

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

1.1 Bartley Sailing Club implements the RYA Racing Charter and sailors are required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, details of which can be found at the front of the RYA Rule Book (Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020).

1.2 The helm of a capsized boat may request a safety boat to assist with raising his/her mast. This will not infringe RRS 41.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS


2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice boards or on the blackboard located at the OOD hut. Supporting verbal announcements may be made in the clubhouse.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Any changes to sailing instructions will be posted on the notice board or the blackboard located at the OOD hut not less than 15 minutes before the start of the race.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag mast at the OOD hut. Signals made afloat will be displayed on a mast on the committee boat.

4.2 Personal buoyancy must be worn by all competitors at all times whilst within the bounds of the reservoir perimeter fencing and whilst afloat. This is a rule of Severn Trent and MUST be complied with. Flag Y  will not be displayed. This changes RRS 40.

5. REGISTRATION & EQUIPMENT INSPECTIONS

5.1 Competitors shall complete all registration requirements before racing.

5.2 Equipment shall be class compliant to ensure fair racing.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Registration will commence from 9.30 in the clubhouse

6.2 Briefing will be at 10.30 in the clubhouse.

6.3 First race will commence at 11.00

6.4 No warning signal will be made after 15.00

6.5 Prize giving will be at 16.30 prompt in the clubhouse

6.6 The format of the Main fleet race shall be a single start handicap race of approximately 40 minutes duration for the lead boat. Up to 3 races shall be sailed during the day. Race 1 will be followed by a lunch break, race 2 and 3 will be sailed without time to go ashore between races.

6.7 The format of the Regatta fleet race shall be a single start handicap race of approximately 20 minutes duration for the lead boat. Up to 6 races shall be sailed. Shore breaks will be determined by

the regatta fleet race officer. The racing may be interspersed with 'fun' activities at discretion of the race officer.

7. THE COURSE

7.1 The course, the start and finish line and the number of laps will be shown on the course board. Alternatively, the course and number of laps may be shown on the committee boat using numerals with background colours indicating the side on which mark is to be left (red for port, green for starboard) and displayed in the order in which marks are to be passed. In this case the number of laps will be shown by a numeral on a white background. In the event of a conflict between diagrammatic indication of the course and the alphanumeric list of marks to be rounded shown on the course-board, the diagrammatic indication will take precedence.


8. MARKS

8.1 Course marks are spherical buoys with numbers or letters marked on them. They are numbered from 1 to 8 anticlockwise around the reservoir. There are four additional marks. Mark "0" is located between marks "1" and "8". Marks "A", "B" and "C" are located down the centre of the reservoir ("A" being nearer the dam). The location of marks is shown on the course board. The even numbered buoys are orange, odd numbered buoys are blue, A B and C are black and 0 is green. The Race Committee also has the option of using temporary marks. These will be large inflatable yellow cylinders.

9. THE START

9.1 Races will be started using rule 26. The starting sequence will be 5 – 4 – 1 – go

9.2 For the Main Fleet Class Flag will be Numeral pennant "8". 

9.3 For the Regatta Fleet Class flag will be Numeral pennant "2" 

10. START LINE

10.1 The start line will be described on the course board.

11. FINISH

11.1 The finish line will be described on the course board.

12. PROTESTS

12.1 Protests must be made on the appropriate form obtainable from the Race Officer and must be handed to the Race Officer within 20 minutes of the time the last boat finishes the relevant race. This changes RRS rule 61.3

13. SCORING

13.1 The series scoring used will be the RRS Appendix A - Low Point System.

13.2 The number of races to be scored will be based on the number of races sailed. If up to 2 races are sailed all races will count. If 3 or more races are sailed then there will be a single discard of the race result in which the sailor recorded their lowest position. One race shall constitute a series.

13.3 A boat that did not start, did not finish, retired after starting, or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the regatta.

14 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

14.1 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 race or regatta.

14.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk.

14.3 By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their property whether afloat or ashore;
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e) The provision of a race management team, safety boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of safety boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- g) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £2,000,000 against third party claims;

Neither this document 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.