



## **BOUGH BEECH SAILING CLUB**

**Start Racing Course Regatta**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

# **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

*The notation '[DP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. 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 (RRS) 2021-24.

1.2. The prescriptions of the RYA 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; A9(a); Race signals ICF "L" and Appendix S 11.1

1.4. The exoneration penalty (and advisory and arbitration hearings) of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedure will be available.

## **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 and on the club website <http://www.boughbeechsc.org.uk/sailing-instructionsnotices-of-racing>.

2.2. There is also a course board, which is situated in the boat house at the front of the building.

2.3. 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 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.

## **4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

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

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 15 minutes' in Race Signals AP.2

## **5. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

5.1. 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 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 to ensure this.

5.2. 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]

5.3. Signing on/off and declarations:

The entry form will act as the sign on sheet for all races. There is no need to sign off once ashore after racing.

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

## **6. SCHEDULE OF RACES AND START SEQUENCE**

6.1. Dates and times of racing will be as set out in the NOR and club calendar on the website.

6.2. The number of races will be as set out in the NOR.

6.3. 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.

6.4. The start sequence will be 5-4-1-Go

6.5. The Warning Signal (Class Flag) will be raised at 5 minutes before the start

The Preparatory Signal (code flag "P" or "I") will be raised at 4 minutes before the start

The Preparatory Signal (code flag "P" or "I") will be lowered at 1 minute before the start

The Warning Signal (Class Flag) will be lowered at the start

## **7. CLASS FLAGS**

7.1 Class flags will be indicated on the course board.

## **8. RACING AREAS**

8.1. The racing area is shown on the course board.

8.2 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.

8.3 Except in an emergency, landing on the reservoir shores outside the clubhouse foreshore is prohibited.

## **9. COURSES**

9.1 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, and/or at the briefing.

## **10. MARKS**

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

10.2 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.

## **11. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS**

11.1. 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.

## **12. THE START**

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

12.2 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.

13.3. 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.]

13.4. In the event of a general recall for a class, RRS 29.2 will apply.

13.5. When two or more races are to be sailed “back-to-back”, the Race Committee may at its discretion signal a ‘postponement’ Race Signal AP for a minimum period of 1 minute before commencing the start in accordance with the race signal rule and RRS 26.

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

13.7. 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.

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

14.1 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).

#### **15. THE FINISH**

15.1. The finishing line will be between a mast/ staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on a nearby mark This changes RRS Rule Appendix S 11.1

15.2. When “average lap racing” is in use, the race committee will signal, with as much notice as possible, that boats will be finished at the next time they cross the start/finish line from the direction of the previous mark utilizing Shortening Course RRS 32.2 signals [ICF code flag ‘S’, +2 sounds, with or without class flags].

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

16.1. One-Turn (touching a race mark) & Two-Turn (right of way rule infringement) Penalties will apply. (RRS 44.1 & 44.2).

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

17.1. The race committee may set time limits for races, in which case these will be advised on the course board along with the course information.

17.2 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, will be scored ‘Did not Finish’ (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.2. 17.3. For events which comprise individual classes of boats, not handicap fleets, 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 18.1.

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. [DP]

18.6 The protest committee may award discretionary penalties instead of disqualification. This changes RRS 64.2

## **19. SCORING**

19.1. The scoring system will be determined by the current (2023) Portsmouth Yardstick for each class of boat entered, and by using *Sailwave* software to calculate the corrected timings of each boat entered.

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.

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

20.1. Helms in two person boats may only change their crews at the discretion of the Race Committee.

20.3. Requests for substitution of damaged or lost equipment should be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race. [DP]

20.4. Helms wishing to use a sail that does not bear the boats registration number, must obtain prior written approval from the race committee. [DP]

## **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. 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. RRS 47 applies. Trash may be placed aboard official or support 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. RISK STATEMENT**

27.1. 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.

27.2 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 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 (note: boats being used from the BBSC hire fleet are third party insured already).

## **29. CODE OF CONDUCT**

29.1 Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials. [DP]

29.2 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. [DP]

**BBSC Sailing Committee.**