



RUTLAND SAILING CLUB

Sprint 15 TT – 24th February 2019

Sailing Instructions

The notation '[DP]' next to a rule in the SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1. RULES AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and the rules of the Sprint 15 Association, except as any of these are changed by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. Entrants and authorised guests are temporary members of Rutland Sailing Club during the period of the event and shall comply with Club Rules and Bylaws. Failure to observe these may result in exclusion from the club premises.
- 1.3. Competitors intending to participate must enter on the forms provided and pay the appropriate entry fee at reception.
- 1.4. All participants shall be paid up Members of the UK Sprint 15 Class Association.
- 1.5. Competitors will be required to wear adequate personal buoyancy at all times whilst afloat – except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices. This changes Rule 40 and the preamble to Part 4.
- 1.6. Competitors participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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 the event. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race, and include the race committee, the race officer, support boats and beach masters. The provision of support boats does not relieve a boat of her responsibilities.
- 1.7. A boat shall not race with an incorrect sail number unless she has notified the Race Committee at registration.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the Clubs Wet Bar.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than 45 minutes before the start of any race affected.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole from the Club race box. .
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1. Dates, Number of Races and Scheduled Start times:

Sunday 24th February: Race 1: 11:00
Race 2: as soon after race 1
Race 3: as soon after race 2

- 5.2. To alert boats that a race will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with multiple sound signals at least one minute before the warning signal is made.
- 5.3. No warning signal will be made after 15:00.

6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 The class flag will be International Code Flag numeral 4

7. RACING AREAS

The racing area will be displayed on the official notice board.

8. THE COURSES

The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9. MARKS

The marks used will be a mixture of fixed Club marks and yellow spherical buoys.

10. THE START

- 10.1. Races will be started from the Club racing line following the last Club start.
- 10.2. The Starting Line will be between the staff of the committee boat displaying an ORANGE flag and the port end starting mark, as described in Attachment A.
- 10.3. A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4.

11. THE FINISH

- 11.1. The finishing line will be as defined in ATTACHMENT A – COURSES AND MARKS.
- 11.2. Each race will be approximately 45-55 minutes duration.
- 11.3. In the event of a boat losing contact with the fleet, it may be finished on the defined start line a lap early. The decision by the race committee to use this procedure or not to use it shall not be grounds for requesting redress, changing rule 60.1(b).

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1.** A one turn (360degree) penalty will replace the “two turns” penalty. This modifies RRS 44.
- 12.2.** Boats observed by the Race Committee which fail to start or finish correctly or to sail the course as set and thus fail to comply with Rule 28 may be disqualified without protest. This changes rule 63.1.
- 12.3.** Boats that fail to pass through the upwind gate (see Attachment A) will not be disqualified but will be credited only with the number of laps they have sailed correctly.

13. TIME LIMIT

- 13.1.** If no boat has passed Mark 1 within 20 minutes of the start the race will be abandoned.
- 13.2.** For all races, if no boats finish within 60 minutes of the start, the race will be abandoned.
- 13.3.** Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat crossed the line will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes Rule 35 and A4 and A5.

14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1.** Intention to protest shall be notified to the Race Committee at the Committee/Finish boat immediately after finishing.
- 14.2.** The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is the later. The Race Committee may extend this in exceptional circumstances. The same time limit applies to requests for redress. This changes Rule 62.2.
- 14.3.** Notices will be posted on the official notice board no later than 30 minutes after of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Training Room on the first floor of the club house.
- 14.4.** Notices of protests by the race committee will be posted to inform boats under Rule 61.1(b).
- 14.5.** RYA Arbitration
The exoneration Penalty and the RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. Decisions from RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee but cannot be reopened or appealed. See the Official Notice board for details.

15. SCORING

- 15.1.** Two Portsmouth Numbers will be used: Standard mode PY 931, Sport mode PY 894.
- 15.2.** The scoring system will be the Low Point System of Appendix A.
- 15.3.** One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

When fewer than three races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races scores. When three races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race score, excluding her worst score.

16. 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 measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1** Retirements must be declared to a member of the safety crew and at Club reception.

18. PRIZES

Prizes awarded depending on the size of the entry.

19. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones.

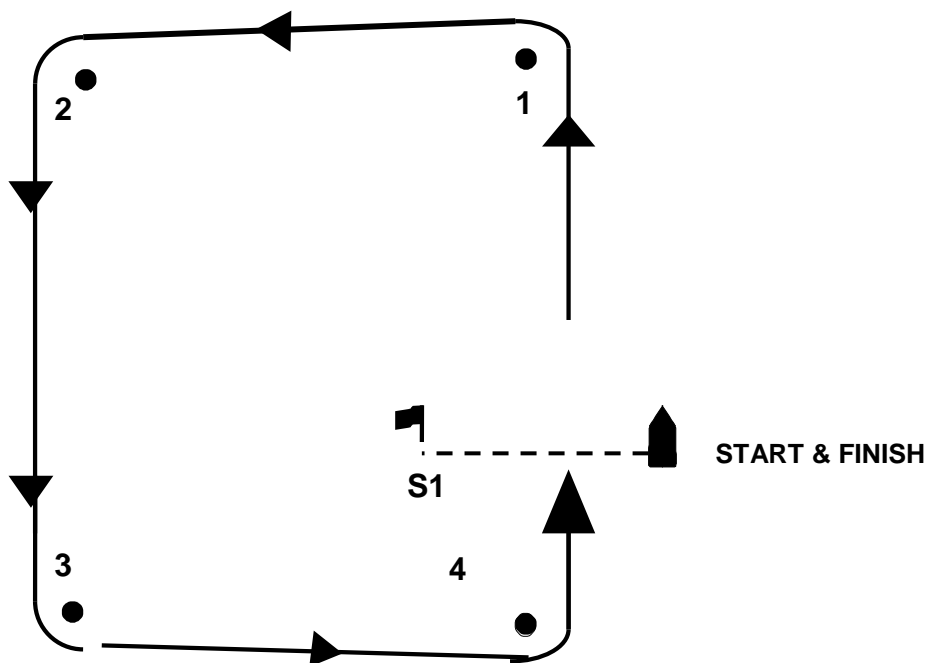
20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

RISK STATEMENT

Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or continue racing is hers alone." Sailing is by nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- (a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure to themselves, their crew, their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their property whether afloat or ashore;
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate
- (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (f) The provision of a patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances
- (g) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3,000,000 against third party claims
- (h) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

ATTACHMENT A – COURSE AND MARKS



RACES 1 – 3 - COURSE

1, 2, 3, 4, G

Where G denotes going through the finish line

MARKS

Mark 2 and 3 will be a yellow buoys. Mark 4 and 1 will be fixed blue Club marks.

The start mark S1 will be a small pencil buoy.