

# Solo Open Meeting

14 April 2019

Organising Authority is Spinnaker Club in conjunction with Solo Class Association

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Personal flotation devices must be worn by all junior members when in the vicinity of, or on, any pontoon, jetty or water frontage.
- 1.3 **Racing Charter**  
Competitors should note that Spinnaker Club has implemented the RYA Racing Charter and that when entering competitors shall sail in compliance with the charter. The Racing Charter can be found at the beginning of the RRS.
- 1.4 The class rules of Solo Class will apply.

### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the Club House.

### 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09:00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Race Hut to the North-East of the Clubhouse.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 10 minutes' in the race signal AP.

### 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The series will consist of up to 4 races.
- 5.2 The proposed starting times are shown in the following table.
- 5.3 The first warning signal on Saturday will not be before 11:00
- 5.4 **Racing Schedule:**

<u>Day</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Time of Start</u>
Saturday	1	1103
	2	ASAP after race 1
	3	No earlier than 1330
	4	ASAP after race 3

- 5.5** After a long postponement, to alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound for at least four minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

## **6 CLASS FLAGS**

The Solo Class flags will be Flag 'R'.

## **7 THE COURSES**

- 7.1** Courses will be displayed on the Course Board in the Club House not less than 30 minutes before the Warning Signal.
- 7.2** The course will also be displayed below the Signal Mast in front of the Race Hut and or on the committee boat. The course may be changed after the first race when racing back-to-back races. Any change will be indicated by the Signal Flag L being displayed.  
The course boards indicate the sequence of rounding the marks from left to right and the background colour Red or Green indicates which way to round the mark Red to Port and Green to Starboard.

## **8 MARKS**

- 8.1** The lake has a number of fixed marks that are spherical buoys with alpha numeric characters as shown on the map of the lake. There are additional white Dan buoys with a pole that are moveable, they will be identified with coloured flags with numbers when used as marks of the course. Red flag indicates leave to Port, Green flag indicates leave to Starboard.
- 8.2** All marks of the course are rounding marks unless otherwise stated.
- 8.3** The starting marks will be the committee boat displaying an orange flag and a white Dan buoy displaying a Blue flag, or the Race Hut displaying an orange flag and a white Dan buoy with a Blue flag. The finishing marks will be the main mast on the committee boat displaying a Blue flag and a Dan buoy displaying a Blue flag. Or the Race Hut main mast displaying an Orange flag and a white Dan buoy with a Blue flag.

## **9 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS**

The following areas are designated as obstructions: the islands and jetties.

## **10 THE START**

- 10.1** Races will be started as follows: 3 minute warning signal, 2 minute preparatory signal 1 minute start. This changes rule 26.
- 10.2** The starting line will be between staffs displaying Orange flags on the Committee Boat or the Race Hut main mast display and a white Dan buoy with a Blue flag.
- 10.3** Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 10.4** A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rules A4 and A5.

## **11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 11.1** To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

## **12 THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee boat at the starboard end and a white Dan buoy with a Blue flag (ODM).

**(OR)**

The finishing line will be between main mast on the 'Race Hut' displaying an Orange flag and a White Dan buoy with Blue flag.

## **13 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

- 13.1** Time limits and target times are as follows:

Target time for each race will be 40 minutes.

Time limit for each race will be 60 minutes.

Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

- 13.2** Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

## **14 SCORING**

- 14.1** The Low Point System of Appendix A4 will apply.

- 14.2** 2 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

- 14.3** (a) When fewer than 3 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When from 3 to 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## **15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 15.1** Protest forms are available in the Race Office, located on the Official Notice Board. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

- 15.2** For each class, the protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

- 15.3** Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located in the Clubhouse or Bosuns Locker as soon as possible.

- 15.4** Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

- 15.5** Breaches of instructions 17, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, and 26 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 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.

- 15.6** On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
- (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
  - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes rule 66.

- 15.7** On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

## **16 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 16.1** All competitors shall wear a personal flotation devices at all times when afloat, except briefly when changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not considered personal flotation devices. This changes rule 40 and the preamble to Part 4.

- 16.2** Check-Out and Check-In: All competitors are to ensure that they have signed in prior to the start of race 1 and race 3. Signing in for race 1 and 3 will be deemed as signing on for races 2 and 4.

- 16.3** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

**16.4 Outside Help:**

Penalties for breaches of rule 41 (Outside Help) will be at the discretion of the protest committee. Any outside help shall be reported to the protest committee on a form available from the race office or the protest desk before the protest time limit on the day concerned.

## **17 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 17.1** Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

- 17.2** Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **18 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

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.

## **19 ADVERTISING**

Boats shall display advertising supplied by the organizing authority as follows: As required and notified on the day of the event.

## **20 OFFICIAL BOATS**

Official boats will be marked as follows: Committee boat will carry an orange on station flag flying from signal masts. Rescue boats may or may not carry the Spinnaker Club name on the floats.

## **21 TRASH DISPOSAL**

Boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

## **22 PRIZES**

Prizes will be given as follows: First, second and third overall.

## **23 RISK STATEMENT**

Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states; "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- (a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their property whether afloat or ashore.;
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- (g) (If not covered in Notice of Race) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £2,000,000 against third party claims.

## **24 INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2 million per event or the equivalent.