

OPEN MEETING SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2025- 2028

1.0 Rules

Races will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025 - 2028.

2.0 Conditions of Entry

2.1 The safety of a boat and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/person in charge who must ensure that the boat and crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of the race or races. Neither these sailing instructions nor any inspection of the boat limits the absolute responsibility of the owner/person in charge for the crew, the boat and her management. The race organisers shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/person in charge or crew as a result of them taking part in a race or races. Moreover the owner/person in charge warrants the suitability of the boat for the race or races.

2.2 All boats must be insured against third party risks for a minimum figure of £3,000,000 (three million pounds) but unlimited in the aggregate, at all times whilst on the Club premises or water.

2.3 Before a boat is eligible to compete and score points in a race, she must have a valid measurement certificate as required by her class rules and be a paid up member of the class association if required to be so. Evidence of both may be required at registration.

2.4 Only under exceptional circumstances will the race committee permit a boat to use sails carrying a distinguishing number other than that required by rule 77. The owner/person in charge shall ensure that the correct number appears on the race result sheet.

4.0 Notices to Competitors

These will be posted on the Official Noticeboard in the Clubhouse.

5.0 Changes to Sailing Instructions

These sailing instructions may be changed up to 10 minutes before the warning signal.

6.0 Signals made ashore

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the halyards on the race office bridge.

7.0 Schedule of Races

7.1 Times as set out in the Notice of Race.

7.2 The number of races will be as in the Notice of Race.

8.0 Class Warning Flags

8.1 International I4 - flag M

8.2 Firefly - flag F

8.3 Other classes - yellow flag or designated class flag

9.0 Course and Marks

9.1 The course will be laid using numbered flags on a pole mounted on white cylindrical buoys.

9.2 Limit mark flags will be either orange or blue.

9.3 The course will be displayed on the course board situated between the two slipways away from the Clubhouse.

10.0 Number of Laps

10.1 The number of laps will be indicated on the course board.

10.2 In the event of a committee boat start, the distance from the start to first crossing of the finish line is in addition to the number of laps set.

11.0 Shorten Course

11.1 This will be in accordance with rule 32.2.

11.2 If the shorten course is made from the shore line, the leading boat will finish when she next crosses the finish line in the direction of the course from the last mark, after having rounded all marks in the correct order. All boats then finish in the same manner after the leading boat.

11.3 If a boat has been lapped, she will also finish when she

next crosses the finish line and will be scored after boats ahead of her.

12.0 The Start

12.1 The starting sequence will be in accordance with rule 26.

12.2 No boat shall start later than 5 minutes after her starting signal.

13.0 Start Line

13.1 The extension of a line from the mast on the race office box roof, through a floating orange mast to an outer distant mark with an orange flag at the other end.

13.2 A line between the mast on the committee boat and a mark at the other end displaying an orange flag.

14.0 Finish Line

14.1 Unless otherwise stated on the course board, the usual finish line will be the extension of a line from the mast on the race committee box roof, through a floating orange mast to an outer distant mark with an orange or blue flag at the other end.

14.2 The finish line may not always be in the same position as the start line.

15.0 Changing the position of the next mark

When, after the race has started and there is a substantial wind shift and provided that no boat is on that leg of the course, the race officer may move one or more of the marks. Rule 33 is changed in that no visual or sound signals will be made.

16.0 Obstructions

16.1 No boat shall pass between the platform off the Clubhouse shore, and that shore. This area ranks as an obstruction and any boat entering it will be scored as DNF without protest, changing rule 63 and Appendix A.

16.2 If two classes are racing at any time, no boat of the class not starting shall pass through the starting line from the warning signal of the class starting until that class has started. Any boat so doing will be scored DSQ without a protest, changing rule 63 and Appendix A.

17.0 Safety

Rule 40 is changed in that is a requirement that all those afloat at any time shall always wear a PFD.

18.0 Protests

Protests should be submitted within 15 minutes of the last boat to finish in that race. The Protestor shall be responsible for ensuring that the Protestee is aware that a protest has been lodged.

19.0 Declarations

Declarations will be required and the race sheet shall be signed within 15 minutes of the last boat to finish in that race. The race sheet will be found in the Clubhouse to the right of the door leading to the ladies' cloakroom.

20.0 Scoring System

The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.

21.0 Prizes

Trophies and prizes will be awarded as determined by the organizing authority.