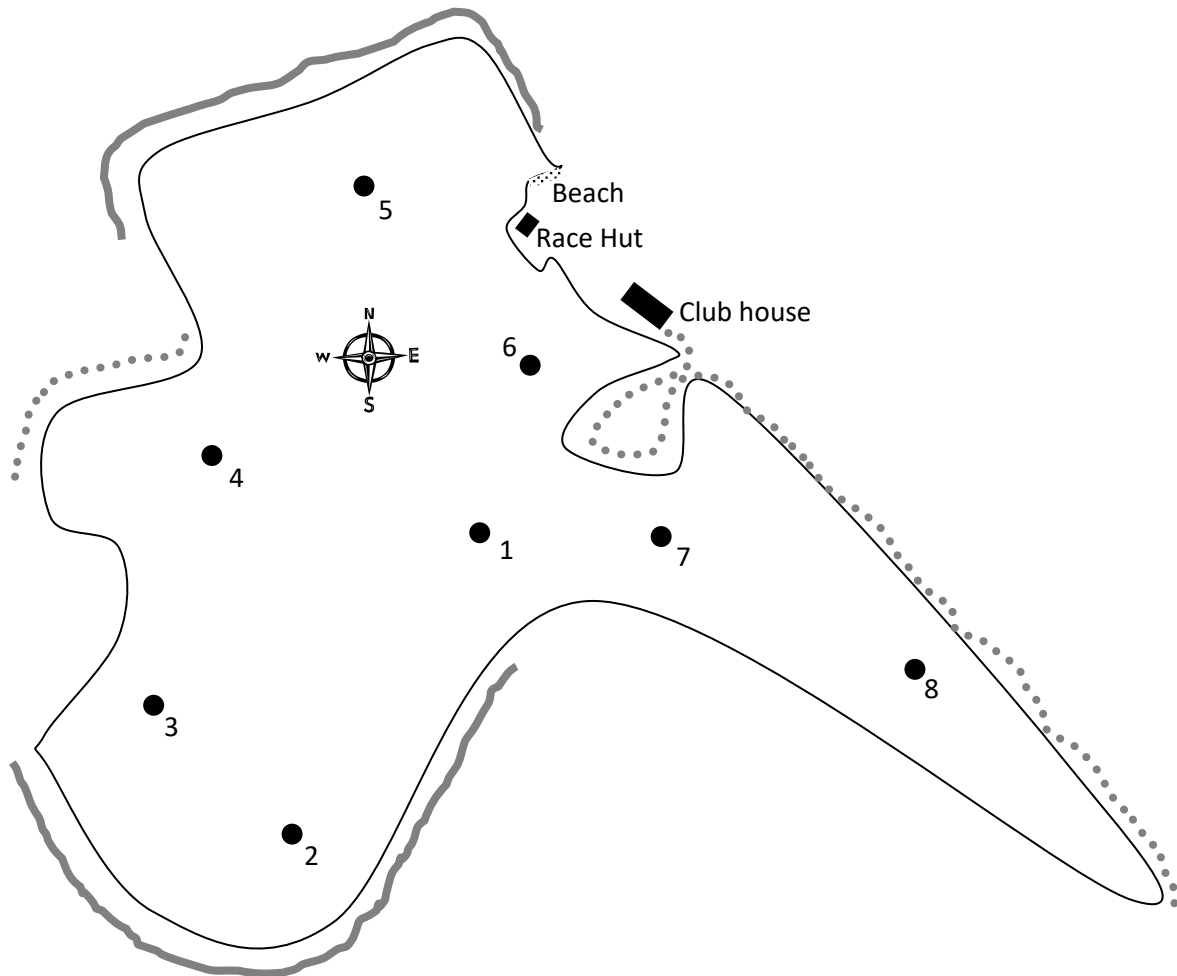


South Cerney Sailing Club Sailing Instructions 2021



Map of Lake 16:



1. Rules

- 1.1. Races will be governed by the 'Rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021 - 2024. The UK national body for dinghy, yacht and all forms of sail racing is The Royal Yachting Association (RYA): <http://www.rya.org.uk>

2. Notices to Competitors

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board in the clubhouse.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions (SIs)

- 3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 30 minutes before the warning signal on the official notice board on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted at least 7 days before it will take effect. In addition, two sound signals will be made and flag 'L' will be displayed from the race hut.

4. Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the race hut.
- 4.2 If using a committee boat start line and the AP flag is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 15 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5. Schedule of Races

- 5.1 The schedule of races is defined in the Notice of Race (NoR) document.

6. Class Flags

- 6.1. Class flags are defined in the NoR.

7. The Course

- 7.1. The course will be displayed on the committee boat or the race hut using numbered plates. Green plates indicate marks to be left to starboard; red plates indicate marks to be left to port. The number of laps will also be displayed.
- 7.2. In addition, the 'G' character may be displayed alongside the course. This means that all boats must pass through the finish line at the end of each lap (see §12 below).
- 7.3. Should the course require to be changed after being displayed, but before the warning signal, a plain red flag will be flown from the committee boat or the race hut accompanied by two sound signals. The new course will then be displayed.
- 7.4. All boats which are racing must 'start, sail the course and **then** finish' in accordance with RRS 28 (Sailing the Race). The Race Officer will disqualify a boat without hearing for not sailing the course and that boat will be scored NSC (Did Not Sail Course). Boats may request redress if they disagree with this decision.

8. Marks

- 8.1. Marks 1 to 8 are orange numbered spherical buoys. All course marks are rounding marks. Please note that the map of Lake 16 shows buoys in their 'normal' positions, but they can be moved at the discretion of the Race Officer.

9. Areas Designated as Obstructions

- 9.1. Competitors shall not sail within 20 metres of any lodge or any bank where angling is taking place. These areas are designated as obstructions.
- 9.2. Angling regularly takes place from the north and south banks as indicated by the **bold grey** lines shown on the map of Lake 16.
- 9.3. The lodges are residential dwellings standing along the south-eastern and western banks, each having a private jetty which projects out into the lake by 5-6 metres approx. Their locations are indicated by **dotted grey** lines on the map.

9.4. The penalty for infringement of these obstruction limits shall be two turns as defined in RRS 44.2.

10. The Start

10.1. The starting line will be either:

- **Committee Boat Start** - a line between the staff on the committee boat displaying an orange flag and an outer limit buoy, which may be a mark of the course or any other buoy, or
- **Race Hut Start** - a line between the red and white striped pole on the shoreline near the race hut and an outer limit buoy flying a coloured flag.

10.2. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

10.3. A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

10.4. A minimum of two boats are required to come to the start line for a class race.

10.5. In multiple class starts, any class subject to a general recall shall start at the end of the original sequence. The starting signal for the last class in the original sequence will be the warning signal for the class subject to the general recall. The 1st Substitute signal, if displayed during multiple class starts, will be removed with one sound signal after two minutes. This changes RRS 29.2.

10.6. In Pursuit races the 1st Substitute signal, if displayed, will be removed no earlier than 10 seconds before the next Pursuit start number is removed. This changes RRS 29.2.

10.7. For Pursuit races each class shall start when their designated 3-digit Pursuit number is removed

10.8. If a postponement is required for a Pursuit race start, the AP flag will be displayed with 2 sound signals before any boats have started. The AP flag will be removed with one sound signal at least 4 minutes before the revised start time of the slowest boat currently entered into the race.

10.9. Inner and outer limit marks may be laid as part of the start. These marks are not marks of the course, except for the purposes of starting, unless a 'gate' signal is displayed. The start line is bounded by these marks and boats must pass between them at the start.

10.10. RRS 30.2 (Z Flag Rule) does not apply. This is because Flag Z is used as the Handicap class flag at South Cerney Sailing Club.

10.11. The start sequence for all races (excluding Pursuit races) will be 3,2,1,GO as indicated in the following table:

Minutes before starting signal	Visual Signal	Sound Signal	Means
3	Class flag displayed	One	Warning signal
2	P,I,U, or Black flag displayed	One	Preparatory signal
1	Preparatory flag removed	One long	One minute
0	Class flag removed	One	Starting signal

This changes RRS 26.

11. Change of Course

11.1 The Race Officer may at his discretion move a mark after the start of the race without a signal. This changes RRS 33.

12. The Finish

12.1. For all races excluding Pursuit races the finishing line will be either:

- A line between the red and white striped pole on the shoreline near the race hut and an outer limit buoy flying a coloured flag.
- A line between the staff of the committee boat and an outer limit buoy, which may be a mark of the course or any other buoy.

12.2. Inner and outer limit marks may be laid as part of the finish line. The finish line is bounded by these marks and boats must pass between them to finish. Boats may not pass between the inner distance mark and the shore or committee boat after finishing. A boat so passing will be scored DSQ (Disqualification) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

12.3. For Pursuit races the finish shall be indicated by a sound signal at the end of the designated race duration. The finishing positions shall be determined as the position of the boats in the race when the finishing signal is made. All boats should endeavour to hold their finishing positions until confirmation that they have been recorded as such by the Race Officer.

13. Time Limit and Target Times

13.1. The 'target times' (i.e., race duration) are defined in the NoR.

13.2. In all races except Pursuit races, boats failing to finish within 30 minutes of the first boat finishing will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

13.3. The time limit for the first boat shall be as defined in the NoR.

13.4. At the Race Officer's discretion, boats which are a long distance behind, and would otherwise be timed out, may be finished after completing fewer laps than the leading boat. This scenario is typically applicable to Cadet dinghies but is not exclusive to Cadets. Their time will be adjusted through using the average lap times. These boats will be individually informed that they have been finished by the Race Committee or safety boat. This changes RRS 28.

14. **Protests**

14.1. Protests forms are available at the club house office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the Race Officer.

14.2. For all classes the protest time limit is 30 minutes after the Race Officer returns to shore, after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

14.3. 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 South Cerney Sailing Club Official Notice Board for details.

14.4. A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 of the RRS or RRS 31 may, after finishing the race concerned and before the start of any related protest hearing, notify the race committee that she accepts an Exoneration Penalty – a 30% scoring penalty in accordance with RRS 44.3(c), except that the minimum penalty is four places provided that does not result in a score worse than DNF. However, if a boat caused injury or serious damage or gained a significant advantage by her breach, her penalty shall be to retire.

14.5. When an Exoneration Penalty is accepted:

- Neither the boat nor a protest committee may then revoke or remove the penalty.
- The boat shall not be penalized further in a protest hearing when the protest committee decides that it was appropriate to the facts found and the applicable rules.

14.6. Except for protests associated with RRS 2 and/ or RRS 69, independent observers are permitted to sit in on arbitration and advisory/ protest hearings for educational purposes. All parties and the protest committee must agree to their presence beforehand. Such observers are not allowed to speak during the course of the hearing and must not influence the proceedings in any way.

15. **Outside Help**

15.1. On-the-water coaching during racing is permitted in the Club Pursuit series and the RNLI Pursuit series. This changes RRS 41.

END OF SAILING INSTRUCTIONS.