



# Bough Beech Sailing Club.

Bough Beech, Nr. Edenbridge. Kent

## Snipe Sailing Instructions 2021

*The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).*

### 1. RULES.

- 1.1. All races will be governed by the rules as defined in *The World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-24* (RRS).
- 1.2. The prescriptions of the RYA, the rules of the relevant Class Associations, the Notice of Race, (NOR), and these Sailing Instructions (SI's) will apply. In the event of conflict, between the rules, those of the SI's shall prevail.
- 1.3. The following *Rules* will be subject to change;  
RRS 29.2; RRS 35; RRS 40.2; RRS 60.1(a); RRS 64.2; RRS A4. RRS A5; Race signals ICF "L"
- 1.4 The exoneration penalty (and advisory and arbitration hearings) of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedure will be available.
- 1.4. Eligibility requirements for boats and helms are as set out in the NOR.

### 2. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS.

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located in the clubhouse near the registration desk and on the club website <http://www.boughbeechsc.org.uk/sailing-instructions-notices-of-racing> There is also a course board, which is situated in the boat house at the front of the building.
- 2.2. The race committee may give additional instructions from the committee boat both verbally and by the white/black board, after displaying ICF "L". This changes RRS Race Signals.

### 3. SAFETY REGULATIONS.

- 3.1. **Adequate personal buoyancy must be worn by all persons at all times when afloat and on the pontoon jetty, except briefly while adjusting clothing or personal equipment.**
  - This changes RRS Rule 40.2 and the preamble to Part 4, and BBSC Club Byelaw E8.
  - **Buoyancy must be appropriate to the size and weight of the individual and the activity in which they are engaged and must be worn in accordance with the manufacturer's guidelines.**
  - **It is the responsibility of each individual, or in the case of a child, their parent, guardian or support person to ensure this.**

- 3.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 3.3 [DP] Wetsuits or dry suits must be worn during the months from November to April inclusive, and at other times at the discretion of the OOD.

#### **4. CODE OF CONDUCT**

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- 4.2 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall [handle any equipment][or][place advertising provided] by the organizing authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

#### **5. DECLARATIONS**

##### 5.1 Check-Out and Check-In:

- (a) Competitors shall **sign on** before the start of each race or sequence of back-to-back races. Boats failing to do so will be scored DNS (Did not *start*) without a hearing.
- (b) Competitors shall **sign off** and complete declarations within thirty minutes of the last boat finishing, or in the case of back-to-back races within thirty minutes of the finishing time of the last boat in the final race of the sequence of races. Boats failing to comply may be deemed to have retired and in such circumstances will be scored RET (Retired) without a hearing.

5.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

#### **6. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS.**

- 6.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the club website **and** on the course board and will be made no later than 30 minutes before the start of the race to which it first applies, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20.00 hrs on the day before it will take place.

#### **7. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE.**

- 7.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the club mast on the foreshore.
- 7.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 15 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

#### **8. SCHEDULE OF RACES.**

- 8.1. Dates and times of racing will be as set out in the NOR or fixture list and website diary.
- 8.2. The number of races will be as set out in the NOR or fixture list and website diary
- 8.3. The scheduled time for the warning signal for the first race of each class on each day will be as set out in the NOR. At its discretion, the race committee may change the number of races to be sailed on any day of the event.

#### **9. CLASS FLAGS.**

- 9.1 Class flags will be indicated on the course board.

#### **10. RACING AREAS.**

- 10.1. The racing area is shown on the course board. Competitors should note that access to the nature conservancy area in the northern end of the lake is forbidden. Marker poles on the shores indicate the limits to this area. Except in an emergency, landing on the reservoir shores outside the clubhouse foreshore is prohibited.

#### **11. COURSES.**

- 11.1 Course details including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left, and the target time for each race, will be displayed on the course board in the boat house, not less than thirty minutes before the start of racing.

#### **12. MARKS.**

- 12.1 Marks may be both large inflatable buoys and/or yellow spherical buoys.

12.2 Marks may display red, green or orange flags to indicate on which side they should be rounded or passed. The absence or incorrectness of such flags will not be grounds for a boat to seek redress.

### **13. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS.**

13.1. Boats are required to keep at least 50 metres away from fishermen. Such a margin for fishermen on the shore will be considered a continuous obstruction as set out in RRS 19.2 and 20.

### **14. THE START.**

14.1. Races will be started by using RRS 26.

14.2. The starting line will be between a mast/ staff on the race committee boat displaying an orange flag and the staff displaying an orange flag on an outer distance mark (ODM)

14.3. Boats, marks or other items attached to the committee boat for the duration of the starting sequence are deemed to be part of the committee boat and not temporary attachments.

14.4. When two or more starts are specified, the warning signal for each successive class shall be made with the starting signal of the preceding class. [Starts will be at 5 minute intervals.]

14.5. In the event of a general recall for a class, RRS29.2 will apply.

14.6. When two or more races are to be sailed "back to back", the "answering pennant" (AP) will be displayed with two sound signals for a period of at least one minute, prior to removing, one minute before the warning signal for the next race of the first class.

14.7. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area, during the starting sequence for other races.

14.8. A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored "Did Not Start" (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2

### **15. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE.**

15.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position, or position a committee boat displaying ICF 'M' in its place RRS 34(b)).

### **16. THE FINISH.**

16.1. The finishing line will be between a mast/ staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on a nearby mark.

16.2. When "average lap racing" is used, The race committee will display ICF "S", (possibly with class flags) accompanied by two sound signals on the committee boat, to give as much notice as possible before the first boat of the class or classes indicated to finish, crosses the line. All boats subsequently passing through the line in use as a finishing line, from the direction of the previous mark will finish, unless a clear hail to continue has been acknowledged.

### **16. PENALTY SYSTEM.**

16.1. One-Turn & Two-Turn Penalties will apply. (RRS 44.1 & 44.2).

### **17. TIME LIMITS.**

17.1. Time limits may be for any races may be set by the race committee on the day

17.2. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, whichever is the later, will be scored "Time Limit Expired" (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

17.3. Alternatively, at its discretion the race committee may give boats a finish position. This changes RRS 35.

### **18. HEARING REQUESTS.**

18.1. For each class the protest time limit is thirty minutes after the time the last boat in their class finishes. In the case of "back to back" races the protest time limit is thirty minutes after the time of the last boat finishes in the final race of the sequence of races.

- 18.2 Hearing forms are available at the race office, located on the first floor of the club house. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit. In addition, boats intending to protest are requested to notify the race committee on the committee boat upon finishing.
- 18.3. Notices will be posted on the official notice board no later than thirty minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Unless otherwise stated, hearings will be held in the race office located on the first floor of the club house. Hearings will begin at the time posted and it is the responsibility of competitors to check the notice board.
- 18.4. Notices of protest by the race committee will be posted on the official notice board to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b). Such protests will be subject to the same time limit as in SI 16.2.
- 18.5. Breaches of SI's 21, 23, 24, and 25 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a "Discretionary Penalty Imposed" under this instruction will be DPI.
- 18.6 The protest committee may award discretionary penalties instead of disqualification. This changes RRS 64.2

## **19. SCORING.**

- 19.1. The scoring system of RRS Appendix A.4 will apply (see RRS 90.3).
- 19.2. The number of discards to be allowed and the number of races required to be completed to constitute the regatta series will be set out in the NOR.
- 19.3 Boats of BBSC members performing duties on BBSC Long Series race days will be given average points redress in accordance with RRS Appendix A10 (a), in calculating the average. The scores of other boats shall not be changed; if this results in two boats having the same score, such scores will not be treated as a tie to be broken. This changes RRS Appendix A10 (a).

## **20. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT.**

- 20.1. In BBSC Long Series events, helms may change their crews at their discretion. However if the boat is helmed by a different member, a second entry to the event for that boat will be required. [See NOR 2.4]
- 20.2. Helms wishing to use a sail that does not bear the boats registration number, must obtain prior written approval from the race committee.

## **21. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS.**

- 21.1. 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 equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

## **22. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT.**

- 22.1. [DP] In Open Regatta Events, substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 22.2. [DP] Helms wishing to use a sail that does not bear the boats registration number, must obtain prior written approval from the race committee.
- 22.3. [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

## **23. OFFICIAL BOATS.**

- 23.1. Official boats will include all safety boats and committee boats of Bough Beech SC and the crews of such are designated members of the race committee.

## **24. SUPPORT BOATS.**

24.1. Team leaders, coaches and other support persons shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start, until all boats have finished or retired, or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. [DP]

## **25. TRASH DISPOSAL.**

25.1. Boats shall not intentionally put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard official or support boats.

## **26. RADIO COMMUNICATION.**

26.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones. [DP]

## **27. PRIZES.**

27.1. Prizes will be awarded as detailed in the NOR.

## **28. RISK STATEMENT.**

28.1. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.** 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 regatta.

## **29 INSURANCE.**

29.1 It is a condition of entry that each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a level of cover adequate to cover all third party claims.

**BBSC Sailing Committee.  
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