



Bough Beech Sailing Club.

Bough Beech, Nr. Edenbridge. Kent

Standard open meeting Sailing Instructions 2017/18

1. RULES.

- 1.1. All races will be governed by the rules as defined in *The ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-20*(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 & Preamble to Part 4**; RRS 60.1(a); RRS 64.1(a); RRS A4. RRS A5; RRS A10(a); Race signals ICF "L";
- 1.4. The exoneration penalty (and advisory and arbitration hearings) of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedure will be available.
- 1.5. Eligibility requirements for boats and helms are as set out in the NOR.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS.

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located in the clubhouse near the registration desk. 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. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS.

- 3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board(s) **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.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE.

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the club mast on the foreshore.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES.

- 5.1. Dates and times of racing will be as set out in the NOR...
- 5.2. The number of races will be as set out in the NOR.
- 5.3. 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.

6. CLASS FLAGS.

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

7. RACING AREAS.

- 7.1. 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. (DP)

8. THE COURSES.

- 8.1 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.
- 8.2 In events where courses require boats to sail through a line on each lap, boats failing to sail through the line but otherwise passing all other marks correctly will not have completed that lap, until they pass through the line they remain on that lap. or will have one lap subtracted from their course for each omission..

9. MARKS.

- 9.1. Marks may be both large inflatable buoys and/or yellow spherical buoys.
- 9.2. 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.

10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS.

- 10.1. 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.

11. THE START.

- 11.1. Races will be started by using RRS 26.

- 11.2. 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)
- 11.3. 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.
- 11.4. 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.]
- 11.5. In the event of a general recall for a class, RRS29.2 will apply.
- 11.6. 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.
- 11.7. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area, during the starting sequence for other races. (RRS 24.1 Interfering with another boat).
- 11.8. A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored “Did Not Start” (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.and A5..

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE.

- 12.1. 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)).

13. THE FINISH.

- 13.1. 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.
- 13.2. 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.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM.

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

15. TIME LIMITS.

- 15.1. Time limits may be for any races may be set by the race committee on the day
- 15.2. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, whichever is the later, will be scored “Did Not *Finish*” (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 15.3. Alternatively, at its discretion the race committee may give boats a finish position. This changes RRS 35.

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS.

- 16.1. Protest 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.

- 16.2. 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.
- 16.3. 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.
- 16.4. 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.
- 16.5. 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.
- 16.6 The protest committee may award discretionary penalties instead of disqualification. This changes RRS 64.1(a).

17. SCORING.

- 17.1. The scoring system of RRS Appendix A4.1 will apply (see RRS rule 90.3).
- 17.2. 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.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS.

- 18.1. Check-Out and Check-In:
 - (a) Competitors are not required to sign on or off before/after each race or series of races.
 - (b) Competitors SHALL complete declarations within 30 minutes of the last boat finishing, or in the case of back to back races within 30 minutes of the last boat in the final race of the sequence of races.
If they.
>do not complete (DNC) or come to the start line but do not start. (DNS)
>Do not finish (DNF).
> Complete one or two turn penalties (RRS 44.1)
- 18.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 18.3. **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 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 (DP).**
- 18.4. 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. (DP)

19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT.

- 19.1. In Open Regatta Events, substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

- 19.2. Helms wishing to use a sail that does not bear the boats registration number, must obtain prior written approval from the race committee. (DP)
- 19.3. 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.(DP)

20. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS.

- 20.1. 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.

21. ADVERTISING.

- 21.1. Boats may display advertising supplied by the organising authority.

22. OFFICIAL BOATS.

- 22.1. 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.

23. SUPPORT BOATS.

- 23.1. 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)

24. TRASH DISPOSAL.

- 24.1. Boats shall not intentionally put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard official or supporty boats. (DP)

25. RADIO COMMUNICATION.

- 25.1 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)

26. PRIZES.

- 26.1. Prizes will be awarded as detailed in the NOR.

27. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY.

- 27.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk, see RRS 4, "Decision to Race." It is the competitors responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks drawn to their attention in any rules or information produced for the safety briefing held for the event. 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.

28. INSURANCE.

28.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with a valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of two-million pounds per event or the equivalent. Furthermore, participants are encouraged to consider the adequacy of their third party liability insurance.

BBSC Sailing Committee.
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