

Supplementary SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR CLUB RACING

WEDNESDAY EVENING SERIES 5th August to 26th Aug 2020

1 Rules

- 1.1** Before competing, each helm must enter by using the Grafham Water Sailing Club WebCollect facility.
- 1.2** The fundamental rule on safety includes the UK government guidance on social distancing. A two metre separation is required between all boats at all times. Failure to comply is subject to protest.
- 1.3** Qualification: Competitors are required to volunteer as a Race Officer and / or support team of ARO and / or a RIB duty. Please register via DutyMan

5 Schedule of Races

- 5.1** The order and composition of starts are as follows:

	Start numeral	Class
Start 1	3	A) Fast Handicap 1000 and below B) Asymmetric mono hull boats with a Club handicap below 1101
Start 2	6	A) Slow Two-handed Handicap 1001 and above B) asymmetric mono hull boats with a Club handicap of 1101 and above.
Start 3	9	Slow Single-handed Handicap 1001 and above

- 5.2** Starts will be at **three-minute** intervals (see S.I.11 and Appendix 1). This changes RRS Rule 26 - Starting Races.
- 5.3** For the final three races in the Series, the Warning Signal for the first start will be no earlier than 18h27.
- 5.4** For all other races in the Series, the Warning Signal for the first start will be no earlier than 18h42.

8 Course and Course Instructions

- 8.1** Boats shall sail courses displayed by indicator boards on the Race 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 S.S.I.11 below) boats shall sail the course as shown by the indicator boards (see S.S.I.8.2).
- 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 S.S.I.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 S.S.I.8 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

11.1 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.

11.2 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.

11.3 Races will be started by displaying numeral boards with classes starting at **3** minute intervals. This modifies RRS 26. Details of the start sequence and signals are shown in Appendix 1.

11.4 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.

11.5 A boat starting later than **2** minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.

11.6 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.

11.7 A General Recall will be signalled by displaying the "First substitute" for a period of one minute.

11.8 A recalled start shall start 3 minutes after the last scheduled start of that race – this modifies RRS 29.2.

11.9 RRS 30.3 will apply to all recalled starts except that the Black flag shall not be displayed.

11.10 In the event of a General Recall on a previously recalled start the restart will be 3 minutes after the last (or recalled) start. This modifies RRS 29.2.

11.11 In the event of a postponement after the Preparatory Signal, by displaying pennant AP, the numeral board is removed for re-use. The sequence will be restarted one minute after the removal of AP by re-displaying the numeral board. This modifies the interpretation of Race Signal AP in the Racing Rules of Sailing.

13 The Finish

13.1 After approximately 45 minutes (or at the Race Officer's discretion) for the leading boat, Flag 'S' plus two sound signals will signify that the race is to be finished.

13.2 The Race Officer **MAY** finish selected fleets, while requiring the 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 using the agreed Club handicap number 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 S.S.I. 8.6.

13.6 After finishing, boats shall keep clear of the finishing gate 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 Turn 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, except that boats that fail to pass through the upwind gate (see S.I. 8.6) will not be disqualified but will be credited only with the number of laps they have sailed correctly. The Race Committee shall record the finishing time or place as appropriate as well as noting the disqualification. This changes RRS63.1



17 Scoring

17.1 The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply except that RRS A8.2 is replaced by the following:

If a tie cannot be broken by A8.1 (most number of firsts, seconds etc) then the tie shall be broken in favour of the best discard. If a tie still exists after the best discard is taken into consideration, then the second best discard (3rd, 4th etc) will be considered until the tie is broken.

17.2 The number of races to count in the club series shall be 1 + 30% of the number of races (ignoring fractions) available in that series. A minimum of one boat completing a race will ensure that race is available to count towards the series. RRS A9 shall apply.

17.3 Race Officers and duty crews may be awarded average points for one CRO/RIB duty performed during the series. The average will be calculated from the races sailed which resulted in a finish. The points for one race may be derived by:

17.3.1 use the formula of 1+30% of the available races to determine the number of races to count.

17.3.2 To determine the duty points, reduce the number of races to count by one and select the best results. The duty points awarded is the average of these best results. (For example, if seven races count, the duty points awarded will be the average of the best of six races. The series total points shall be the best six plus the duty points award.)

17.4 The handicap races shall be sailed on the basis of Handicap Numbers approved by the Club Racing Committee.



APPENDIX 1 - STARTING SIGNALS USING Numeral Boards

This system describes the starting procedure mentioned in S.S.I. 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.

Start Sequences

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	3						
1	Prep Signal	2						
2	Minute signal	1						
3	Start	0	Warning Signal	3				
4			Prep Signal	2				
5			Minute signal	1				
6			Start	0	Warning Signal	3		
7					Prep Signal	2		
8					Minute signal	1		
9					Start	0		
10								2
11								1
12							First Recalled Start	0