

Leigh and Lowton Sailing Club
Guy Fawkes Pursuit Sailing Instructions
5th November 2017

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020*.

Rule A4 is changed as described in section 11

Rule 40 is changed as follows: Personal Buoyancy must be worn at all times when on the water. Flag Y will not be displayed.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the club house.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted 20 minutes before the start of the race.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from race control above the club house.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 15 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

Registration: from 1100 – any sail number differing from the hull number must be declared in writing upon entry

Competitors Briefing 1200

The scheduled time of the warning signal: approx. 1235

The event shall consist of 1 race, approx. finish time 1530

6 THE COURSES

The diagram in addendum A shows the approximate positions of the marks. The course to be sailed will be displayed on the OOD Box at least 20 minutes before the first start. Red background indicates marks to be rounded to Port, Green background indicates marks to be rounded to Starboard.

7 MARKS

The numbered orange and yellow club marks will be used as shown in Addendum A. Additionally Mark Y and Mark A (orange cylindrical inflatables) may be laid by the race committee in any position on the lake.

8 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

The following areas are designated as obstructions: The nature reserve as shown in addendum A and any fishing tackle close to the shore. A yellow mark near Mark 7 indicates the approximate position of an underwater obstruction which should be passed on the deepwater side.

9 THE START

- 9.1** Races will be started by using rule 26. The warning signal for the first start shall be Numeral Pennant 1.
- 9.2** The start sequence for each class of boat will be displayed in the clubhouse at least 30 minutes before the start time of the first boat. Competitors should note their event yardstick, see 9.4.
- 9.3** The starting line will be the transit between the mast on the committee boat carrying an orange flag and a dan buoy carrying an orange flag.
- 9.4** The first start at approx. 12.40 will be for boats with an event yardstick of 170. The number 170 will be displayed on the Committee Boat to coincide with the starting signal. Thereafter a sound signal will be made at one minute intervals and the number on the Committee Boat will be reduced by one on each occasion, to indicate the start of boats with a smaller event yardstick number (e.g. a boat with an event yardstick of 94 will have one minute to his start when number 95 is displayed, the boat can cross the start line immediately number 94 is displayed).
- 9.5** There will be no general recalls. If any boat is on the course side of the starting line during the minute before its starting signal, it shall thereafter return to the pre-start side of the line across one of its extensions (i.e. round-the-ends) and start. A sound signal shall be made immediately after the starting signal to indicate that one or more boats were over the line. Sail numbers may not be indicated and it is the responsibility of each Helmsman to decide whether or not he was over the Start line prematurely.
- 9.6** Any boat that, more than one minute before its start, interferes with boats that have started or about to start may be disqualified. For the purpose of this rule, a boat is deemed to be about to start during the minute before its starting signal.

10 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

There will be no changes to the course after the race has started.

11 THE FINISH

A sound signal will be made 170 minutes after the first start. At which time the OOD and his team will finish in one of the following ways:

- a) Lay a dan buoy in front of the leaders and finish the fleet between this and a boat on station.
 - b) Mark down the positions by starting with the leaders and working backwards through the fleet to record positions boat-by-boat. All competitors should continue sailing around the course until their finish position has been recorded.
 - c) A combination of a) and b) at the discretion of the OOD as the conditions dictate.
- Competitors are advised to note the sail numbers of the boats immediately in front and behind them at the finish time. The OOD will have ultimate jurisdiction on the finishing position of each competitor.

12 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 12.1** Under the provisions of the RYA racing charter, competitors can request an arbitration hearing.
- 12.2** Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit with a deposit of £10.
- 12.3** The protest time limit is 20 minutes after the sounding of the finishing signal.
- 12.4** Notices will be posted as soon as possible to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 12.5** Competitors penalised under the RYA arbitration system will be given a 20% penalty and those penalised as a result of a full protest hearing will be disqualified.

13 SCORING

Places will be awarded based on final finishing position on the water.

14 SAFETY REGULATIONS

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

15 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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 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 of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other 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, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

16 INSURANCE

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

ADDENDUM A – Race Area

