

# Laser Open Meeting

18th May 2019

Organising Authority is Spinnaker Club

## Sailing Instructions

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 All racing will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (RRS) which includes the prescriptions of the RYA.
- 1.2 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.
- 1.3 The following RRS are changed as detailed in these SI:
  - 1.3.1 RRS A4.1
  - 1.3.2 RRS A5
  - 1.3.3 RRS Race Signals
  - 1.3.4 RRS 28.1
  - 1.3.5 RRS 33
  - 1.3.6 RRS 35
  - 1.3.7 RRS 44.1
  - 1.3.8 RRS 60.1(a)
  - 1.3.9 RRS 60.1(b)
- 1.4 The rules of the International Laser Class Association will apply unless stated in these Sis.
- 1.5 The RYA Rules Dispute Advisory Hearing and/or Pre-protest Hearing will apply. A full explanation can be found at <https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/racing-rules/Pages/rules-disputes-process>.

### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

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

### 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Changes to the SIs during the regatta will be notified using Signal Flag LIMA (L) and displayed on the Official Notice Board in the Club House.
- 3.2 No race will start until at least 10 minutes after the change has been notified to competitors.

### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

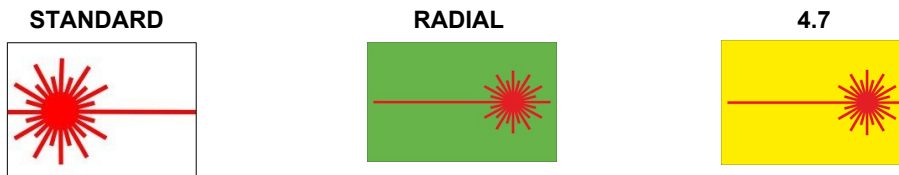
- 4.1 When a committee vessel or vessels are being used, signals made ashore will be made at the Race Hut to the North-East of the Clubhouse.
- 4.2 When racing is being run from the shore, all race signals will be made at the Race Hut to the North-East of the Clubhouse.
- 4.3 For races that use a committee vessel or vessels, when Race Signal AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 10 minutes' in the Race Signal AP. This amends RRS Racing Signals

## 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The series will consist of up to 4 races.
- 5.2 Classes may be started individually or in groups.
- 5.3 The time of the first warning signal will not be before 10:30.
- 5.4 The second and subsequent race starts will be as soon as possible after the finish of preceding races.

## 6 CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 The class flags to be used shall be:



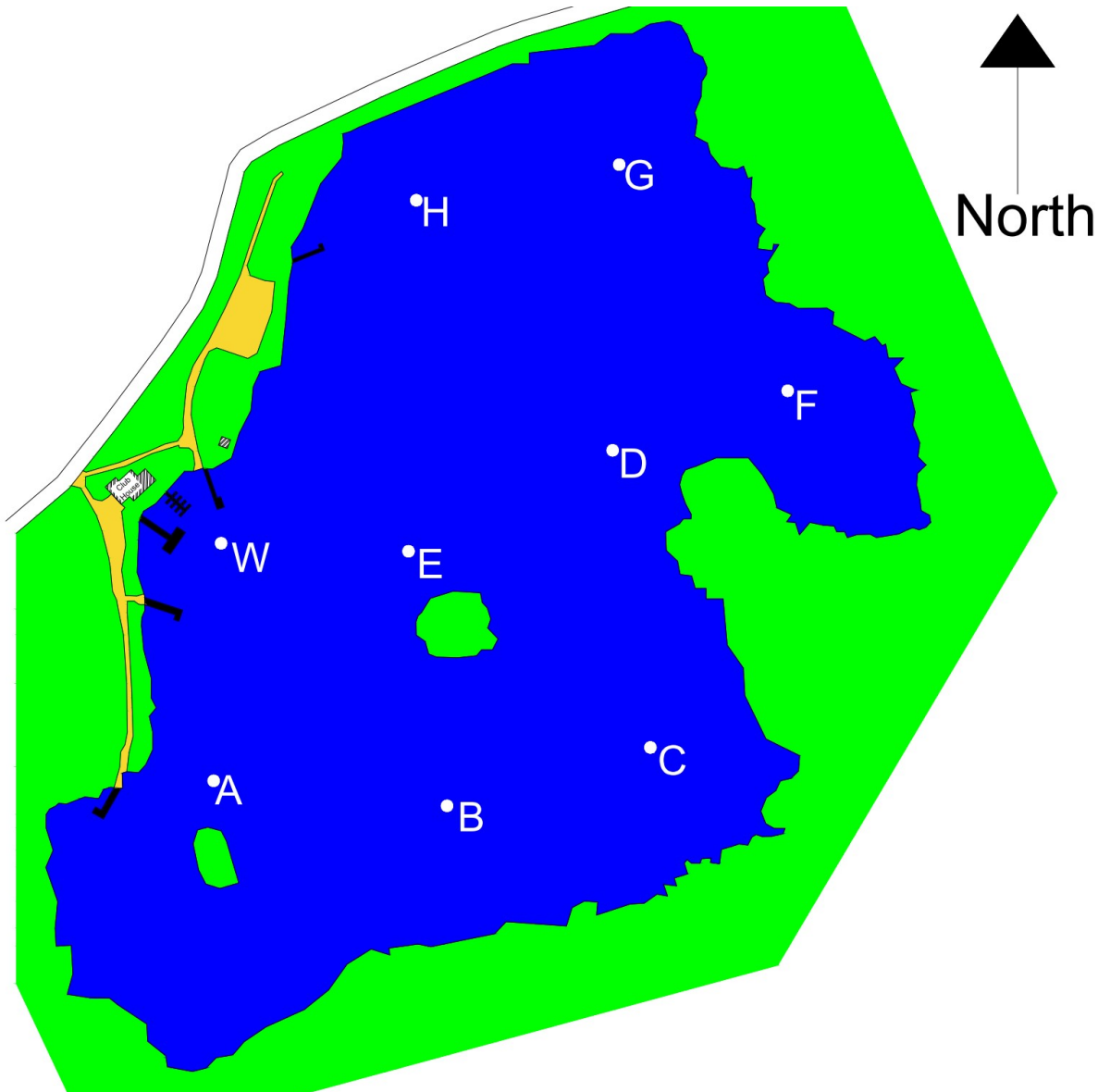
## 7 THE COURSES

- 7.1 Courses and number of laps (per race) will be displayed on the Course Board at the Race Hut (located to the North of the Club House) not less than 10 minutes before the first Warning Signal of the first race of the day.
- 7.2 The name and rounding sequence of marks of the course will also be displayed below the Signal Mast in front of the Race Hut and on the committee boat acting as a start boat if it is being used.
- 7.3 The sequence of rounding of the marks (as displayed from the race hut and committee boat) will be from left to right. The background colour (Red or Green) indicates which way to round the mark - Red to Port and Green to Starboard.
- 7.4 The course may be changed after any race. When the course is changed on the same day of racing the change in course will be indicated by the Signal Flag LIMA (L) over Signal Flag CHARLIE (C) being displayed. Failure to display Signal Flag Lima (L) over Signal Flag CHARLIE (C) when the course is changed will not be grounds for redress under RRS 62.1(a). This changes RRS60.1(b)
- 7.5 If a course is to be changed between races that are to be run back-to-back, a lead boat shall be provided. Failure to provide a lead boat will not be grounds for redress under RRS 62.1(a). This changes RRS60.1(b).

## 8 MARKS

- 8.1 Marks will be either;
  - 8.1.1 Fixed marks - Spherical yellow buoys displaying the capital letters, A to G and W as shown on the map of the lake at Figure 1.
  - 8.1.2 Laid marks - white Dan buoys with a pole staff to display a green or red Numeral or plain blue or a plain red flag.

**FIGURE 1 - CLUB RACING MARKS**



**9 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS**

9.1 The following areas are designated as obstructions: NONE

**10 THE START**

10.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.1

10.2 Sail numbers of individually recalled boats may be hailed or displayed from the Committee Boat. Failure to hail sail numbers will not be grounds for redress under RRS 62.1(a). This changes RRS60.1(b).

10.3 The starting line will be defined by one of two methods:

10.3.1 Committee Boat Start Line – A line between a flag staff on a Committee Vessel displaying an Orange Flag and a white Dan buoy with a Blue Flag

10.3.2 Race Hut Start Line - A transit formed by the southern column of the race signal gantry

and the upper apex of the triangle in front of the signal gantry. Boats shall pass between the outer limit mark, which will be a white Dan buoy with a Blue Flag and the signal gantry

- 10.4 Either line may use an Inner Distance Mark, which will be a white Dan buoy displaying a Red Flag. When laid, boats shall start by passing through the defined line, between the inner and outer distance marks
- 10.5 The Starting Signal for the first class or classes will be the Warning Signal for the subsequent class or classes.

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

- 11.1 Marks may be moved at any time without any notice to competitors, this changes RRS 33.

## **12 THE FINISH**

- 12.1 The Finish Line will be defined by one of two methods –
  - 12.1.1 Committee Boat Line – A line between a flag staff on a Committee Vessel displaying an Orange Flag and a white Dan buoy with a Blue Flag
  - 12.1.2 Race Hut Line - A transit formed by the southern column of the race signal gantry and the upper apex of the triangle in front of the signal gantry. Boats shall pass between the outer limit mark, which will be a white Dan buoy with a Blue Flag, and the signal gantry.
- 12.2 The type of finish line will be stated on the Course Board.
- 12.3 Either line may use an Inner Distance Mark, which will be a white Dan buoy displaying a Red Flag. When laid, boats shall end each lap and finish by passing through the defined line, between the inner and outer distance marks.
- 12.4 When an official boat displays Signal Flag Whisky (W) with two sounds, boats will be finished by this official boat. When a boat finishes in accordance with this instruction she shall be given a finishing place after all boats which completed the course and boats that were finished with flag W ahead of that boat. This changes RRS 28.1 and RRS 35.

## **13 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 13.1 Provided the flag remains on the buoy there shall be no penalty when a boat touches any part of a flag which does not surround the staff of a mark. This amends RRS 44.
- 13.2 The Exoneration Penalty may be accepted by a competitor and an Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration service may be used as defined in SI 1.5.

## **14 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

- 14.1 The target time for each race will be 60 minutes.
- 14.2 A finish window will be in place; boats must finish within 15 minutes of the first boat in the race finishing, which may include finishing in accordance with SI 11.4. The finish window shall not apply to any boat further along the course than a boat that has been finished under SI 11.4. This changes RRS 35
- 14.3 Boats failing to finish within the finish window and not awarded a place using Signal Flag Whisky (W) in accordance with SI 11.4 will be scored Did Not Finish by the Race Committee. This changes RRS A4.1 and A5.

## **15 DECLARATIONS**

- 15.1 All the Boats that retire must inform the Duty Race Officer as soon as possible, but not later than 10 minutes after the time of the last boat's finish in that race. If "back-to-back" racing takes place then within 10 minutes after the time of the last boat's finish in the last race sailed in this way.

## **16 SCORING**

- 16.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A4 will apply.
- 16.2 If 3 or more races are sailed, the number of discards shall be 1.

## **17 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 17.1 An Exoneration Penalty, Advisory Hearing and Arbitration service is available. Full details of this service are contained in Addendum E
- 17.2 Protest forms are available in the Race Hut, located to the North-East of the Clubhouse. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 17.3 The protest time limit for each race is 15 minutes after the last boat has finished that race. Where races are run back to back, the protest time limit is 15minutes after the last race of that series, that day.
- 17.4 Notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board no later than 1 hour after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Times will be advisory only.
- 17.5 Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 17.6 Breaches of Sailing Instructions will not be grounds for a protest by a Competitor. 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.

## **18 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 18.1 No support boats are allowed on the lake without express permission of the Duty Race Officer.
- 18.2 All helmsman shall wear a personal flotation device to the minimum standard ISO 12402-5 (Level 50) or equivalent. All fastening devices supplied by the manufacturer shall be used in the manner intended. Signal Flag YANKEE (Y) will not be displayed. This changes RRS 40 and the preamble to Part 4.
- 18.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible. Attention is drawn to SI 14.1
- 18.4 A boat may receive help from an outside source as detailed in RRS 1 without incurring a penalty. RRS 41 now states that help can be given to any person in danger. If a Patrol Boat crew decides that competitor(s) may be in 'Danger' then the competitor(s) receiving help need not retire. A report will be made to the Duty Race Officer and if it is deemed that there was no significant advantage gained, no further action will be taken. If the competitor(s) did gain an advantage then the competitor(s) may be protested and penalized; any penalty may be less than disqualification. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.

- 18.5 If a Patrol Boat is required to provide a level of assistance to an individual boat or competitor(s) and it is deemed by the Duty Racer Officer that this is causing the Patrol Boat to be unable to adequately perform their other duties, said boat will be scored as retired (RET) and asked to stop racing and return to the shore. The Duty Race Officer's decision in the matter is final and is not grounds for redress. Failure to obey this SI will result in a Protest by the Race Committee for alleged breach of RRS 69.

## **19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 19.1 There are no restrictions on the replacement or substitution of equipment between races.

## **20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

- 20.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Association Rules and Sailing Instructions

## **21 RISK STATEMENT**

- 21.1 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 and the parent or guardian of each competitor who is 18 or under, agrees and acknowledges that:
- 21.1.1 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;
  - 21.1.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
  - 21.1.3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
  - 21.1.4 Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
  - 21.1.5 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;
  - 21.1.6 The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances; and
  - 21.1.7 It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

## **22 INSURANCE**

- 22.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.