

BEAVER SAILING CLUB

CLUB RACING 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 club signing-on sheet before the start of each 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

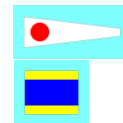
- 5.1. The Racing Calendar includes a table showing the days, dates, number of races scheduled and the scheduled times of the first warning signal each day. This document is displayed on the Racing noticeboard within the clubhouse and on the club website.

6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1. Class flags will be

Class
Handicap
Streaker

Flag
Pennant numeral 1
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 the following sequence:

6 minutes	Warning Signal	Class flag displayed in the dip position
3 minutes	Preparatory signal	Class flag displayed
0 minutes	Start	Class flag removed

- 8.4. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid an area both 15 metres behind and in front of the start line, and shall keep clear of all boats whose warning signal has been made.
- 8.5. 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.
- 8.6. 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 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.
- 9.2. Shortly before the finish flag 'S' will be displayed accompanied by two sound signals.
- 9.3. 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 signal and a time.

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

10. TIME LIMITS

10.1. Boats failing to finish within 60 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. RRS Rule A5.3 will apply and is amended locally such that the following scores will apply:

Helms retired	Number of boats that came to the starting area +1
Helms disqualified	Number of boats that came to the starting area +2
Helms did not come to starting area (DNC)	Number of series entries.

12.3. 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.