

ISLAND BARN RESERVOIR SAILING CLUB

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR PHANTOM OPEN MEETING 2014

Rules

All races shall be sailed according to the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013-2016 with latest amendments, the RYA Racing Charter, the prescriptions of the Royal Yachting Association (RYA), and the rules of the individual classes being sailed, except as any of these are changed by these sailing instructions. All competitors shall comply with the rules and bye-laws of Island Barn Reservoir Sailing Club, on display in the Clubhouse.

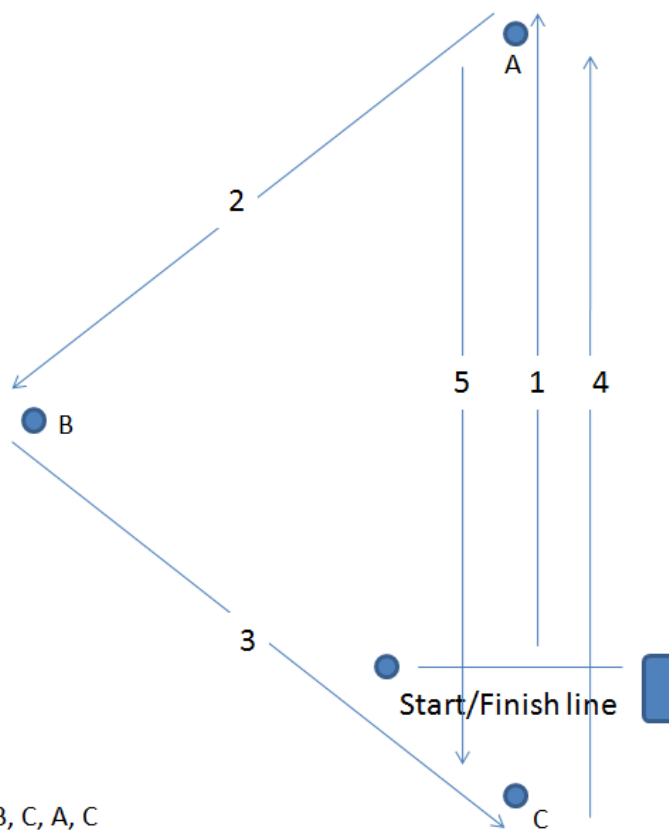
Safety

This instruction changes RRS Rule 40. Adequate personal buoyancy shall be worn at all times when afloat.

Course

For the removal of doubt, all marks are turning marks.

Triangle and Sausage course The Race Officer may elect to use a triangle and sausage course using three marks. The first mark is called the Windward Mark (A) approximately due upwind from the start, the second mark is called the Gybe Mark (B) the third mark is the Leeward Mark (C) close to the start area the fourth mark again the Windward Mark (A) the fifth mark is the Leeward Mark (C). One Lap is A, B, C, A, C. **You MUST PASS THROUGH THE FINISH LINE ON EVERY LEG BETWEEN MARK C and A ON THE DIAGRAM BELOW. If conditions are unsuitable for this course the Race Officer may elect to use an alternative which will be explained at the briefing.** Note that if the course is shortened a partial lap may be sailed. (See Finish Line)



Triangle and Sausage course A, B, C, A, C

MARKS

Temporary Inflatable marks are yellow inflatable pillar marks labelled A, B, C, D. These may be positioned as required by the Race Officer. These will be used unless otherwise specified at the briefing.

Club fixed marks are numbered 1-9 clockwise round the reservoir starting with 1 to the left of the clubhouse looking out from the clubhouse, together with F directly outside the clubhouse and X in the middle of the reservoir (position can be altered). Odd numbered marks are inflatable (roughly spherical) Pink, even numbered marks are solid Yellow with short mast and yellow top. X is like the odd numbered marks.

Course diagram: The course will be displayed in the clubhouse and explained at the briefing.

The number of laps to be sailed will be displayed on the committee boat at the preparatory signal.

Race start times will be advised at the competitors' briefing and during the day. The first start will not be before 11:00

Start/Finish Line Outer and Starting Line Inner marks are pink spherical buoys marked appropriately.

Change of Course

If club fixed marks are being used a new course may be signalled by the Race Officer abandoning a start (Flag N) with three sound signals, and showing the new course on a board on the committee boat. Following a change of course prior to the start, the new course will be displayed at the start line with the addition of an orange diamond which will remain on the starting line course board until the last boat has started. (If only temporary marks are being used they will be re-positioned rather than the course changed).

Shortening Course

This instruction changes RRS Rule 32.1. The Race Officer may shorten course for any reason.

Starting

RRS Rule 45 will not apply, i.e. a boat need not be afloat and off moorings before her preparatory signal.

The starting line will be a line between the orange mast on the committee boat and the outer line mark. An inner line mark may but does not have to be laid. To start a boat shall cross this line in the direction of the first mark, but shall not pass between the committee boat and the inner line mark if it is laid.

Starting signals will be as RRS Rule 26. Warning flags will be advised at the competitor's briefing. The procedures laid out in RRS Rules 30.1("I" flag – round the ends), 30.2 ("Z" flag) and 30.3 (black flag) may be enforced, except that 30.2 and 30.3 can only be enforced following a general recall.

Finishing

The finishing line lies between the orange mast on the committee boat, displaying a blue flag and an outer distance mark. If the race has been shortened the Committee boat will fly flag S instead of the blue flag.

If a Triangle and Sausage course is used the finish line is set part way up the windward leg. If shortening the course the Race Officer will normally signal this as the leading boat approaches the last mark before the finish.

To avoid ambiguity the Race Officer may signal Shorten Course as the leading boat approaches the last mark even if the leading boat is completing the full number of laps. ***All boats then finish when they next pass through the line on a leg between marks C and A on the diagram. (whether they are on leg 1 or leg 4 of a lap - even if they are ½ or more laps behind the leader).***

The Race Officer may elect to finish the race between the committee boat and a turning mark of the course other than mark C of a triangle and sausage course by positioning the Committee boat close to a mark of the course and signalling shortening course flying S flag from the committee boat. All boats finish as they next finish a leg of the course and cross this line (even if multiple legs behind the leader).

The intended finish line will be indicated by the RO at the briefing.

After finishing a boat shall clear the finish line in the direction of the course and shall not re-cross the line in either direction before the last boat has finished.

Time Limit

Any boat which started but fails to finish within 30 minutes of the leading boat will be scored DNF.

Protests

The Race Officer must be informed of the intention to protest prior to the next race of the series or within 30 minutes of the last boat finishing if it is the last race. The protest itself must be lodged within 45 minutes of the last boat finishing the race. In the case of a back-to-back block of races, the 45 minutes is from the last race of that block. Protests will be heard as soon as possible. RRS Rule 63.1 (Requirement for a Hearing) is modified to allow disqualification without a hearing when the Race Officer or his team observe a breach of RRS Rule 28.1 (Sailing the Course).

Advertising

All boats and competitors shall comply with the advertising standards laid out in ISAF Regulation 20.

Changes to the Sailing Instructions

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Race Board in the clubhouse at least 30 minutes before the scheduled start of the first race. Entrants' attention will be drawn to this by the display of code flag "L" from the race box with one sound signal.

Distinguishing Numbers

Permission to deviate from RRS Rule 77 must be obtained from Race Officer before the first race.

Scoring

Points will be awarded according to the low point system described in Appendix A of RRS, except where varied by the following. A boat that comes to the starting area (considered a starter), but does not finish or retires after finishing shall be scored the number of starters for that race plus one. A boat not considered a starter (DNC), or a disqualified boat, shall be scored the number of entrants for the event plus one.

The number of races to count shall be one less than the number of races sailed unless only one or two races are sailed. In this case all races shall count.

The event winner is the entrant with the lowest aggregate points.