BOUGH BEECH SAILING CLUB

BBSC Icicle Series

Sailing Instructions 2027

*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.*

1. Rules

1.1. All races will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025-28* as published by World Sailing.

1.2. The prescriptions of the RYA, the rules of the relevant Class Associations, the Notice of Race (NOR), and these Sailing Instructions (SIs) will apply. In the event of conflict between the rules, those of the SIs shall prevail.

1.3. The exoneration penalty (and advisory and arbitration hearings) of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedure will be available as outlined in RRS Appendix T.

1.4. The following Rules will be subject to change: RRS 33; RRS 40; RRS 41; RRS 45; RRS 60.1; RRS 64; RRS A5.1; RRS A5.2; RRS A9; Race Signal ICF 'L'; Appendix S 11.1.

2. Notices to competitors

2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted online on the Official Noticeboard under the Icicle tab on the BBSC website.

2.2. Notices to competitors will also be posted on the Official Noticeboard located in the clubhouse, and on the course board located in the boat house at the front of the clubhouse.

2.3. In addition to the Official Notice Board, BBSC may communicate with sailors via a WhatsApp group. Join here: https://chat.whatsapp.com/D4TvAuEjHHZ9cKS9YspFQc?s=sh&p=a&iam=2

2.4. The Race Committee may give additional instructions afloat 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 changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board 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.

3.2. Any change to the race schedule will be posted by 2000hrs on the day before it applies.

4. Signals made ashore

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

4.2. When AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 15 minutes". This changes RRS Race Signals.

5. Safety regulations

5.1. Rule 40.1 applies at all times. 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. **[DP]**

5.2. The wearing of suitable dinghy footwear is **mandatory**. The wearing of yacht boots, wellingtons, or flip flops is prohibited. **[DP]**

5.3. Wetsuits or drysuits must be worn. **[DP]**

5.4. 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 may be scored DNS (Did Not Start) without a hearing.
(b) **Competitors shall sign off** with the appropriate declaration (RET) should they retire from a race. Competitors that do not make a declaration are assumed to have finished.

5.5. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

5.6. Action taken by a Safety Boat to repatriate a competitor separated from their vessel is not deemed to be "outside help" as defined in RRS 41 and is not subject to protest from another competitor. This changes RRS 41.

6. Bow numbers

6.1. Boats shall display numbers on both sides of the bow for identification purposes for the duration of the Series. Bough Beech SC will supply these numbers at registration. **[NP]**

6.2. Trolley tags will be issued to competitors at registration. These shall display the boat's bow number.

7. Schedule of races

7.1. The schedule of races is as below:

Date	Class	Number of races per day
3rd January 2027 and each Sunday thereafter up to and including 21st February 2027	All conventional classes, and RS Feva S and RS Feva XL	Two, weather permitting. No warning signal before 1055hrs
3rd January 2027 and each Sunday thereafter up to and including 21st February 2027	All asymmetric classes, excluding RS Feva S and RS Feva XL	Two, weather permitting. No warning signal before 1100hrs

7.2. Races are to be sailed back-to-back. If a third 'catch up' race is to be sailed, it may be sailed after a lunch break ashore at the Race Officer's discretion.

7.3. The Race Committee may change the schedule and/or number of races to be sailed at its discretion.

8. Class flags

8.1. Conventional fleet class flag will be ICF 'T'.

8.2. Asymmetric fleet class flag will be ICF 'R'.

9. Racing areas

9.1. The racing area will be displayed on the course board.

9.2. 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.

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

10. Courses

10.1. 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.

10.2. Asymmetric fleet courses shall be windward-leeward.

10.3. A boat that fails to pass a mark correctly shall be scored Did Not Sail the Course (NSC) without a hearing.

11. Marks

11.1. Course marks will be large orange inflatable buoys and yellow spherical buoys with flagstaff.

11.2. A spreader mark may be laid at the windward mark. If laid, this will be a large orange inflatable buoy with horizontal black stripe.

11.3. The Outer Distance Mark (ODM) shall be an orange spherical buoy with flagstaff.

11.4. 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.

12. Areas that are obstructions

12.1. Boats are required to keep at least 50 metres away from fishermen. Such a margin for fishermen on the shore shall be considered a continuous obstruction (RRS 19.2 and RRS 20).

13. The start

13.1. Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.

13.2. The default preparatory signal shall be ICF 'U' (Uniform). UFD boats may be identified by sail number or bow number.

13.3. The starting line will be between a mast/staff on the Committee Boat displaying an orange flag, and the course side of the Outer Distance Mark (ODM).

13.4. 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.

13.5. 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. The warning signal for the Asymmetric fleet will be made with the starting signal of the Conventional fleet.

13.7. In the event of a General Recall for the Conventional fleet, RRS 29.2 will apply.

13.8. 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.

13.9. A boat shall not be penalised for leaving the shore after its preparatory signal. This changes RRS 45.

14. Change of course

14.1. The Race Committee may move a mark up to 20m in any direction without signalling the change. This changes RRS 33.

15. The finish

15.1. The finishing line will be between a mast on the Committee Boat displaying an orange flag, and the course side of the Outer Distance Mark (ODM). This changes Appendix S 11.1.

15.2. The Race Committee shall signal, with as much notice as possible, that boats will be finishing at the next time they cross the start/finish line from the direction of the previous mark utilising Shortening Course RRS 32.2 signals (ICF 'S', +2 sounds, with or without class flags).

16. Time limits

16.1. The target time for both fleets shall be 60 minutes.

16.2. 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. Hearing requests

17.1. 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.

17.2. Hearing forms are available at the race office, located on the first floor of the clubhouse. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit. In addition, competitors intending to protest are requested to notify the Race Committee on the Committee Boat upon finishing.

17.3. 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 clubhouse. Hearings will begin at the time posted and it is the responsibility of competitors to check the notice board.

17.4. 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 time limit as in SI 16.1.

17.5. Breaches of SIs 6, 19, 22, and 23 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1. Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification, at the Protest Committee's discretion. **[DP]**

17.6. The Protest Committee may award Discretionary Penalties instead of disqualification. This changes RRS 64.

17.7. The Discretionary Penalty shall be 20% of the Did Not Finish score for that race, rounded upward. The penalty shall not cause the boat's score to be worse than the score for Did Not Finish.

18. Scoring

18.1. The scoring system of RRS Appendix A.4 will apply (see RRS 90.3).

18.2. 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 Notice of Race.

18.3. Boats of BBSC members performing duties on race days shall be scored their average points score from all races in the series, excluding discards. These average points apply to a maximum of two races in the series. The scores of other boats shall not be changed. This changes RRS A9.

19. Replacement of crew or equipment

19.1. Crews may only be changed following written application and approval by the Race Committee. **[DP]**

19.2. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race. **[DP] [NP]**

19.3. Helms wishing to use a sail that does not bear the boat's registration number, must obtain prior written approval from the Race Committee. **[DP] [NP]**

20. Advertising

20.1. Boats shall display advertising if supplied by the Organising Authority.

21. Official boats

21.1. 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.

22. Trash disposal

22.1. RRS 47 applies. Trash may be placed aboard official or support boats. **[DP] [NP]**

23. Radio communication

23.1. 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] [NP]**

24. Prizes

24.1. Prizes will be awarded as detailed in the Notice of Race.

25. Risk statement

25.1. RRS 3 states: **'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing 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.

25.2. 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 series.

26. Insurance

26.1. 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.

27. Code of conduct

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

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