

# Catapult Open - Bassenthwaite SC - April 30<sup>th</sup> – May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2022

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1. RULES

- (i) Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing and the Sailing Instructions.
- (ii) Rule 40 (Personal Flotation Device) - Rule 40.1 shall apply.

### 2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect

### 3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- i. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the clubhouse foyer.
- ii. While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

### 4. CODE OF CONDUCT

- i. Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- ii. Competitors and support persons shall place advertising (where provided by the organizing authority) with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

### 5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole next to the clubhouse.

### 6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- (i) There will be a briefing on Saturday April 30<sup>th</sup> at 1330hrs.
- (ii) The warning signal for Race 1 will not be sounded before 14:24hrs on Saturday April 30<sup>th</sup>.
- (iii) Races 2 – 6 will follow as directed by the Race Committee
- (iv) No warning signal will be sounded before 11:24hrs on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>, or Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

### 7. COURSES

- (i) The course to be sailed will be indicated on the course board attached to the gunwale of the Committee Boat approximately six minutes before the start of a race.
- (ii) The marks of the course, the order in which they are to be rounded, their required side and the number of laps will be shown on the course board.
- (iii) The numbers of marks to be rounded to port will be indicated on a red background and the numbers to be rounded to starboard will be indicated on a green background. The number of laps will be indicated on a black background.
- (iv) A black square will be taken to mean the word, 'then'.
- (v) The letters, 'Y Z' on a black background indicate that the start/finish line is part of the course, and that boats must sail through the start/finish line on each lap.

## **8. STARTING**

- (i) The warning signal will be the Catapult Class Flag
- (ii) The warning signal will be displayed six minutes before the start
- (iii) The preparatory signal will be displayed three minutes before that start.
- (iv) Races will be started from the Committee Boat, stationed at the starboard end of the starting line. Starting signals will be displayed from the mast of the Committee Boat.
- (v) The starting line will be formed by bringing the mast of the Committee Boat into line with an outer limit mark, displaying an orange flag.
- (vi) An inner limit mark displaying a white flag will be laid and yachts passing between it and the Committee Boat at any time will be liable to disqualification, at the discretion of the Race Committee.

## **9. MOVING MARKS**

- (i) Marks of the course may be moved before or during a race at the discretion of the Race Officer.
- (ii) The Race Officer will attempt to indicate the new position of the mark before boats round the previous mark. This changes RRS 33.

## **10. MARK ROOM**

The *zone*, as defined in RRS 18, will be 3 boat lengths.

## **11. PENALTY SYSTEM**

RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

## **12. SHORTENED COURSES**

If the course is shortened the Class Flag and International Code Flag 'S' will be displayed, accompanied by two sounds.

## **13. FINISHING**

The finishing line will be either:

- (i) Between the mast of the Committee Boat displaying a blue flag and the outer limit mark displaying an orange flag
- (ii) Between the mast of the Committee Boat displaying a blue flag and the mark next to which it is stationed.
- (iii) Between the black pole on the lake shore and Mark '0'.

## **14. RECALLS**

- (i) If a General Recall is signalled the First Substitute flag will be displayed, accompanied by two sounds.
- (ii) The preparatory signal for a new start will be displayed one minute after the First Substitute flag is removed (one sound). This changes RRS29.2

## **15. TIME LIMIT**

- (i) The Race Officer may terminate a race after thirty minutes have elapsed from the finishing time of the leading yacht.
- (ii) All yachts in that fleet still racing will be scored as RTD.

## **16. SCORING**

- (i) The low point scoring system defined in RRS Appendix A will apply.
- (ii) If 4 or more races are sailed the worst score shall be discarded.

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

- (i) Protests must be handed to the Race Officer within thirty minutes of the last boat finishing the last race prior to coming ashore.
- (ii) Protest Forms are available from the Race Office, located in the clubhouse.
- (iii) Protest Hearings will be held in the Race Office, located in the clubhouse.
- (iv) Notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board, within 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- (v) Notice of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b)
- (vi) On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
  - (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day.
  - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS66.

## **18. MEASUREMENT**

- (i) All yachts racing must hold a valid Class Measurement Certificate subject to inspection by the Sailing Committee upon request.
- (ii) A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

## **19. TRASH DISPOSAL**

Trash may be placed aboard official boats.

## **20. RISK STATEMENT**

Rule 3 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:

- (i) 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;
- (ii) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (iii) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- (iv) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to sail;
- (v) 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;
- (vi) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- (vii) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3,000,000 against third party claims and shall make a declaration to that effect on their entry.

## **21. INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000, per incident or the equivalent.