

Club Racing - Instructions

1 RULES

- 1.1 Racing shall take place under the current ISAF rules, prescriptions of the RYA, these sailing instructions, and the appropriate class rules.

2 CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- 2.1 The safety of a boat and its entire management, including insurance, shall be the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner/competitor racing the boat.
- 2.2 The Officers, Committee, and Members, of Beaver Sailing Club provide racing and associated activities only on the complete understanding that they or their representatives bear no responsibility for any loss, damage, injury, or inconvenience to boats or persons however arising directly or indirectly from their rules, policy or rulings, during the racing or related activities.
- 2.3 Competitors shall have a valid insurance policy for their boat covering third party claims up to a minimum £3,000,000 whenever they are racing.
- 2.4 The primary responsibility of the safety boats is to the safety of the competitors. Boats will only be towed if the safety boat is not required elsewhere.
- 2.5 All competitors shall have a valid measurement certificate.
- 2.6 Personal buoyancy shall be worn whilst afloat and, if of the inflatable type, must be fully inflated. Wet suits and dry suits are not an acceptable substitute for personal buoyancy
- 2.7 The Race Officer may refuse to allow afloat any boat that, in his opinion, has buoyancy that is inadequately inflated, secured, or otherwise compromised.
- 2.8 The Race Officer reserves the right to measure any boat, to request evidence of conformity to class rules, and to disqualify any competitor who fails to meet these requirements, except that class rules concerning the minimum lengths of centre boards and rudders need not apply.
- 2.9 To enter, competitors shall pay a race fee to the designated person and ensure that it is recorded on the appropriate form. They shall also complete the signing-on sheet appertaining to their fleet, which is clipped to the desk adjacent to the clubhouse door.

3 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTION

- 3.1 Any changes to the sailing instructions will be notified at Race Control before the start of the race. Competitors shall be responsible for acquainting themselves with any changes.

4 STARTING TIMES

- 4.1 The times of the races will be as published in the racing calendar in the Beaver SC Yearbook and on the Club's website.

5 COURSES

5.1 The race marks are numbered buoys positioned approximately as shown on the chart at race control.

5.2



The course will be indicated by coloured boards displayed in order of rounding. Red means leave the mark to port. Green means leave the mark to starboard. If applicable, the number of laps will be indicated on a black board. A diagram may be displayed as an aid.

5.3 The boards will be displayed at Race Control before the start for that race.

6 CHANGE OF COURSE ON THE WATER

6.1 I. C. flag "First Substitute" will be hoisted on the Committee Boat accompanied by three sound signals.

6.2 The new course will be indicated on the chalk board carried on the Committee Boat and displayed on the Port side of the cuddy. The new course supersedes the course displayed at Race Control.

6.3 The I. C. flag "First Substitute", accompanied by one sound signal will be lowered one minute before the first of the race starting flags are hoisted.

7 STARTING

7.1 The starting line will be between the mast of the Committee Boat bearing the club burgee and an Outer Distance Mark (OD). An Inner Distance Mark (ID) may be laid and boats shall not pass between it and the Committee Boat after the preparatory signal. Any boat passing between the Committee Boat and the ID mark may absolve themselves by sailing to the pre-start side of the line around either end before starting. The ID mark will not necessarily be on the start line. The position of the start line may be adjusted up to the preparatory signal.

7.2 On all starts, unless specifically exempt, a round an end rule shall apply. If any part of the boats hull, crew, or equipment is on the course side of the starting line or its extensions during the three minutes before its starting signal, she shall sail to the pre-start side around either end before starting. NOTE: There will not be a flag signal.

7.3 For club racing at Beaver the starting sequence timing may vary according to race event. For example it may be 6,3,0 minutes or 4,2,0 minutes. Using 6,3,0 it will occur as follows:

6 Minutes	Warning Signal	Class flag displayed in the dip position.
3 Minutes	Preparatory Signal	Class flag displayed.
0 Minutes	Start	Class flag removed.

7.4 Individual recalls will be signalled by displaying the class flag in the dip position with one sound signal. Individual recall numbers will not be shown. Where possible, infringing competitors will be hailed. It is the responsibility of each competitor to start correctly and those failing to do so will be disqualified.

7.5 Where there are a number of unidentified premature starters or the Race Officer is dissatisfied with the start for any reason, a general recall will be made by displaying I.C. flag "First Substitute" with two sound signals.

7.6 During fleet racing the classes shall start in the following order using the flags listed below (a chart of racing flags appears at the foot of these notes).

Topper Class	I. C. Flag "T"
Mirror Class	I. C. Flag "M"
Handicap Class	I. C. Flag "1 st Numeral"
Laser Class	I. C. Flag "L" or Laser Symbol
RS 200 Class	I. C. Flag "2 nd Numeral"

7.7 In the event of a general recall, the warning signal for a new start for the recalled class shall be made one minute after the First Substitute is removed (one sound) and the starts for any succeeding classes shall follow the new start.

8 **FINISHING**

8.1 The finishing line will be designated by the Race Officer at Race Control. The direction of finishing shall be from the previous mark. Finishing boats shall not inhibit the Race Officer from recording the sail numbers of other boats. All helms are responsible for ensuring that their sail numbers can be identified by the Race Officer.

8.2 The Race Officer reserves the right to finish the race on the water using the Committee Boat. The finishing line shall pass between the mast of the boat and an adjacent mark of the course.

9 **SHORTENING COURSE**

9.1 I.C. Flag "S" accompanied by two sound signals indicates that the race is about to finish. The signal will be made when the leading boat approaches the rounding mark before the approach to the finishing line.

9.2 In handicap racing and the handicap fleet, each boat as it crosses the line, irrespective of the position on the water or number of laps completed, will receive the finishing gun and a time.

9.3 In fleet racing excepting the handicap fleet, the lead boat will receive the finishing gun first, followed by the remainder in race order. Each boat will complete the same number of laps as the leader before receiving the finishing gun.

10 **TIME LIMIT**

- 10.1 All boats must finish within 60 minutes of the leading boat. Boats failing to do so will be deemed to have retired.

11 **ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES**

- 11.1 Where a rule of part 2 of the ISAF has been infringed, the 720° turns penalty, rule 44, will apply.

12 **PROTESTS**

- 12.1 Protests in writing, on the forms obtainable from Race Control and accompanied by a deposit of £1, must be lodged with the Race Officer within one hour of the time the last boat in the race concerned finished. Protests will be heard at the earliest convenient time by a protest committee, appointed by the Racing Secretary, Fleet Captains, or Race Officer. The deposit is returnable if the protest is adjudged not to be frivolous.

13 **SCORING**

- 13.1 Scoring will be in accordance with the ISAF Low Point system, i.e.

1st	1 point
2nd	2 points
3rd	3 points etc
Helms retired	N° of starters + 1
Helms disqualified	N° of starters + 2
Helms not started	N° of entries

- 13.2 Points are awarded to the helm, not the boat.
- 13.3 In Handicap racing, results for one class of boat only will be accepted towards qualification for an event or series.
- 13.4 Qualification for the points series will be based on the number of races in the programme that are actually sailed with qualifying competitors sailing more than 50% of the total.

14 **SAIL NUMBERS**

- 14.1 All boats shall sail under their own class insignia and numbers and these shall be displayed on the sail, in accordance with the class rules.

15 **HANDICAP RACING**

- 15.1 Handicap racing, including Handicap Fleet races, shall be run on the "average lap system".

INTERNATIONAL FLAGS AND PENNANTS




























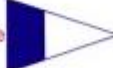









ALPHABET FLAGS			NUMERAL PENNANTS	
Alfa 	Kilo 	Uniform 	1 	
Bravo 	Lima 	Victor 	2 	
Charlie 	Mike 	Whiskey 	3 	
Delta 	November 	Xray 	4 	
Echo 	Oscar 	Yankee 	5 	
Foxtrot 	Papa 	Zulu 	6 	
Golf 	Quebec 	SUBSTITUTES		
		1st Substitute 	7 	
		2nd Substitute 	8 	
Hotel 	Romeo 	3rd Substitute 	9 	
India 	Sierra 	CODE (Answering Pennant or Decimal Point)	0 	
Juliett 	Tango 			

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