



Sailing Instructions:

Weston Sailing Club

Open Meeting

1.0 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing
- 1.2 No national authority prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3 The relevant Class Rules will apply.
- 1.4 Racing rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.
- 1.5 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2.0 ENTRIES

- 2.1 The safety of a boat and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/person in charge who must ensure that the boat and crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of the race. Neither these sailing instructions, nor any inspection of the boat, limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner/person in charge for the crew, the boat and her management. The race organisers shall not be responsible for any loss, damage or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/person in charge or crew, as a result of their taking part in the races. Moreover, every owner/person in charge warrants the suitability of the boat for the races.
- 2.2 The provision of safety equipment and boats by Weston Sailing Club is neither a guarantee that assistance can be rendered to any competitor in need, nor an acceptance of any responsibility for rescue of competitors. Further, in the event that any assistance is rendered to a competitor, no liability for any loss, damage or injury to the competitor and/or boat and its equipment is accepted by either the Club or the crew of such rescue craft.
- 2.3 All boats entered for this event must attach a tag to the launching trolley, in a position, which it is clearly visible, displaying the class of boat and registered sail number. A competitor may be stopped from launching if this tag is not attached. The purpose of this tag is to monitor who is afloat for safety reasons. These tag are available at registration

3.0 PERSONAL BUOYANCY

Adequate personal buoyancy shall be worn by all crewmembers whilst afloat. Flag Y will not be displayed. This changes rule 40. **Wet suits and dry suits do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy.**

4.0 ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 Only boats belonging to competitors who have completed an entry form and paid the prescribed entry fee are eligible to race in this event.

5.0 IDENTIFICATION

- 5.1 Competitors wishing to use sail numbers other than those declared on the relevant entry form must notify the race officer via the office in writing before the race concerned.
- 5.2 Boats will be required to display a bow number and advertisement of the event sponsors as indicated by the organisation. Competitors may be required to carry on-board cameras, sound equipment and positioning equipment on their boats.

6.0 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to these sailing instructions will be posted on the "Open Meeting & Notices" notice board in the club, located by the office. Any changes will be made at least 60 minutes before the scheduled start time of the race to which they apply. No flags will be displayed to notify competitors of changes to the sailing instructions.

7.0 SIGNALS

Signals for this event will be by flags displayed on the committee boat.

8.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES

There are 10, ten, scheduled races for each fleet for this event. The time of the first start time for each day is shown on these SIs.

9.0 CLASS SIGNALS

The class signals for each class will be identified at the briefing.

10.0 RACING AREA

- 10.1 The racing area 1 is as defined in Figure 1: Racing Area and Marks, between the Weston shore and the Deep Water Channel. Boats must not enter the Deep Water Channel whilst racing; offending boats will be disqualified from that race.
- 10.2 However the Race Committee maintain the right to carry out racing at Hill Head. If this is the case 10.1 shall NOT apply
- 11.0 **THE COURSE**
The course for the fleet is as figure 2.
- 12.0 **MARKS**
12.1 The marks to be used are shown in figure 2. Marks 1,2, 3S and 3P are inflatable buoys.
- 13.0 **THE START**
13.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.
13.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Signal boat at the starboard end and the port end starting mark.
13.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after the starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4.
13.4 No races shall be started if the average wind is less than 6 knots or more than 25 knots (AC 6). Average wind speed will be measured on the Signal boat.
13.5 A race shall be abandoned if the wind reduces to less than 3 knots for a period of 15 minutes or more before the first boat that sails the course finishes (AC 9.1). Average wind speed will be measured on the Signal boat and at the weather mark.
13.6 If during a race the wind significantly shifts to preclude fair sailing, as determined by the Race Officer or Jury, the race may be abandoned.
- 14.0 **SHORTEN COURSE**
14.1 Races will be shortened according to RRS 32.
14.2 When the shorten course flag, flag S, is displayed at mark 2 then competitors will finish by proceeding straight to the finish line
- 15.0 **PENALTY SYSTEM**
15.1 Rule 30.2 will not apply.
15.2 Rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed in accordance with instruction 1.4.
15.3 Rule 44.3 will not apply.
- 15.0 **THE FINISH**
The finishing line will be between the mast of the committee boat flying an orange flag and the ODM or a mark of the course as shown in figure 2.
- 16.0 **TIME LIMITS**
16.1 The time limit for each race will be 90 minutes.
16.2 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes of the first boat finishing will be scored 'Did Not Finish'. This changes rule 35.
- 17.0 **PROTESTS**
17.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
17.2 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the race committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and jury and to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.
17.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the jury room, located at Weston Sailing Club beginning at a posted time. This constitutes notice under Rule 63.2.
17.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or jury will be posted on the official notice board to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
17.5 For the purpose of rule 64.3(b) the "authority responsible" is the measurer appointed by the organizing authority.
17.6 Breaches of instructions 18, 19,20 and 21 will not be grounds for a protest by a competitor. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the jury so decides.
17.7 No official measurement shall take place after Race 1, except as the result of a protest or due to the replacement, alteration or repair of any item (AC 12.6).
17.8 No competitor may protest a question of measurement later than the normal protest time applying to Race 1, except on the grounds that there has been subsequent alteration of the boat or its equipment (AC 12.7).
17.9 On the last day of the regatta, a request for reopening a protest or redress hearing shall be delivered within the Protest Time Limit, if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 62.2 and 66.
17.10 Decisions of the jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.4.
- 18.0 **SCORING**
18.1 The Low Point scoring system, as defined in ISAF RRS Appendix A, will apply, except as amended below.
18.2 If 4 or less races are sailed then all races count, if more than 4 races are sailed then it will be number of races -1.

19.0 **REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 19.1 After the first race of a Championship, all requests for substitution of a competitor shall be made in writing to the jury (AC 15.1).
- 19.2 The jury shall only grant requests for competitor substitution in the case of sickness, accident, or special circumstances (AC 15.2).
- 19.3 The jury shall give written permission for, or rejection of, requests for competitor substitution (AC 15.3).
- 19.4 The jury may allow replacement of any items lost or damaged beyond repair. Such items must measure within the Class Rules to the satisfaction of the jury (AC 12.5).

20 **SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 20.1 Retirements: Boats retiring should inform the Race Officer or closest rescue boat. Alternatively, please tell the office immediately you come ashore to enable the race officer to be informed by VHF.

21.0 **SUPPORT BOATS**

- 21.1 Coach, team leader, and other support personnel shall be registered with the race committee
- 21.2 Except in the instance of a boat in distress requiring assistance, all support or coach boats shall remain at least 100 metres from any boat racing and outside the lay lines from the time of the warning signal until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment (AC 13.2).
- 21.3 The penalty for infringing these requirements will be at the discretion of the jury, but may include disqualification of one or all boats associated with the infringing support/coach boat (AC 13.3).

21.0 **RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

No transmitting equipment or radio receivers shall be carried on board any competing boat. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones (AC 18).

22.0 **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Each participating boat shall have current third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover, including coverage when racing at the venue of the championship, of not less than GBP£2,000,000 (or the equivalent). Proof of this insurance shall be available at all times

23 **LOCAL VARIATIONS**

- 23.1 Fishing Lines: All helmsmen are requested to keep clear of fishing lines, both shore and water based
- 23.2 Starting Area and line: All helmsmen are requested to keep clear of the start line and vicinity when preceding fleets are starting. Persistent offenders may be protested under RRS 2 'fair sailing' and may cause general recalls and subsequent delays for all competitors.

OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

For details of Weston Sailing Club go to www.weston.org.uk

Grant Piggott, GP sails is available for minor sail repairs throughout the weekend

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Figure 1



