

2020 MERLIN ROCKET OPEN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 1.0 Rules**
- 1.1** The event will be governed by the "Rules" as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the appropriate class rules and these sailing instructions.
- 1.2** Bartley Sailing Club has adopted *the R.Y.A Racing Charter*.
- 1.3** Covid 19 restrictions and procedures are in place failure to follow will result in exclusion.
- 2.0 Notices to Competitors**
Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the club buildings.
- 3.0 Changes to Sailing Instructions**
Any changes to the sailing instructions will be indicated by displaying International code flag "L" and two sound signals at least 20 minutes before the advertised start time. Changes will be shown on the notice board outside the OOD hut.
- 4.0 Signals Made Ashore**
Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole adjacent to the OOD hut. Signals made afloat will be from a flag staff mounted on the Committee boat.
- 5.0 Schedule of Races**
There will be 3 races. The start for the first race will be at approximately 11.30, followed by another two races back to back.
- 6.0 Signing On**
Competitors must pay the entry fee and sign on before the first race.
- 7.0 Class Flags**
Class flag will be: International numeral pennant "6"
- 8.0 Course**
- 8.1** The number of rounds to be sailed will be displayed on the course board on the committee boat
- 8.2** The course will be displayed on the Committee boat at least 5 minutes before the start of the race. The course displayed on the Committee boat will be shown with numbers indicating the marks in the order that they should be passed and with a green or red background to indicate with side the mark should be left.
- 8.3** When an alteration to the course is made, two sound signals will be made and International Code Flag Numeral Pennant "2" flown.
- 9.0 Marks**
The normal rounding marks are numbered 0 – 8 anti-clockwise around the lake. Mark 0 is between marks 8 and 1. There are 3 additional marks Mark's A, B and C located down the centre of the lake with A closest to the dam. Odd numbered buoys are Blue, even numbered buoys are Orange, buoy number 0 is green. And buoys A, B and C are Black. Temporary marks may be used and will be Yellow cylinder buoys.
- 10.0 The Start**
- 10.1** Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 10.2** If there is a General Recall, the sequence will recommence 1 minute after the General Recall flag is lowered.
- 10.3** The starting line is defined as the line between the mast on the Committee boat flying an orange flag and the outer starting mark. The outer mark will be a yellow cylinder buoy.
If a shore-based start is used the starting line will be as displayed on the notice board at the OOD hut. A limit mark may be laid adjacent to the Committee boat. Limit marks are marks of the course. No boat shall pass between the limit mark and any part of the vessel it guards after the preparatory signal.
- 10.4** A boat starting later than 4 minutes after the start will be scored DNS.
- 11.0 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 signaled as per the RRS before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the mark may not yet be in the new position.
- 12.0 The Finish**
- 12.1** A shore-based finish line will be between the flagstaff flying a blue flag and a mark of the course or a yellow cylinder mark laid for this purpose.
- 12.2** Finishing at a mark. When flag S and a blue flag are flown from the mast of a Committee boat not under way, the race will finish between the mast of that Committee boat and the nearby rounding mark.
- 12.3** Any competitor retiring from a race must inform the OD at the earliest opportunity.
- 13.0 Time Limits**
Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes of the winning boat will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rules 35 and A4.1.
- 14.0 Protests and Requests for Redress**
Protest forms are available at the OOD hut. Protests shall be delivered there within 30 minutes of the last boat finishing the race.
- 15.0 Scoring**
The low point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.
- 16.0 Safety Regulations**
Adequate personal buoyancy shall be worn by all crew members whilst afloat. Inflatable type buoyancy must be worn inflated. Wetsuits do not constitute adequate buoyancy.
- 17.0 Equipment and Measurement Checks**
A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee measurer to proceed immediately to shore for inspection.
Racing Rule 77 and Appendix G are changed to:
Except for spinnakers, a boat shall comply with the requirements of Appendix G governing class insignia, national letters and numbers on sails. Appendix G1.3(d) is deleted and in accordance with Appendix G2, spinnaker identification is governed by the Class Rules which make no requirement for numbers. Spinnaker numbers are not required.
- 18.0 Disclaimer of Liability**
Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. The organising 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 event.
- 19.0 Insurance**
Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per event or the equivalent.