

Chelmarsh Sailing Club
Hampton Loade, Bridgnorth, Shropshire
WV16 6BL

RS Aero Open Meeting - Saturday 19th June 2021

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be communicated at the pre-race briefing. If it becomes necessary to change the schedule of the second or subsequent races then this will be communicated as soon as possible.

3. CODE OF CONDUCT

Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

4. SCHEDULE OF RACES

The schedule of races is as described in the NOR.

To alert boats that a race will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least one minute before a warning signal is made.

5. SIGNING ON AND OFF

The event entry will also be the event registration. There will be no further requirement to “sign on” or “sign off”. Retirements and protests should be brought to the Race Officer’s attention as soon as possible after the race and not later than 30 minutes after the end of the last race.

6. THE COURSES

The marks of the course are distinctive yellow or orange buoys positioned approximately as shown on the printed course map.

The course will be indicated by coloured number boards displayed on the rear of the Committee Boat. Red means leave the mark to port and green means leave the mark to starboard. The course consists of the number of laps indicated on a black board plus one leg. The course board will be displayed on the Committee Boat not later than the warning signal for that race.

A guide as to the location of the buoys on the water is available on request.

7. THE START

Races will be started by using RRS 26.

The starting line will be between a mast displaying an orange flag on the Committee boat and the course side of the starting mark. The starting mark may be the last mark of the course or a separate mark. This will be communicated in the pre-race briefing.

Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress for request. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

A boat starting more than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

Rule 30.1, I Flag Rule; Rule 30.3, U Flag rule; Rule 30.4, the Black Flag Rule may be introduced. Rule 30.2, the Z Flag Rule will not be used.

8. CHANGE OF COURSE

While boats are racing, the Race Officer may change a leg of the course by changing the next mark (or the finishing line) and signalling the lead boat before she begins the leg. The Race Officer will indicate the changed marks with new mark numbers on the course board, along with the flying of Flag C and repetitive sound signals. This changes rule 33.

9. SHORTENED COURSE

After the Race is started, the course may be shortened at the Race Officer's discretion. If the race officer signals a shortened course (displays flag S with two sounds), the finishing line shall be at the next rounding mark for the first boat, between the mark and a staff displaying a blue flag. The shortened course shall be signalled before the first boat crosses the finishing line. This changes rule 32.

10. THE FINISH

The finishing line is defined as the line between a mast bearing an orange flag on the Committee Boat, and a nearby mark of the course.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM.

The protest committee may, without a hearing, penalise a boat that has broken rule 42. This changes rule 63.

12. TIME LIMITS

The Finishing Window will be 20 minutes after the first boat starts, sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes Rules 35, A5.1 and A5.2.

13. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

Hearing request forms are available at the race management team. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

Competitors will be made aware of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses and where the hearings will be held by the race management team.

14. SCORING

The scoring system is as described in the NOR.