

Sailing Instructions

Ovington Inlands – Bravo course - Phantom, OK & FF15 26th & 27th October 2019

1. RULES AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. Entrants and authorised guests are temporary members of Grafham Water Sailing Club during the period of the event and shall comply with Club Rules and Bylaws. Failure to observe these may result in exclusion from the club premises.
- 1.3. The Race Committee may inspect, weigh or measure any boat, sails, gear, or clothing at any time.
- 1.4. Rule 40 shall apply at all times while afloat. Flag Y will not be displayed ashore. This changes RRS 40.

1.5. SAIL NUMBERS

A boat shall not race with an incorrect sail number unless she has notified the Race Committee at registration. Even when such confirmation is received the Race Committee does not have the authority to amend the requirements of class rules. As a result, a boat could be protested for failing to comply with class rules.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Open Meeting Notice Board in the ground floor cafe.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than 45 minutes before the start of any race affected.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on flagpole 1 on the foreshore in front of the Clubhouse.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1. SUMMARY

Racing on SATURDAY will be on a separate track with 3 class starts using a 2 minute gap between starts.

Racing on SUNDAY will be integrated with Club Race starts as follows:

PHANTOMS AND OKS – START 1 USING SIGNAL 3

The start and finish lines are one in the same and will form an upwind gate that must be passed through on each lap.

5.2. DATES, NUMBER OF RACES AND SCHEDULED START TIMES

Starts will be at two-minute intervals. This changes RRS Rule 26 - Starting Races. The scheduled start times are as follows:

	SATURDAY	START 1	START 2	START £
		Phantom	FF15	OK
		START SIGNAL 3	START SIGNAL 5	START SIGNAL 7
Race 1		12:00	12:02	12:04
Race 2, 3 & 4		Back to back with race 1		

	SUNDAY	START 0	START 3	
		Phantom & OK	FF15	
		START SIGNAL 3	START SIGNAL 7	
Race 5		11:00	11:04	
Race 6		Back to back with race 5		

6. CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will not be used: start sequences will be indicated using numbered boards displayed from the Committee Boat – see 9. Club Start Sequence and signals.

7. RACING AREAS

The racing area will be displayed on the official notice board.

8. STARTS

- 8.1. For all starts, the starting line will be between the mast on the Committee boat flying an orange flag and an orange Dan buoy carrying an orange flag.
- 8.2. For all starts, the finish line will be between the mast on the Committee boat flying an orange flag and an orange Dan buoy carrying an orange flag.
- 8.3. To alert boats that a race will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with multiple sound signals at least one minute before a warning signal is made.
- 8.4. Races will be started by displaying numeral boards with classes starting at 2 minute intervals. This modifies RRS 26. Details of the start sequence and signals are shown in 9. CLUB START SEQUENCE AND SIGNALS.
- 8.5. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area, and of all boats whose warning signal has been made.
- 8.6. A boat starting later than 2 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.
- 8.7. The preparatory signal is deemed to be P (except as noted in 8.10 below). Individual recalls will be signalled by displaying Flag X in accordance with RRS 29.1, except that the flag shall be removed no later than one minute after the starting signal.
- 8.8. A General Recall will be signalled by displaying the “First substitute” for a period of one minute.
- 8.9. A recalled start shall start 2 minutes after the last scheduled start of that race – this modifies RRS 29.2.
- 8.10. RRS 30.4 will apply to all recalled starts except that the Black flag shall not be displayed.
- 8.11. In the event of a General Recall on a previously recalled start the restart will be 2 minutes after the last (or recalled) start. This modifies RRS 29.2.
- 8.12. In the event of a postponement after the Preparatory Signal, the starting sequence will be resumed by displaying the Warning Signal numeral board one minute after the removal of AP. This modifies the interpretation of Race Signal AP in the Racing Rules of Sailing

9. CLUB START SEQUENCE AND SIGNALS

The chart below describes the signals and sequence used in club racing. The **START SIGNALS** are displayed as numbered boards positioned between the flag staffs of the committee boat.

START SIGNALS

Planned race 1 times	START SIGNAL	SATURDAY START SEQUENCE	
		means	Time to start
11:56		Displaying Orange flag means the Start is imminent. Prepare to display the Warning Signal for first start.	
11:57	0	Warning signal	3 mins
11:58	1	Prep signal	2 mins
11:59	2	One minute	1 min
12:00	3	Start 1 signal	PHANTOM START
12:01	4	One minute	FF15 START
12:02	5	Start 2 signal	
12:03	6	One minute	OK START
12:04	7	Start 3 signal	
12:05	8	One minute	1ST RECALLED START UNDER BLACK FLAG
12:06	9	Start 4 signal	
12:07	10	One minute	2ND RECALLED START UNDER BLACK FLAG
12:08	11	Start 5 signal	

Planned race 5 times	START SIGNAL	SUNDAY START SEQUENCE	
		means	Time to start
10:56		Displaying Orange flag means the Start is imminent. Prepare to display the Warning Signal for first start.	
10:57	0	Warning signal	3 mins
10:58	1	Prep signal	2 mins
10:59	2	One minute	1 min
11:00	3	Start 1 signal	PHANTOM & OK START
11:01	4	One minute	DZERO & SLOW H/CAP START
11:02	5	Start 2 signal	
11:03	6	One minute	FF15 START
11:04	7	Start 3 signal	
11:05	8	One minute	LASER START
11:06	9	Start 4 signal	
11:07	10	One minute	MULTIHULLS FAST ASYMMETRICS START
11:08	11	Start 5 signal	
11:09	12	One minute	ASYMMETRICS START
11:10	13	Start 6 signal	
11:11	14	One minute	1ST RECALLED START UNDER BLACK FLAG
11:12	15	Start 7 signal	
11:13	16	One minute	2ND RECALLED START UNDER BLACK FLAG
11:14	17	Start 8 signal	

10. THE COURSES AND FINISH

THE COURSE will be as described in the course diagram below.

MARKS will ORANGE Pillar Buoys.

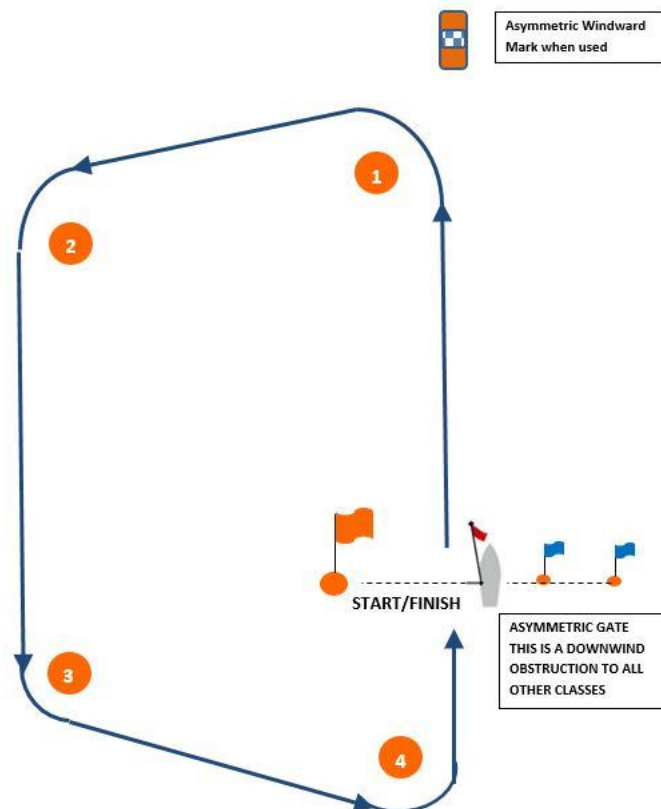
UPWIND GATE - All boats must pass through the upwind gate formed by the committee boat and the starting mark on each and every lap. If a boat fails to pass through the gate, that lap will not count towards the race results.

THE FINISH - After approximately 50 minutes (or at the Race Officer's discretion) Flag 'S' plus two sound signals will signify that the race is to be finished.

The Race Officer **MAY** choose to finish selected fleets, while requiring others to continue racing. In these circumstances, two sound signals will be made and Flag 'S' will be displayed with the numeral flags corresponding to the numbers of the fleets to be finished or, in the case of boats with PY handicaps >1199, Flag 'S' will be displayed over Flag 'T'. When the remaining fleets are required to finish, two further sound signals will be made and the numeral flags will be lowered.

Each boat will be finished as it passes through the 'gate' to complete the lap that it is sailing when the race is shortened.

TYPICAL CLUB TRAPEZOID COURSE AS USED I MORNING RACES



11. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 11.1. The prohibited area at the West end of the water is an obstruction. Its boundary is a line of small yellow buoys forming its eastern boundary.
- 11.2. Each fishing boat, and an area extending 20 metres in any direction from the fishing boat is an obstruction.
- 11.3. A safety boat in close attendance to a craft or competitor in difficulty is an obstruction..

12. CHANGE OF COURSE

N/A

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1. A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under Rule 31 or 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgment form on the Official Notice Board within the protest time limit.
- 13.2. Boats which fail to start or finish correctly or to sail the course as set and thus fail to comply with Rule 28 may be disqualified without protest,

14. TIME LIMIT

- 14.1. If no boat has passed Mark 1 within 20 minutes, the race for that class will be abandoned.
- 14.2. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in her class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes Rule 35 and A4 and A5.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1. Protest forms are available at the race office. Protest and requests for redress or re-opening shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 15.2. For each class the protest time limit is 45 minutes after the last boat in the class has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is the later. The Race Committee may extend this in exceptional circumstances. The same time limit applies to requests for redress. This changes Rule 62.2.
- 15.3. Notices will be posted on the Open Meeting Notice Board no later than 30 minutes after of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the jury room, located on the ground floor down the stairs to the left of main entrance to the Club house beginning at the time posted.
- 15.4. Notices of protests by the race committee will be posted to inform boats under Rule 61.1(b)..

15.5. RYA Arbitration

The exoneration Penalty and the RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. Decisions from RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee but cannot be reopened or appealed. See the Official Notice board for details.

16. SCORING

- 16.1. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.2. When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races scores.
- 16.3. When four races or more races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race score excluding her worst score.

17. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

N/A

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 measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

19. DECLARATIONS

A boat that does not finish or retires after finishing shall sign to this effect against her sail number on the Declaration Sheet no later than 30 minutes after the last boat finishes that race (or the last race before going ashore if races are sailed back-to-back).

20. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones.

21. PRIZES

Prizes will normally be given to the square root of the entry numbers.

22. RISK STATEMENT

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

Sailing is by 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 to themselves, their crew, their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part;
- (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 a patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances
- (g) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3,000,000 against third party claims
- (h) 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

23. OTHER INFORMATION

23.1. CLUB SAILING FLAGS

These will be flown from a staff close to the coxswains slipway.

A RED FLAG – no launching, if afloat together with a long sound signal from shore the lake is closing in 30 minutes and you must be ashore within this period. Repeated sounds, come ashore immediately.

A RED YELLOW FLAG means the water is closed with exceptions, see the monitor or notice boards in the Café about exceptions

A BLUE AND WHITE experienced windsurfers only (wind at 28kts or higher)

A BLACK flag indicates that wet or dry suits must be worn at all times whilst afloat

A BLUE AND GREEN flag indicates the presence of BLUE GREEN ALGAE in the reservoir and care should be taken whilst afloat and during launching and recovery of boats.

Other Club Flags may be disregarded by Open Meeting Competitors.

23.2. EMERGENCY MEETING POINT

If you are involved in an emergency and you need to go to or direct others (including an emergency service such as an ambulance) to the Emergency Meeting Point at the Coxswain's Shed **52° 17.49 N, 000° 18.85 W**. Should aid be needed elsewhere on site, club staff and/or volunteers will divert resources there.

If you call an emergency service, you **must** inform a Staff Member (Coxswain or Office) so that GWSC can invoke its Emergency Protocol.

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23.3. BRIEFING

There will be a briefing in the ground floor café on Saturday 26th October 2019 at 1040.