

CARSINGTON SAILING CLUB LTD

Open Meeting Sailing Instructions

Class/Classes: **XXXXXXXXXXXX**

Valid from 05/05/2009

1 Governing Bodies

- 1.1 All Open Meeting 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, 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 RRS 2009 - 2012.
- 1.3 Any Disputes under the Current Racing Rules of Sailing including Addendum A as modified by these Sailing Instructions shall be settled using the RYA Procedure for Rules Disputes.

2. 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 or 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 prior to racing and the appropriate fee paid by the person in charge of each boat.

The forms will be available near to the official Race Notice Board.

2.2 Signing Off

A declaration sheet located near the official Race Notice board in the Clubhouse shall be signed by the person in charge of the boat to certify that the boat was fairly raced within the Rules defined in the Current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and these Sailing Instructions, and completed the set course, or has retired, or is protesting, and / or is requesting redress. This shall be within 30 minutes of the last boat's finishing time in the Race. Should races be sailed back-to-back, then the time limit shall be within 30 minutes from the last boat's finishing time of the last race. Persons failing to sign off will be scored Retired (Rtd).

2.3 Valid Race.

- (i) The minimum number of starters of each Fleet to constitute a Valid Race shall be 2 (two).
- (ii) A minimum wind strength of 2 knots is required to start a race.

2.4 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.

2.5 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 complies with RRS 77.

- 2.6 **Personal Buoyancy**
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 lifejackets must be on the outside of all clothing. This modifies RRS 40.
- 2.7 **Protective Clothing**
Protective clothing shall be worn in accordance with Club Rule 7.4 – this states that wet or dry suits must be worn when sailing between 1st November and 30 April inclusive each year or as advised on the Club noticeboard – suits must cover the whole body torso.
- 2.8 **Radio Communication**
A boat shall neither make nor receive radio communications whilst racing except in matters of safety on the water. This restriction also applies to mobile phones etc.
- 3. Notices to Competitors.**
- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Race Notice Board located in the Clubhouse.
- 4. Signals Made Ashore.**
- 4.1 These will be displayed on the Clubhouse flagpole that is situated at the South 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. Temporary Changes to Sailing Instructions.**
- 5.1 Any temporary changes to these Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official Race Notice Board 45 minutes before the designated starting time of the race or races concerned. I C Flag “L” will be displayed on the Club flagpole.
- 6. Schedule of Races.**
- 6.1 The Schedule and Starting Times of Races will be as published in the Notice of Race, but may be subject to change on the day.
- 7. Start Flags and Starting Order of Fleets.**
- 7.1 Warning Signal flags to be used will be: **xxxxxxxxxxxxx**
- 7.2 Starting order of fleets (when the Open Meeting comprises more than one Class of boat) will be: **xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx**
- 8. Course Safety Instructions.**
- 8.1 The Course area shall be all of the Sailing area of the reservoir except for the ‘out of bounds’ areas that are marked by either orange, or, white buoys.
- 8.2 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.
- 8.3 Extra care should be taken in multi-user areas shared with Carsington Water 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.
- 8.4 When I C Flag “A” is displayed on the orange buoys marking the diving area, this indicates that divers are active. Please keep clear.
- 8.5 No spinnaker shall be flown in the “Bay Area”.
When I C Flag “E” is displayed on the Clubhouse flagpole, this Sailing Instruction is overruled.

9. The Course.

- 9.1 The course to be sailed will be indicated by numbers / letters corresponding to the racing marks – all marks are designated as rounding marks.
- 9.2 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).
- 9.3 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.
- 9.4 All courses started from the Race Control Box will use a start/finish/gate mark.
- 9.5 Any map of the Course indicated on the official Race Notice Board 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 / Race Control Box Course Board.
- 9.6 For a Committee Boat Start
Courses set will be either windward/leeward or round the cans- subject to wind direction and strength and will be agreed between Class representatives and the Race Officer prior to racing.
When a windward/leeward course is set – an ‘Off Set Mark’ will always be used in conjunction with the windward mark.

10. Marks.

- 10.1 Marks fixed Orange Buoys Numbered 0 – 9 inclusive
Marks moveable Orange “Dan Buoy” displaying an X or Y flag
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
Off Set Mark Orange “Dan Buoy” displaying a Yellow Flag.
- 10.2 For Open Meetings – large orange inflatable buoys may be used which are not numbered – course numbering will be dependent on the number of marks laid.

11. The Start.

- 11.1 An Orange Flag displayed on a mast on either the Committee Boat or the Race Control Box signifies that the Race Officer is in position at the Start Line.
- 11.2 Race start signals will be as per RRS 26 – 5,4,1,GO.
- 11.3 When the Open Meeting comprises more than one Class each with their own start – the Warning signal for subsequent starts will be at the same time as the Starting signal for the previous Class.
- 11.4 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 10). 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 10). An Inner Limit Mark may also be used.
- 11.5 Limit Marks
If Inner Limit Marks are used (as defined in Sailing Instruction 10), 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.
- 11.6 Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall not interfere with boats that have started or are preparing to start.
- 11.7 The Start Gate will be closed 5 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 5 minutes after the last start in the sequence.
- 11.8 General Recalls for a single Class Open Meeting will be as per RRS 29.2.
For a multi Class Open Meeting - when a General Recall is signalled for a Class, that Classes new Warning Signal will be at the same time as the Starting Signal of the last Class

in the sequence. In the case of multiple recalls, the offending Classes will start in the original starting order, after the last normal Class start in the original sequence and after any successive Recall starts.

The IC Flag "First Substitute" will be removed 1 minute after the actual Starting time of the offending Class/Classes.

This modifies RRS 29.2.

12. The Finish.

12.1 The intention to finish a race will be by displaying a Blue Flag on the Committee Boat/Race Control Box with two sound signals as the leading boat is on the penultimate leg of the course.

This modifies RRS "Race Signals".

12.2 The Finish Line will be:--

For a Committee Boat Finish:

between a mast displaying a Blue Flag on the Committee Boat and the Outer Finish Mark (as defined in Sailing Instruction 10).

For a 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 10).

12.3 All boats having finished shall keep clear of boats still racing.

12.4 The target race duration from the first (non-recalled) start will be approximately 60 minutes (at the Race Officer's discretion).

13. Time Limit.

13.1 The Time Limit of the Race for each Class will be the race finish time of the first boat in each Class plus 30 minutes. The race will be valid for those boats finishing within the Time Limit - all others will be scored "Did Not Finish" (DNF). This modifies RRS 35.

14. Advisory Hearing/ Arbitration/Protests / Redress.

14.1 Protests and/or Requests for Redress shall be in writing and delivered to the Club Office within 30 minutes of 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.

14.2 The Protestor shall inform the Race Officer of his/her intention to protest either on the water or immediately on both coming ashore.

14.3 Notices will be posted on the official Race Notice Board specifying the time and place of the hearing/s.

14.4 Informing the Protestee of the intention to Protest – in general RRS 61.1a shall apply, except that there is no requirement of any boat, irrespective of hull length, to display a protest flag.

14.5 As provided in RRS 67, the Protest Committee may, without a hearing, penalize a boat that has broken RRS 42.

15. Scoring.

15.1 The Low Point Scoring System will apply – RRS A4.1.

16. Series Ties.

If there is a series-score tie between two or more boats Appendix A8 shall be used to decide their series finishing position.

Issue	Details of Change	Date
1	New Document for 2009.	11/5/2009
2	Para 16 added.	17/6/2009