penalty at the time of the incident. **This changes RRS 44.1 and RRS 44.2 for the Sprint 15 fleet only.**

16. The Finish

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag or shape on a race committee boat and the finish mark. At the discretion of the race officer a R.I.B. or dory displaying flag 'W' of the international code may finish boats on the course.

17. 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.**

18. 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.

19. Protests

19.1. 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.

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: "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".

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20. Scoring

SuperNova:

The low points scoring system of RRS A2 will apply. If three races are completed, one race will be discarded. Two races are required to complete the championship.

Sprint 15:

Results will be decided on the basis of both races (or 1 race if only one race was possible). i.e. no discards. The low points scoring system, RRS appendix A2 will apply. Ties are to be decided by the lowest sum of the competitors corrected times.

This replaces RRS appendix A8.

The following formats and handicaps apply;

Sprint 15 Standard PY916

Sprint 15 Sport PY883

Sprint 15 Sting PY860

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.

22 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.

23. 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 authorised 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 authorised guests shall also comply with the following Water Authority Regulations: -

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a) No parking on any roadways, in the open meeting launch area or the windsurfers' car park. The club car park is on the right as you enter the club site and cars should be parked there after unloading. Trailers may be left in the open meeting launch area by the back fence.

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.

Any boat in breach of these rules will, without a hearing, be marked DSQ from all races during which the breach occurs. **This changes RRS Rule 63.1**