

BURWAIN SAILING CLUB

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS OPEN MEETINGS

1 RULES

The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (including amendments by the Royal Yachting Association), the rules of the relevant Class Association and of Burwain Sailing Club.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the entrance foyer at Burwain Sailing Club.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 12.30 on the first day of the Regatta.

4 SCHEDULE OF RACES

Warning signal

4.1 The warning signal for the start of the first race will be given in the Notice of the Event. The Schedule of races will be indicated on the official notice board

4.2 If the warning signal for a race cannot be made before 16.30, that race will be cancelled.

5 RACING AREAS

Attachment **1** is a map of Foulridge Reservoir.

(a) Marks 1-8 are marks of the course

(b) An additional Mark C may be located at the discretion of the Race Officer

(c) Marks X at Line X are inner and outer distance marks (but not transit marks), which apply for starts and finishes in front of the clubhouse

6 THE COURSES

- 6.1
- (a) Line X may be used as a starting line
 - (b) Line W is a start line between the committee boat mast and a mark displaying an orange flag
 - (c) The finishing line is normally Line X. All boats must pass between the inner and outer limit marks when starting and finishing at Line X.
- 6.2
- (a) The course will normally be displayed in front of the Clubhouse. The course board will indicate (for example) X473851 X 3 (indicating 3 laps, starting from Line X)
 - (b) In exceptional circumstances the course will be displayed on the committee boat and will indicate (for example) 38X15746 W 3 (indicating start at Line W, the first mark of the course being mark 3, and 3 laps)
- 6.3 **Lap Counting**
- (a) Line X when crossed in the appropriate direction shall normally be regarded as the START for the purposes for lap counting.
 - (b) When starting at Line X, this is also the start of the first lap.
- 6.4 If conditions are such that it is impractical to use No 1 Mark, the Race Officer will decide on the location of the START and FINISH and shall ensure that clear written instructions are displayed on the official notice board.

7 THE START

- 7.1 Races will be started in accordance with Rule 26 (5-4-1 minute flags and sound signals). Fleets will start at 5-minute intervals in the order as posted on the official notice board.
- 7.2
- (a) For water starts, the starting line will be between marks displaying orange flags.
 - (b) For starts at the clubhouse, the start line is a transit between two white poles in front of the clubhouse.
- 7.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.1.

8 CHANGE OF THE POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK

To change the position of the next mark, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position. The change will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the mark may not yet be in the new position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the moved mark may be relocated without further signalling to maintain the course configuration.

9 THE FINISH

- 9.1 (a) The finishing line will normally be at Line X
(b) Exceptionally the FINISH will be at Line W, a transit of the mast of the committee boat flying a blue flag and a nearby mark
- 9.2 When the course is shortened at a mark, a race committee boat will display flag S and boats shall finish by sailing between the finishing marks from the direction of the previous mark. Flag S will be displayed and two short sound signals sounded as the leading boat rounds the preceding mark.
- 9.3 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rules 35 and A4.1

10 PENALTIES

As provided in rule 67, the protest committee may, without a hearing, penalize a boat that has broken rule 42.

11 SCORING

- 11.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply. The tiebreak system (Appendix A8) will apply.
- (a) A boat that came to the starting area but did not start, did not finish or was disqualified shall receive points equal to the number of finishers plus 1
- (b) A boat not starting the race shall receive points equal to the total number of starters in the series
- 11.2 **The number of races required to constitute a series will be given in the Notice of Event and on the Official Notice Board.**

12 PROTESTS

Any protest shall be written on an RYA Protest Form obtainable from the Race Officer and on completion shall be handed in within 40 minutes of the last boat finishing the relevant race. Protests will be heard as soon as possible

12 SAFETY REGULATIONS

12.1 Check-in and check-out:

A competitor shall sign off within 30 minutes of completion of the race. The 'sign off' notice will be located near the entrance to the clubhouse

12.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

13 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

14 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3m per event or the equivalent.
