



Sailing Instructions

Event "Fleet Trophy Day" Racing Series

Date 27th June 2021

Organising authority Burghfield Sailing Club

Event Website <http://burghfieldsailing.org/racing>

This Notice of Race covers the "Fleet Trophy Day" private racing series event organised by Burghfield Sailing Club for its members.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The events will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) unless specifically amended in these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. The Exoneration Penalty and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration procedures of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. Decisions from RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee but cannot be reopened or appealed. See the Official Notice Board for details.
- 1.3. The rules and bylaws of Burghfield Sailing Club will apply.


2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the club website. Any additional notices shall be displayed on the notice boards under the balcony.
- 2.2. Course and timing information will be displayed on the notice boards under the balcony.
- 2.3. Handicap / start time information will be displayed on the notice board under the balcony.
- 2.4. All races (morning and afternoon) are designated as tracked races.
 - 2.4.1. Competitors will be required to carry a GPS tracking unit onboard.
 - 2.4.2. Trackers MUST be collected 30 minutes prior to the start time of the race from the club balcony.
 - 2.4.3. If a competitor does not intend to sail in the afternoon race, their tracker must be returned immediately when coming ashore from the morning race. Otherwise, the tracker must be returned immediately after the afternoon race.
 - 2.4.4. Failure to collect or return a tracker will result in an immediate DSQ with no hearing.
 - 2.4.5. The trackers will be used to determine final boat finish positions. 13.1 still applies.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 24 hours before the first race affected.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE






- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the club flag staff at the southeast corner of the main club house.
- 4.2. When flag AP  is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 15 minutes' in the race signal AP.


5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. Unless changed due to the conditions, race times are as follows:

Event	Warning Signal	First Start
Morning Races	10:24	10:30
Afternoon Races	13:14	13:20

- 5.2. The target race time for each race is 30 minutes for the leading boat.
- 5.3. It is planned to have 3 races in the morning and 2 races in the afternoon. This may be adjusted for each fleet depending on conditions. It is planned to finish the morning races by 12.30.
- 5.4. An orange flag will be displayed with a signal made at least 6 minutes before the first start sequence.
- The start sequence will be 3, 2,1 minutes for each start. Each start will be 3 minutes after the previous fleet.
- 5.5.
- 5.6. The class flags are as follows:

Start	Fleet	Class Flag	
1	RS Aero	Aero	
2	RS 200	R	
3	Blaze	B	
4	Fast Handicap	F	
5	Solo	Pennant 1	

6	Slow Handicap	○	
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- 5.7. It is hoped to restart fleets as soon as they finish to minimize delays. This means the start sequence can change after the first race. The committee boat will display next start times for each fleet on a whiteboard. The start times on the whiteboard are indicative rather than precise. It is each competitor's responsibility to observe the visual signals and start at the correct time, failure to notice a change in sequence or time is not grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).



6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1. See table in SI 5.2


7. RACING AREAS

- 7.1. The sailing area will be Theale lake, Burghfield.

8. THE COURSES

- 8.1. The proposed course is shown in appendix A. This being Burghfield, the course may change at any time before the warning signal if there is a change in win direction.
- 8.2. The final course will be displayed on the Committee Boat by means of numbered or lettered boards indicating the sequence of marks, reading from left to right. A number or letter on a green background indicates that the mark is to be rounded to starboard, on a red background that it is to be rounded to port.
- 8.3. Flag C  displayed, prior to the warning signal, on the Committee Boat, indicates that the final course differs from the course displayed ashore. This changes Flag C, Race Signals. If the course is altered again after Flag C has been displayed it shall be removed and re-displayed. When flag C is displayed or removed before a warning signal it will be accompanied by a sound signal.
- 8.4. For the afternoon racing:
The number of laps need not be stated, boats will be finished under RRS 32.2 by displaying flag S , possibly with a class flag, usually at the start/finish line.
- 8.5. Unless stated otherwise, after rounding the last mark, boats shall sail through the finish line.

9. MARKS





- 9.1. Rounding marks will be inflatable marks, with numbers or letters. Their approximate positions and are shown in attachment A.
- 9.2. In addition, movable marks may be used by designating them with a letter and showing their position on the course board under the balcony.
- 9.3. Outer distance marks will be staff mark displaying an orange flag .

10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1. The area to the north and west of the first island to the east of the clubhouse is declared an obstruction. See Attachment A.
- 10.2. No boat is to go within a three-length zone of a person fishing and this zone shall count as an obstruction.
- 10.3. Boats are not permitted to sail between a shallow's marker and an adjacent island or obstruction to which the marker relates. Where the rhumb line between designated course marks passes the shallows marker, then the marker shall form part of the course; boats shall pass outside of the marker adjacent to obstruction to which it relates.
- 10.4. Shallows Marks may be indicated by small inflatable white or yellow buoys or cardinal marks.

11. THE START

- 11.1. Unless Noted otherwise races shall be started by using the following signals:

Minutes before starting signal	Visual signal	Sound signal	Means
9 (first start only)	Orange	One long	Attention
3	Class flag	One	Warning signal
2	 "P"  "I" (RRS30.1)  "U" (RRS 30.3)  "Black Flag" (RRS 30.4)	One	Preparatory signal
1 (Not for flag P)	Preparatory signal removed	One long	One minute
0	Class flag removed	One	Starting signal

- 11.2. When classes are started at 3-minute intervals under Flag P, Flag P shall be left displayed until the last class starts, and the warning signal for each succeeding class shall be displayed at the time of the preparatory signal of the preceding class.
- 11.3. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat at the starboard end and the outer distance mark.

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1. After the start of the first race in a sequence, the marks will not be moved. This changes rule 33.

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1. The finish line will be between the committee boat and a buoy with a blue flag. Please note the finish line is separate to the start line.

14. RECALLS

- 14.1. When a boat is over the line at their start time then the RO shall fly flag X (individual recall) and sound a signal. The flag shall be flown until all such boats have sailed completed to the pre-start side of the starting line.
- 14.2. No general recalls shall be signaled.

15. TIME LIMIT

- 15.1. The time limit for the morning pursuit race is 100 minutes.
- 15.2. The target time for the afternoon race is 45 minutes, if no boat completes a minimum of one lap, the race shall be abandoned.

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1. Protest forms should be requested by email from the Principal Race Officer via PRO@burghfieldsailing.org within 24 hours of the race finishing
- 16.2. The protest submission time limit is 24 hours receipt of the protest form.

17. PENALTIES

- 17.1. Penalties shall be as described in the RRS unless specifically amended in these SI.
- 17.2. Boats found to have sailed through the obstruction defined in rule 10.1 shall be subject to disqualification without hearing.
- 17.3. Boats that break rule 10.2 shall be subject to penalties as defined in the RRS 44.1.
- 17.4. Boats that break rule 10.3 need not correct their course but shall be subject to the penalties as defined in the RRS 44.1. This changes RRS 28.2

18. SCORING

- 18.1. The scoring system is described in the Notice of Race.
- 18.2. Handicap racing shall be run using the RYA Portsmouth Yardstick (PY) Scheme with local variations at the discretion of the Sailing Committee. Where boats have completed differing numbers of laps, time will be based on the average time to complete a lap.
- 18.3. A scheduled race is deemed to be sailed unless it is postponed or abandoned by the Race Committee. Failure of any boats to come to the starting area when a race would otherwise have been sailed will not reduce the number of races to count.
- 18.4. Races shall not be abandoned due to lack of entries. i.e. a race with zero entries will count towards the number of races in NoR 13.4.
- 18.5. The following scoring codes will be used (This changes RRS A11):

DNC	A boat which was not recorded at the end of the first lap
DNF	A boat which was recorded at the end of the first lap but did not finish
OOD	Average points for completing a duty as per SI 17.4

- 18.6. For pursuit races 'the end of the first lap' may be replaced with a more convenient recording location at the discretion of the Race Officer.
- 18.7. A boat that is scored DNF (see above) shall be scored points one more than the number of boats recorded at the end of the first lap. This changes RRS A9

19. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1. Adequate personal flotation devices shall be worn by all competitors whilst afloat. Flag Y will not be flown. Flotation devices without permanent buoyancy shall be suitably inflated. Wet or dry suits are not adequate flotation devices. This changes Rule 40.
- 19.2. From 1st December to 31 March inclusive, all competitors shall wear a wet or dry suit or equivalent.

20. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 20.1. Equipment may be changed or replaced at will, as long as it remains within the class rules.
- 20.2. Helm and crew may be replaced as described in NoR 13.2 and 13.3

25-28 NOT USED

29. STATEMENT OF RISK

Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. 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 other 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, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.

- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- (g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held at the venue.

30. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000

Appendix A

