

SHSC Open Meeting Sailing Instructions 2021-2024

1. RULES

- 1.1. Racing will take place under the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 – 2024 (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA, these sailing instructions and the appropriate Class Rules. In the event of conflict, these Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, within the clubhouse, adjacent to the reservoir plan.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

- 3.1. Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 30 minutes before the advertised starting time of the race or races concerned and will be indicated by displaying the international Code Flag "L". When no further changes have been made, the flag will be lowered after the start of the last race of that day.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be hoisted on the Race Control Box flag gantry.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 15 minutes' in race signal AP.
- 4.3. See also SIs 17.2 and 17.3.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES:

- 5.1. The schedule of races, the classes to race and the starting times are indicated in the Notice of Race.
- 5.2. When more than one race (or sequence of races, for two or more classes) will be held on the same day, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats

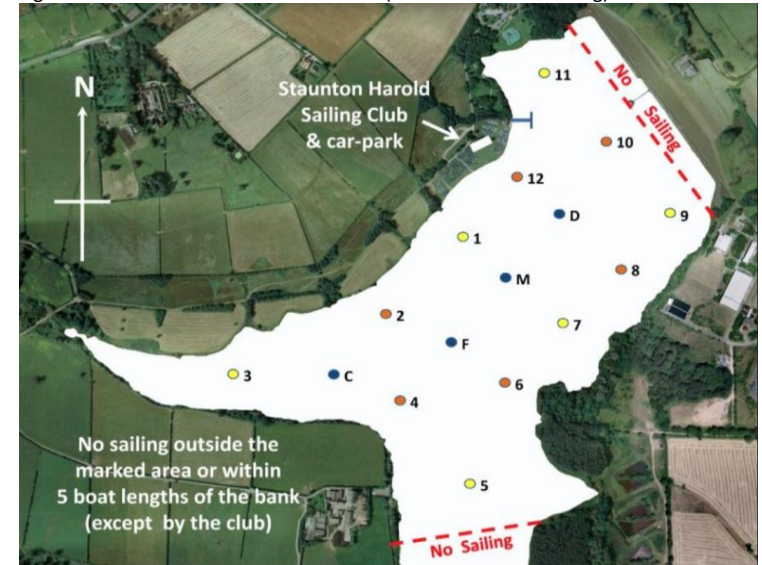
that another race or sequence of races will begin soon, the postponement signal will be displayed for at least four minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

6. CLASS FLAGS:

- 6.1. The class flags shall be as displayed on the Official Notice Board.

7. RACING AREAS:

- 7.1. The racing area is as shown on the Reservoir Plan (Note the limits of Sailing).



8. THE COURSES

- 8.1. The order of rounding marks shall be displayed on the notice board or on the Race Committee Signal Boat using coloured number / letter boards before the warning signal. A red background signifies a

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mark to be rounded to port, whilst a green background signifies a mark to be rounded to starboard. A diagram of the course may also be drawn.

- 8.2. The number of laps to be sailed shall be displayed on grey background boards on the Race Committee Signal Boat or on the notice board.
- 8.3. When there is a gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark.
- 8.4. Where a discretionary lead vessel is used, it shall fly flag 'L' and motor ahead of the fleet in the direction of the next mark. The race committee reserves the right to remove the provision of a lead boat at any time. Provision of a lead boat does not infringe Rule 41 and Rule 28.1 still applies.

9. MARKS

- 9.1. Fixed course marks are coloured cylinders numbered 1 to 12. There are 4 further cylindrical marks identified as D (Dam), M (Middle) C (Creak) and F (Farm) plus an orange spherical mark identified as W, which may be positioned as required by the race committee.
- 9.2. Occasional marks used for Inner and Outer distance marks or Outer Starting and Finishing marks, as the race committee may wish to use, will be orange buoys.
- 9.3. The starting and finishing marks will be the race committee signal boat and a buoy, which may or may not be a mark of the course.

10. STARTS

- 10.1. Races will be started by using rule 26.
- 10.2. **Committee Boat Start:** The starting line is defined as the line between the mast bearing the orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and an Outer starting line mark, that may be a rounding mark of the course or an orange buoy, which may not be a designated rounding mark of the course.
- 10.3. **Race Control Box Start:** The starting line shall be an extension of the line between the transit markers on the race control box. The length of the line shall be limited by an outer distance mark, inside which all boats shall pass. There may also be an inner distance mark, outside which all boats shall pass.
- 10.4. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 10.5. A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This changes rule A4.

11. CHANGE OF THE POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK

- 11.1. To change the position of the next mark, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position. The change will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the mark may not yet be in the new position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the moved mark may be relocated without further signalling to maintain the course configuration.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1. The finishing line will be between the mast displaying the blue flag aboard the finishing boat and the finishing mark, which may be a mark of the course or an orange buoy, or, for a shortened course, the nearby rounding mark.
- 12.2. Where the race is finished at the Race Control Box the finishing line shall be an extension of the line between the transit markers on the Race Control Box. The length of the line shall be limited by an outer distance mark, inside which all boats shall pass. There may also be an inner distance mark,

outside of which all boats shall pass. Alternatively, the finishing line may be the extension of the line between the transit markers on the Race Control Box and a nearby rounding mark of the course.

- 12.3. When the course is shortened at a gate, a race committee boat near the gate will display flag S and boats shall finish by sailing through the gate from the direction of the previous mark. The finishing line will be between the gate marks. This changes race signal S.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1. A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under rules 31.2 or 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the race office within the protest time limit.

14. TIME LIMITS

- 14.1. The time limit for each race will be two hours. The race will be valid for all those boats finishing within the time limit.
- 14.2. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rules 35 and A4.
- 14.3. After the first boat has finished, boats may be finished based on their observed position on the course. Flag W will be displayed in the vicinity of boats being finished on the course. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1. Hearing request forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.2. For each class, 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.
- 15.3. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the race office.
- 15.4. Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b)

16. SCORING

- 16.1. The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.
- 16.2. However, DNF and RET will score the number of starters plus one. This changes Appendix A
- 16.3. The Notice of Race shall contain the number of races that are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.4. Discards will depend on the number of races sailed and will usually be declared in the NOR.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1. All boats shall be "checked in" to all races at the time of registration.
- 17.2. Competitors shall not go afloat if the red flag is flying from either the main flag staff in front of the clubhouse, the flag gantry in front of the race control box or the race committee signal boat.
- 17.3. All boats shall immediately come off the water when the red flag is flown from the main flag staff in front of the club house, the gantry in front of the race control box or the race committee signal boat. Attention will be drawn to the flag by sounding four blasts of the klaxon repeated every 20 seconds.
- 17.4. As defined in the SHSC Constitution and Rules, all competitors are advised of the conditions of our lease. "No boat shall be sailed within 5 boat lengths on the bank except along the bank immediately in front of the club's dinghy park".

18. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 18.1. Substitution of helms is not allowed. Substitution of crews is allowed with prior approval of the race committee.

18.2. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the race committee. Requests for substitution will be made to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

19. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

19.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

20. OFFICIAL BOATS

20.1. Official boats will be marked as belonging to SHSC.

21. SUPPORT BOATS

21.1. Support boats are not permitted.

22. RADIO COMMUNICATION

22.1. 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.

23. PRIZES

23.1. Prizes will be given for the first three boats. Additional prizes may be awarded as indicated in the Notice of Race and/or at the discretion of the organisers.

24. RISK STATEMENT

24.1. 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." By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they have read and accept the Risk Statement in the Notice of Race.

25. INSURANCE

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

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