

**Supplementary SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR Bart's Bash
Sunday 17th September 2017 – First Warning signal 13h55**

1 Rules

- 1.1** Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA and the rules of the relevant Class Associations, except as any of these are changed by these instructions.
- 1.2** Before racing, each helmsman must enter his name, craft number on the appropriate entry form on the Club signing-on desk. The online entry list should be counter signed to confirm attendance.
- 1.3** To rank as a starter, a boat shall sail in the vicinity of the start area between the preparatory signal of the relevant start and the starting signal for that start. Whether she starts or not she shall rank as a starter.

2 Notices to Competitors

- 2.1** Notices to competitors will be posted adjacent to the signing-on sheets in the Cafe.
- 2.2** Special instructions for a particular class or start will be shown on their signing-on sheet.

3 Changes to Sailing Instructions

Alterations, amendments or additions to these instructions may be made by the Race Committee at any time. Changes will be displayed adjacent to the signing-on desk, not later than 1 hour before any start affected.

4 Signals made ashore

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole number 1 (one) in front of the Club House on the shore side.

5 Schedule of Race

- 5.1** The Fleet starts defined by the use of the approved Club handicaps are:
Start 1 - Fast Handicap 1000 and below
Start 2 – Slow **Two-handed** Handicap 1001 and above
Start 3 – Slow **Single-handed** Handicap 1001 and above
Start 4 – The **Friendly Start** with various slow handicaps
- 5.2** Starts will be at **two**-minute intervals (see SI 11.c. and Appendix 2a). This changes RRS Rule 26 - Starting Races.
- 5.3** There will be one race. The start times are:

	Warning Signal
Fast Handicap	13:55
Slow Two-handed Handicap	13:57
Slow Single-handed Handicap	13:59
The Friendly Start with various slow handicaps	14:01

- 6 Class flags** will not be used: start sequences will be indicated using **numeral boards** displayed from the Committee Boat (see SI 11c. and Appendix 2a).
- 7 Racing Area** The racing area may be indicated on the wall map above the signing-on desk in the wet bar or on the map on the west wall of the Coxswains' Shed.

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8 Course and Course Instructions

- 8.1** All Boats shall sail the one course displayed by indicator boards on the Committee boat.
- 8.2** Indicator boards will show the initial letters of course marks. 'Special' or temporary course marks are shown as a white disc. The background colour of the boards indicates whether marks are to be left to port (red) or starboard (green).
- 8.3** On all courses, the Windward Mark shall be left to port.
- 8.4** The Race Committee boat will be stationed upwind of the leeward mark. It will remain in this position for the duration of the race.
- 8.5** After starting (see below) boats shall sail the course as shown by the indicator boards (see SI 8.1).
- 8.6** 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 (see SI 14.2).

9 Marks

- 9.1** The approximate position of Club marks is shown on the Club course card.
- 9.2** 'Special' marks as mentioned in SI 8.2 will be either Dan buoys or plain yellow or orange inflatable marks.
- 9.3** The Race Committee may indicate the marks used in club racing by means of pink flags.

10 Areas that are obstructions

- 10.1** The prohibited area at the west end of the water, whose boundary is a line of buoys forming its eastern boundary.
- 10.2** Any boat actively fishing and an area extending 20 metres in any direction from it.
- 10.3** A safety boat in close attendance to a small craft or competitor in difficulty.

11 The start

- a. For all starts, the starting line will be between the mast on the Committee boat flying an orange flag and a Dan buoy carrying an orange flag.
- b. 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.
- c. 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 Appendix 2a.
- d. 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.
- e. A boat starting later than 2 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.
- f. 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.
- g. A General Recall will be signalled by displaying the "First substitute" for a period of one minute.
- h. A recalled start shall start 2 minutes after the last scheduled start of that race – this modifies RRS 29.2.
- i. RRS 30.3 will apply to all recalled starts except that the Black flag shall not be displayed.
- j. 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.
- k. 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.

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13 The Finish

- 13.1** After approximately 75 minutes (or at the Race Officer's discretion) Flag 'S' plus two sound signals will signify that the race is to be finished.
- 13.2** 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.
- 13.3** Each boat will be finished as it passes through the 'upwind gate' to complete the lap that it is sailing when the race is shortened.
- 13.4** The number of laps completed and the total elapsed time will be recorded for each boat and corrected on handicap to calculate the overall result.
- 13.5** The finish line will be between the mast of the Committee boat flying an orange flag and the 'upwind gate' as described in SI8.6.
- 13.6** After finishing, boats shall keep clear of both finishing gates and of all boats that are continuing to race.

14. Penalty System

- 14.1** RRS 44.1 and 44.2 apply, except that a penalty of one turn replaces the "Two-Turns" penalty.
- 14.2** Boats which fail to start or finish correctly or to sail the course as set and thus fail to comply with RRS28 may be disqualified without protest or a hearing. The Race Committee shall record the finishing time or place as appropriate as well as noting the disqualification. Boats may apply for redress if they believe an error has been made. This changes RRS 63.1

15. Time limit

RRS 35 will not apply. A boat that has not finished within 30 minutes after the first boat in her class start will be scored DNF. The Race Committee may then lower all flags and make a sound signal.

16. Protests

- 16.1 The Race Committee** shall be notified of the intent to protest as soon as practicable after the race has finished. Protests or requests for redress shall be written on the form available from the Secretariat and delivered to the Race Committee within 60 minutes of the finishing time of the last boat in the protestor's class. The Protest Committee may waive the time limit in exceptional circumstances.
- 16.2** A boat that may have broken a rule of RRS Part 2, or RRS 31.1 or RRS 42, may, after finishing the race concerned and before the start of a related protest hearing, notify the race committee that she accepts a 20% scoring penalty as stated in RRS 44.3(c), (except that the minimum penalty is two places if that does not result in a score worse than DNF). This penalty does not reverse an OCS score, a disqualification under RRS 30.3 or a penalty under RRS Appendix P. It is not available for a breach of RRS 2 or of class rules or for gross misconduct under RRS 69. Nor is it available to a boat that caused injury or serious damage, or gained a significant advantage by her breach: in these circumstances, her penalty is to retire.
- 16.3** When an Exoneration Penalty is accepted, (a) Neither the boat nor a protest committee may then revoke or remove the penalty. (b) The boat shall not be penalized further in a protest hearing when the protest committee decides that it was appropriate to the facts found and the applicable rules.

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- 16.4** When a protest or request for redress is lodged, a boat may at the same time request RYA Arbitration, or the protest committee or race committee may offer it.
- 16.5** If the parties and a member of the protest or race committee agree that RYA Arbitration is suitable, an arbitrator (who may be that member of the protest committee) will call a hearing conforming to Section B of Part 5 of the Racing Rules of Sailing, except that RRS 64.1 will not apply. Instead, when the arbitrator decides that a boat that is a party to the arbitration hearing has broken a rule for which the Exoneration Penalty is available, the party will be invited to accept that penalty, and, if it is accepted by a protested boat, the protesting boat will be allowed to withdraw the protest, changing RRS 63.1.
- 16.6** When there is not an agreement to use RYA Arbitration, or when, after RYA Arbitration, a protest is not withdrawn or the Exoneration Penalty is not applicable to the facts, there will be a normal protest hearing, at which the arbitrator may be a member of the protest committee. RRS 66 will not apply to the arbitration decision. A boat may accept an Exoneration Penalty at any time before the start of a protest hearing and receive its protection from further penalization. She may also retire.
- 16.7** Protests will be heard as soon as possible after the race. Only in exceptional circumstances will the protest/arbitration not be held on the day of the incident. The time, date and place of the protest hearing will be posted on the signing-on desk.
- 16.8** A boat that does not finish or retires after finishing shall mark 'RTD' against her sail number no later than 30 minutes after the last boat finishes that race.
- 16.9** No Boat needs to display a red flag while informing a protestee of the intention to protest. This modifies RRS 61.1 (a) 2.
- 16.10** No action by a Safety Boat when performing activities deemed necessary for safety reasons will constitute grounds for protest or redress.
- 17. Scoring**
- 17.1** The Race will be scored based on average boat speed handicapped using each class' Bart Number and the result forward to the Bart's Bash organisers. Subject to availability, the "Bart Number" applying to classes racing in this event will be displayed adjacent to the signing-on desk.
- 17.2** The results from each class start will be combined to provide the Club prize(s) on the day using the Club handicap number.
- 18. Safety**
- 18.1** It is a condition of racing that a Competitor shall comply with the instructions of Safety Boat crews. Any action by these crews solely intended to ensure the safety of a competitor, such as recovering crew or separated components of the boat, is not "outside help" as defined in RRS 41 and is not subject to protest from another competitor. The competitor may continue to race.
- 18.2** Where the Safety Boat crew renders assistance greater than that necessary solely for safety considerations, such as righting or re-orientating the boat, providing spares or effecting repairs, the crew may so advise the competitor who shall retire immediately.
- 18.3** No action by a Safety Boat when performing activities deemed necessary for safety reasons will constitute grounds for redress.
- 19. Spare**
- 20. Measurement compliance**
- 20.1** All boats racing must hold valid certificates of measurement with current buoyancy test endorsements if required by class rules.
- 20.2** Boat owners to whom this rule applies are required to comply with this instruction at all times. Failure to comply may result in exclusion from racing results



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- 20.3** Sailing Committee reserve the right to measure any boat, sails or gear at any time.
- 20.4** Any helmsman intending to use sails differing in number from that of his boat must inform the Race Officer. Two boats of the same class may not use sails, other than spinnakers, with the same number without the Race Officer's prior approval. The Race Officer may treat as a non-starter any boat whose sail number is incomplete unless the helmsman can show that it was complete at the start of the race.

APPENDIX 1 - Spare



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APPENDIX 2a - STARTING SIGNALS USING Numeral Boards

This system describes the starting procedure mentioned in SI 11. Numbers displayed on boards on the committee boat shall be changed with a sound signal every minute beginning with the numeral **0**.

Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

Display	Start							
	1		2		3		4	
	Means	Time to Start (min)	Means	Time to Start (min)	Means	Time to Start (min)	Means	Time to Start (min)
0	Warning Signal	5						
1	Prep Signal	4						
2		3	Warning Signal	5				
3		2	Prep Signal	4				
4	Minute signal	1		3	Warning Signal	5		
5	Start	0		2	Prep Signal	4		
6			Minute signal	1		3	Warning Signal	5
7			Start	0		2	Prep Signal	4
8					Minute signal	1		3
9					Start	0		2
10							Minute signal	1
11							Start	0
12								
13								
14								