



## **Nottinghamshire County Sailing Club – NCSC**

### **OPEN MEETING - SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

(version 1001-16)

#### **1. RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by 'the rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016.
- 1.2 The rules of Nottinghamshire County Sailing Club will apply unless changed by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.3 All competitors are required to compete in compliance with the RYA Racing Charter.
- 1.4 The UKWA National Rules will apply for windsurfers.

#### **2. NOTICES FOR COMPETITORS**

- 2.1 Notices to competitors (NOR) and any amendments to these Sailing Instructions (SI's) will be posted on the notice board outside the race office.
- 2.2 Helms and Crews intending to race shall complete an entry form and pay the appropriate fee.

#### **3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the notice board outside the race office no later than 1 hour before the start of scheduled racing on the day it will take effect.

#### **4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed near the race office.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 15 minutes' in race signal AP.

#### **5. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 5.1 The schedule of races and number of races to qualify for a series will be published in the Notice of Race.
- 5.2 Extra races may be sailed on any day, provided that no class becomes more than one race ahead of schedule.
- 5.3 On the last day of an event, no warning signal will be made after 1600 hours.

## **6. CLASS FLAGS**

6.1 Class Flags to be used will be announced at the race briefing.

## **7. RACE AREA**

7.1 The race area includes the whole lake, with the exception of the gap between Tern Island and the main shore (see map displayed near race office). Any boat sailing in this area may be disqualified.

## **8. COURSE**

8.1 The Course will be displayed on the committee boat on a course board, which will display the number of laps, and the order and direction marks are to be rounded. Letter G indicates a gate. When displayed, the gate is a mark of the course, and boats must pass through the gate on each lap. The number on a black background indicates the number of laps.

8.2 The Race Officer may change the course before the warning signal by breaking out flag L and displaying the new course.

## **9. MARKS**

9.1 Marks are numbered 1 to 10 clockwise around the lake, being alternately yellow (odd numbers) and orange (even numbers). Mark 1 is adjacent to the clubhouse.

9.2 Additional mark W (large orange inflatable) may be used and generally acts as the first windward mark.

9.2 Additional marks A (white, red, white horizontal colours), S (dark blue, white, dark blue stripes) and X (green and white check colours) may be positioned at any location on the lake.

9.3 The Gate G (start line) will always be a mark of the course.

9.4 Mark 5 may constitute 2 buoys and in this case both shall be rounded in the same direction.

## **10. THE START**

10.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange shape on the committee boat and a yellow outer distance mark.

10.2 An inner distance mark may be used. If used, any boat passing between the inner distance mark and the committee boat will be deemed not to have started until she re-rounds either the committee boat or the outer distance mark and crosses the start line.

## **11. THE FINISH**

11.1 The finish line will be the start line or the line between a staff on the committee boat displaying an orange shape and the nearest mark of the course or a boat displaying an S flag and the nearest mark of the course.

11.2 An inner distance mark may be used. If used, any boat passing between the inner

distance mark and the committee boat will be deemed not to have finished until she re-rounds either the committee boat or the outer distance mark and crosses the finish line.

11.3 An S flag and relevant fleet or class flag will signify that the finish line is open and boats will finish when next passing through the finish line.

11.4 All handicap races (except pursuit) will be average lap.

11.5 Competitors that retire from a race shall sign off - relevant forms will be situated outside the race office.

## **12. TIME LIMITS**

12.1 If no boat has completed the first lap within an hour, the race may be abandoned at Race Officer discretion but usually only where there is little prospect of any boat crossing the finish line imminently.

12.2 The race committee may back finish boats sailing behind the main body of the fleet.

12.3 Class boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF (Did Not Finish). unless they or any other boats behind them are given a position under SI 12.2 This alters rule 35. and A4.1. and A5 .

12.4 In handicap races, the finish line will be open for a maximum of 45 minutes after the first boat has finished. Any boat failing to finish within the time limit will be scored DNF (Did Not Finish). This changes rule 35.

## **13. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

13.1 Protest forms are available at the race office.

13.2 The time limit for protests is within 30 minutes of the last boat finishing the race.

13.3 Protest hearing times will be posted at least 15 minutes before the time of the protest hearing to inform all parties and witnesses.

13.4 On the last day of racing, any request to re-open a hearing shall be made within 30 minutes of the party requesting the re-opening being informed of the protest committee decision. This changes rule 66.

13.5 The Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration procedures of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedure will be available. For these purposes an exoneration penalty of 20% shall apply although the final position of a penalised boat shall be no worse than if she had retired. At an informal hearing rules 61.2, 63.5, 63.6 RRS shall not apply.

## **14. SCORING**

14.1 The low point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.

## **15. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

15.1 All boats shall compete under their registered sail number. Requests for substitution of sail numbers shall be made to the Race Officer. This changes RRS 77

## **16. HANDICAP RACING**

16.1 The PYN issued by the RYA covering the date of the racing will be used when calculating results.

## **17. EQUIPMENT OR MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

17.1 Membership of a Class Association is not a requirement to take part in Handicap Racing. However Rule 87 of the Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 will apply.

17.2 Penalties for breaches of class rules shall be at the discretion of the protest committee and will range from no penalty to disqualification.

## **18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

18.1 Competitors compete in the racing entirely at their own risk (RRS 4). The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during or after the races.

## **19. INSURANCE**

19.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000.

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