

# BEAVER SAILING CLUB

## OPEN MEETING SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. Racing will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS 2021 - 2024), the prescriptions of the RYA, the rules of the classes being sailed, except as any of these are changed by these sailing instructions.
- 1.2. The RYA Racing Charter will apply.
- 1.3. The Rules and Bye-laws of Beaver Sailing Club will apply. They are available on the club website and a copy displayed on the racing noticeboard in the clubhouse.

### 2. ENTRIES AND ELIGIBILITY

#### 2.1. General

- 2.1.1. 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.
- 2.1.2. 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.
- 2.1.3. The race organisers shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however caused, to the owner/person in charge or crew, as a result of their taking part in the race or races. Moreover, every owner/person in charge warrants the suitability of the boat for the race or races.

#### 2.2. ENTRIES

- 2.2.1. Entries must be made on the official BSC Open Meeting entry form and the appropriate fee paid before the start of the first race.

#### 2.3. Personal Flotation Devices

- 2.3.1. The preamble to RRS Part 4 and Rule 40 are amended such that personal buoyancy shall be worn at all times. Flag Y will not be displayed.

### 3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

#### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag pole at the clubhouse.

#### 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. The event will normally consist of a series of three races with the earliest times for the warning signal for the first race at 11.00 The start of subsequent races will be at the discretion of the OOD and dependent on the conditions.

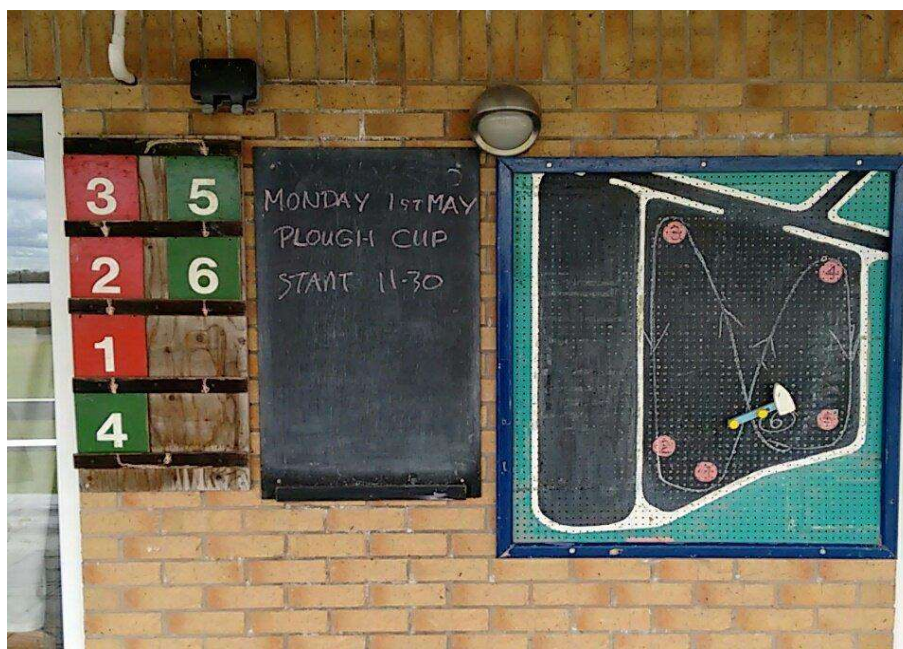
#### 6. CLASS FLAG

- 6.1. Class flag for the Streaker will be Letter 'D'



#### 7. COURSES

- 7.1. The course configuration, showing the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left will be as shown on the course blackboard. This will be repeated using coloured numbered boards (red board – mark to be left to port / green board - mark to be left to starboard), as below. If there is any discrepancy between the course blackboard and the numbered boards then the latter shall take precedence.



- 7.2. Any course change before the warning signal will be displayed on a chalk board on the port side of the committee boat and will be signalled by International Code flag 'First Substitute', accompanied by three sound signals. This flag will

be lowered, accompanied by a single signal, one minute before the start sequence.

## **8. The Start**

- 8.1. The start line will be between the mast of the race committee vessel and a spherical yellow outer distance mark (ODM).
- 8.2. A similar inner distance mark (IDM) may be laid near to the committee vessel. The IDM will not necessarily be on the start line. Boats shall not sail or manoeuvre in the area between this inner distance mark and the committee vessel after the first signal of the start sequence.
- 8.3. Races will be started using rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the start. I.E. The starting sequence will be 5 – 4 – 1 – go.
- 8.4. If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress for request. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 8.5. 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 the "First Substitute" flag with two sound signals.

## **9. THE FINISH**

- 9.1. The finishing line will be designated by the Race Officer at Race Control. The finishing line will usually be between the mast of the committee boat and a mark of the course.
- 9.2. As the first boat rounds the penultimate mark flag 'S' will be displayed accompanied by two sound signals.

## **10. TIME LIMITS**

- 10.1. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.1. If flag "S" is flying at this time it will be removed with three sound signals.

## **11. PROTESTS**

- 11.1. 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.

## **12. SCORING**

12.1. The Low Point Scoring system as detailed in RRS Appendix A will apply.

12.2. One race completed shall constitute a series.

12.3. If less than three races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. Otherwise her series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.