

# Pilkington Sailing Club

## Sailing Instructions for Open Meetings

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### 1.0 RULES

Racing will take place under the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA, the appropriate class rules and these sailing instructions. Starting times for races and changes to instructions will be posted on the whiteboard in the clubhouse. The event will be designated category A. **Some PSC conditions and certain RRS specifics in use for this event are highlighted in RED and require your particular attention.**

### 2.0 CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

#### 2.1 General

All boats must be insured against Third Party risks for a minimum of £3,000,000. Competitors will be asked for a declaration to this effect on each entry form, otherwise they will not be allowed to sail. PSC recommends that competitors have insurance documents with them in the event of dispute or accident

#### 2.2 Measurement Certificates.

Competitors are required to have a valid certificate of measurement for the boat and sails (if applicable), and have a valid buoyancy endorsement (if applicable). Competitors will be asked for a declaration to this effect on each entry form, otherwise they will not be allowed to sail. PSC recommends that competitors have these documents with them in the event of dispute.

#### 2.3 Personal Buoyancy

Competitors must wear adequate personal buoyancy at all times when on the water. Neither a wet-suit nor a dry-suit constitutes adequate personal buoyancy. From 1st November through to 15th March, full wet-suits or dry-suits must be worn.

### 3.0 COURSE

#### 3.1 Marks and location

**The course will be displayed on a whiteboard with a map in the clubhouse. The club marks are numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and X. These marks are laid clockwise around the lake, starting with Number 1 closest to the clubhouse through to 7 outside the O.O.D hut. X is situated between Number 4 and the Island.** Temporary marks may be used at the discretion of the Race Committee. The direction of rounding will be indicated by P for port and S for Starboard. **Boats must pass through "the line" (between marks 7 and 3) to complete each lap.**

#### 3.2 Number of Rounds

The number of rounds to be sailed will be 5 unless stated otherwise on the whiteboard in the clubhouse.

### 4.0 STARTS

#### 4.1 Starting Line

The starting line will be defined **by the mast of the committee boat through an inner and outer distance mark; or by either the white flag pole and a white and black striped pole by the OOD Box; or by a temporary flag pole and a white and black striped pole situated anywhere along the bank.** The OOD will highlight the approximate position of the start line on the whiteboard.

#### 4.2 Limit Marks

The length of a water-based or land based starting line will be limited by marks at both ends. **Boats approaching the start line will pass between these two marks. These will be used as a start line limit marks only and will be removed from the course subsequently.**

#### 4.3 Starting Procedure

Races will be started by using rule 26. That is a warning signal with the Class Flag hoisted at 5 minutes with one sound. The Preparatory Flag (**signal flag P**) hoisted at 4 minutes with one sound. The Preparatory Flag lowered at 1 minute with one sound. The Class Flag lowered to start, one sound.

#### 4.4 Recalls

As RRS Rule 29.1. In the event of a single recall the signal flag X will be hoisted and then lowered once the boat / boats, has / have returned across the line. RRS Rules 30.1 & 30.2 will not apply.

#### 4.5 General Recall

Rule 29.2 applies. In the event of a general recall, two sound signals will be made and the First Substitute hoisted. The new warning signal will follow 1 minute after First Substitute is lowered. **The O.O.D may choose to implement the Black Flag Rule (RRS 30.3). To indicate this a Black Flag will be hoisted with the Class Flag at the warning signal, then boats found within the triangle formed between the start line and the first mark in the minute before their start signal shall immediately retire from that race and all subsequent re-starts or re-sails of that race.**

#### 5.0 FINISHING

##### 5.1 The Line

The finishing line will be a transit between the OOD hut mast and a white pole and diamond. This transit will extend approximately between marks 7 and 3. **All boats must pass between marks 7 and 3 (i.e. through the line) each lap and to finish the race.**

##### 5.2 Shortened Course

The race may be shortened on any mark of the course and will be signalled by the flying of Flag "S", accompanied by two sound signals. The leading boat would then head directly to the finish line as described in 5.1. and cross in the direction of travel.

##### 5.3 Time limit

There shall be no time limit for any race. However, RRS Rule 35 will not apply, and boats not finishing within 30 minutes of the first boat to finish will be awarded retirement points.

##### 5.4 Retirements

**Any boat wishing to retire having completed the race should do so within 20 minutes of completing the race by signing the retirement sheet on the whiteboard.**

#### 6.0 PROTESTS

The Race Committee expect sportsmanlike conduct during all races with proper adherence to the rules, including 360/720 turns. Intention to lodge a protest must be notified to the O.O.D. within 30 minutes of completing the race, and those involved should hold themselves in readiness for the hearing, which will be as soon as possible after the race. A protest from the Race Committee or the Protest Committee regarding an incident observed in the racing area must be notified to the O.O.D. within 15 minutes of the last boat finishing in that race.

#### 7.0 PENALTIES

Scoring penalties (RRS Rule 44.3) will not apply.

#### 8.0 SCORING

The RRS low point system shall apply. Retirements and non-starters will be awarded points equal to the number of entries. Disqualifications will be awarded points equal to the number of entries plus 4. If one race is sailed, one race will count. If two or three races are sailed, there will be two races to count.

RRS Rule A8 applies (Series ties).

#### 9.0 OTHER DETAILS

Any change in these sailing instructions made by the Race Committee will be displayed at least 10 minutes before the warning signal on the white board in the main club room.

##### 9.1 The Zone

**Under rule 86.1(b), in the definition Zone the distance is changed to two hull lengths.**