

CARSINGTON SAILING CLUB LTD

Open Race Meeting - Sailing Instructions

Valid For Topper Traveller and DYS Open Meeting

1.0 Governing Bodies

- 1.1 All Racing, officials and competitors shall be governed by the **Rules** defined in the **Current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) including Addendum A (RYA)**, except as shall be modified by these **Sailing Instructions**, the **Rules of Carsington Sailing Club Ltd**, (Appendix A), the **Rules of the appropriate Classes** and the requirements of **Severn Trent Water Plc**.
- 1.2 Any procedures **NOT** covered by these **Sailing Instructions**, will be carried out in accordance with the procedures defined in the **Current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)**, and the **Notice of Race** (Appendix C).

2.0 Entries

2.1 General

The safety of a boat, crew 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 during the course of the race. Neither these **Sailing Instructions**, nor any inspection of the boat limits or reduces the absolute responsibility for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to/by the owner / person in charge or crew, as a result of taking part in a race or races. Moreover, every owner / person in charge warrants the suitability of their boat for the race or races. The boat shall have current 3rd party insurance of not less than **£2 million**.

2.2 Race Entry / Declaration Sheet

A registration / entry form shall be completed and the appropriate fee paid by the person in charge of each boat. The registration / entry forms will be available near the official Race Notice board.

2.3 Signing Off

A declaration sheet in the Clubhouse shall only be signed by the person in charge of the boat, if it is necessary to state that the boat was **not** fairly raced within the **Rules**, the **Current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)**, these **Sailing Instructions**, or has not completed the set course correctly, or has retired, or is protesting, and / or is requesting redress. This shall be within:- for **CRUISERS, 90 minutes**, for **ALL OTHER BOATS, 40 minutes**, of the last boat's finishing time in the race. Should races be sailed back-to-back, then the time limit shall be from the last boat's finishing time of the last race.

2.4 Valid Race

The minimum number of starters of each Class to constitute a **Valid Race** shall be **3** (three).

2.5 Measurement / Certificates

A boat may be required to present her valid measurement certificate and / or racing certificate upon request by the Race Committee. Boats may be measured before or after any race at the sole discretion of the Race Committee.

2.6 Distinguishing Numbers

Boats shall display their Class boat number on their sail. In exceptional circumstances the Race Committee **may** accept written applications to use another distinguishing number on a sail as prescribed in **RRS Appendix G**. This modifies **RRS 77**.

2.7 Personal Buoyancy

With the exception of windsurfers, all persons at all times when on the water shall wear correctly adjusted and properly secured adequate personal buoyancy. Wet and / or dry suits alone are **NOT regarded as adequate personal buoyancy. If worn, **Auto-inflation life jackets MUST** be on the **OUTSIDE** of all clothing. This modifies **RRS 40**.**

2.8 Protective Clothing

Protective clothing shall be worn in accordance with **Club Rule 7.4**.

2.9 Radio Communication

A boat shall neither make or receive radio communications whilst racing. This restriction also applies to mobile phones etc.

3.0 Notices to Competitors

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Race Notice board located in the Clubhouse.

4.0 Signals Made Ashore

4.1 These will be displayed on the Clubhouse flagpole that is situated at the West corner of the front patio area of the Clubhouse.

4.2 **I C Flag “AP”** (Answering Pennant) displayed with **2** sound signals means “the current race is postponed” to be sailed later. The first warning signal for the start of the race will be made not less than **20 minutes** after the **I C Flag “AP”** is removed, (**1** sound signal).

5.0 Changes to Sailing Instructions

5.1 Any changes to the **Sailing Instructions** will be posted on the official Race Notice board not less than **45 minutes** before the designated starting time of the race or races concerned. **I C Flag “L”** will be displayed from the Club flagpole.

6.0 Schedule of Races / Start Flags and Starting Order of Class/es

6.1 The Schedule of Races, Start Flags, Starting Order of Class/es and Starting sequence will be as published in the **Notice Of Race** (Appendix C).

7.0 Course Safety Instructions

- 7.1 The Course area shall be all of the Sailing area of the reservoir, except for the **OUT OF BOUNDS** areas that are marked by orange / white buoys (Appendix B).
- 7.2 The **OUT OF BOUNDS** areas are at the Northern, Eastern (Diving Area) and Southern (adjacent to the tower) ends of the lake and it shall be **prohibited** to sail in these areas **at all times**.
- 7.3 Extra care should be taken in multi-user areas shared with Carsington Sports Centre. Craft from the Centre may be crewed by persons with **no knowledge of collision and avoidance rules**. Boats shall keep clear of these craft at all times. These craft shall be designated an **“obstruction”** as defined in **RRS definitions**.
- 7.4 When **I C Flag “A”** is displayed on the orange buoys marking the diving area this indicates that divers are active. **Please keep clear**.

8.0 The Course

- 8.1 The Course to be sailed will be indicated by numbers / letters corresponding to the racing **Marks**.
- 8.2 **All Marks are designated as Rounding Marks**. The order and side of which **Marks** are to be left, will be shown on the **Committee Boat** or **Race Control Box** as **NUMBERS / LETTERS ON A RED BACKGROUND** (to signify rounding the mark to Port) and **NUMBERS / LETTERS ON A GREEN BACKGROUND** (to signify rounding the mark to Starboard).
- 8.3 If a **Gate** is used in the Course, this will be indicated by the letter **G** and all boats shall pass through it on each lap of the Course.
- 8.4 All Courses started from the **Race Control Box** will use a **Start / Finish / Gate Mark**.
- 8.5 **NO spinnaker** shall be flown in the **“Bay Area”**. Whilst **I C Flag “E”** is displayed on the Clubhouse flagpole, this Sailing Instruction is overruled. Any boat/s breaking this SI may be disqualified without a hearing.
- 8.6 Any map of the Course indicated on the official Race Notice board and / or Appendix B is for **information only** and does not have any status within these Rules. Actual Courses to be sailed are as shown on the **Committee Boat** or **Race Control Box**.

9.0 Marks

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| 9.1 Marks (moveable) | Orange Inflatable Buoys No 1- 5 incl |
| Inner Limit Marks (if laid) | Orange “Dan Buoy” displaying a Green Flag |
| Outer Distance / Start / Finish / Gate Mark | Orange “Dan Buoy” displaying a Red Flag |

10.0 The Start

10.1 An **Orange Flag** displayed on a mast on either the **Committee Boat** or **Race Control Box** signifies that the Race Officer is in position at the **Start Line**.

10.2 The **Starting Line** will be :---

For Committee Boat Start

between a mast displaying an **Orange Flag** on the **Committee Boat** and an Outer Distance **Mark** (start) (as defined in **Sailing Instruction 9**). An Inner Limit **Mark** may also be used.

For Race Control Box Start

between an **Orange Mast** in front of the **Race Control Box** and an Outer Distance **Mark** (start) (as defined in **Sailing Instruction 9**). An Inner Limit **Mark** may also be used.

10.3 Limit Marks

If Inner Limit **Marks** are used (as defined in **Sailing Instruction 9**), these are designated as **Marks** of the Course. Boats shall not sail or manoeuvre in the area between an Inner Limit **Mark** and the **Committee Boat** or **Race Control Box** after the first warning signal of the starting sequence.

10.4 Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall not interfere with boats that have started or are preparing to start.

10.5 The **Start Gate** will be closed **6 minutes** after the last **Start** in the sequence, including **General Recalls** if any, and will be signalled by removing the **Orange Flag** (**No** sound signal). **No** boat shall start later than **6 minutes** after the last **Start** in the sequence.

10.6 There will be **NO** change of course after the start. This modifies **RRS 33**.

11.0 The Finish

11.1 The **Finish** will be indicated by a **Blue Flag** displayed on a mast on the **Committee Boat** or **Race Control Box**.

11.2 The **Finish Line** will be :---

For Committee Boat Finish

between a mast displaying a **Blue Flag** on the **Committee Boat** and the **Start / Finish / Gate / or a Rounding Mark** as the Outer **Finish Mark**. (as defined in **Sailing Instruction 9**)

For Race Control Box Finish

between an **Orange Mast** on the **Race Control Box** and the **Start / Gate / Mark** as the Outer **Finish Mark**. (as defined in **Sailing Instruction 9**)

11.3 All boats having finished shall **keep clear** of boats still racing.

12 The Finish

12.1 The “**About to Finish Signal**” will be indicated by a **Blue Flag** displayed on a mast on the **Committee Boat** or **Race Control Box**, with **2 sound signals**, and **all boats** passing through the **Gate / Finish** after this signal, (**irrespective of the number of laps completed**) will be **finished**. This modifies RRS “**Race Signals**”.

12.2 The **Finish** Line will be:--

For Committee Boat Finish

between a mast displaying a **Blue Flag** on the **Committee Boat** and the **Start / Gate** or a **Rounding Mark** as the Outer **Finish Mark** (as defined in **Sailing Instruction 10**).

For Race Control Box Finish

between a **Orange Mast** on the **Race Control Box** and the **Start / Gate / Mark** as the Outer **Finish Mark** (as defined in **Sailing Instruction 10**).

13.0 Protests / Redress

13.1 **Protests** and / or **Requests for Redress** shall be in writing and delivered to the Club Office within **30 minutes** after the time of the last boat to finish in the Race. If races are sailed back to back then the time limit commences from the time of the last boat to finish in the last Race.

13.2 Notices will be displayed on the official Race Notice board specifying the time and place of the hearing/s.

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