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RSC Asymmetric Open

23rd and 24th October 2021

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the RYA and the rules of the relevant Class Associations will apply.
- 1.3 For infringements of rules other than in Parts 1 and 2 of the RRS, the penalty for a breach of a rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.
- 1.4 RRS rule 40 shall apply at all times while afloat. Flag Y will not be displayed on shore. This changes rule 40.
- 1.5 Competitors may be required to display provided advertising material by their Class Association or the Organising Authority in line with World Sailing Advertising Code, Regulation 20.
- 1.6 If there is conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will apply.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, located upstairs in the wet bar.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than 45 minutes before the advertised start of any race or races concerned.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagstaff at the western end the clubhouse balcony.
- 4.2 When flown ashore, Flag L with sound signals means: 'A notice to competitors has been posted'.
- 4.3 When Flag AP is flown ashore, race signal AP is changed in that '1 minute' is replaced by 'not less than 30 minutes'.
- 4.4 When a visual signal is displayed over a class flag it applies to that class only. This also applies to signals provided afloat.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Briefing for competitors will take place at 1100 hrs on Saturday 23rd October 2021 in the clubhouse wet bar balcony.
- 5.2 It is intended that there will be three back to back races each day with the warning signal for the first start of the day shown in the table below.

	Warning Signal not before.	Subsequent races
23 rd October 2021	1155 hrs	Back to Back Racing

- 5.2 Any races which cannot be completed on any day will be deemed to be restarted or re-sailed as the first race of the following day.
- 5.4 At the discretion of the Race Officer in consultation with any Class Representatives if they are present a race or races may be brought forward to allow for any inclement weather forecasts. This decision will be announced at the briefing and/or on the official notice board.
- 5.5 No warning signal will be made after 1500hrs on Sunday 24th October 2021.

6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 The class flags will be an international code flag or the Class Association flag, with the announcement made at the briefing.
- 6.2 The handicap entries may be split into fleets, each with its own class flag, depending on the number of entries and the handicap spread. The split or splits will be announced at the briefing and posted on the notice board.

7. COURSE

- 7.1 The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed.
- 7.2 The start committee boat will display course and the number of laps on a board at its stern, before the start of each race.
- 7.3 Minor mark moves (up to approximately 100m) may be made without signaling the change. This changes RRS 33.

8 THE START

- 8.1 The Orange flag will be raised on the committee boat with one sound signal at least 1 minute before the warning flag of the first class in a sequence and may remain flying until the end of that start sequence.
- 8.2 All classes will be started in accordance with rule 26 (5,4,1,Go).
- 8.3 The order of starts (in a sequence on the 23rd and 24th October) for the first race of the day will be displayed on the notice board. In subsequent races the sequence may vary, as it is the race officer's intention to start classes as soon as possible once all competitors of that class have finished the preceding race, rather than wait for boats to complete a race in order to maintain the original sequence.
- 8.4 There will be at least a one-minute interval between the start of one class and the warning for the next.
- 8.5 The starting line will be between the staff on the Committee Boat at the starboard end of the start line and a dan buoy at the port end, each displaying an orange flag.
- 8.6 If there is a General Recall, then the subsequent class starts will be delayed.
- 8.7 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.
- 8.8 A boat starting later than 2 minutes after their starting signal will be scored "Did Not Start". This changes rule A4
- 8.9 In the event of an individual recall, flag 'X' will be lowered no later than 2 minutes after the starting signal. This changes RRS 29.1.

9. MARKS

- 9.1 The marks to be used will be yellow and/or black spherical buoys as indicated in attachment A.
- 9.2 If a mark is to be changed for any reason then it can be either yellow or black.

10. THE FINISH

- 10.1 The approximate location of the finish line is shown in Attachment A.
The finish line will be between a committee boat and a dan buoy each displaying a blue flag.

- 10.2 In accordance with Rule 32 the course may be shortened by flying Flag 'S' or for an individual class ('S' over the class flag) which will be displayed on the relevant committee boat or rib as the leading boat or leading boat of the class is approaching a mark. If the race is shortened at mark 3 (for outer loop fleets), boats shall proceed from that mark to the normal finish line, where they will finish. This change is an addition to Rule 32. For clarity of the inner loop fleets, they will finish in accordance with rule 32 at any other mark of their course, as they will not be passing mark 3.
- 10.3 In order to reduce delay between races, the Race Committee may finish boats competing in fleet racing on the course by recording their positions from a RIB, displaying flag W. The decision of the Race Committee is final and will not be grounds for a competitor to seek redress.
- 10.4 Boats that have finished should keep clear of boats still racing.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM AND TIME LIMITS

- 11.1 If no boat has reached the first mark within 30 minutes, that race will be abandoned, although it may be restarted.
- 11.2 For handicap racing, any boat finishing more than 30 minutes after the first finisher of that handicap fleet will be scored "Did Not Finish".
- 11.3 Under RRS 32.1, the race committee may abandon the race because of any major wind shift, irregular winds or when the speed drops below 5 knots (2.5 m/s) as measured by the race committee. Any action or no action by the race committee under this instruction will not be grounds for redress under RRS 60.1(b).
- 11.4 Class rules which permit change of crew, pumping, rocking and oohing in certain wind conditions and/or change penalty turns (rules 44.1 and 44.2) are suspended for the purposes of this event.
- 11.5 A boat that Did Not Finish or Retired after finishing shall complete an acknowledgment form at the race office within the protest time limit.
- 11.6 For fleet racing, any changes in helm, crew or a change of role between helm and crew needs to be authorised by the class association and the race officer needs to be informed, before the change is made.
- 11.7 When 4000's are involved in fleet racing a boat touching a mark (other than a starting or finishing line mark), and passing it on the correct side does not infringe rule 31. However, a boat which in the opinion of the Race Officer, causes a racing mark to be significantly relocated, may be disqualified from that race without a hearing, including any restart. This changes rule 31.

12. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 12.1 Protest forms are available at the club office. Protest forms shall be returned there within the protest time limit.
- 12.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. This time limit will be extended by 30 minutes for all protests by the Race Committee relating to incidents observed in the racing area.
- 12.3 Notices will be posted within 20 minutes of the end of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 12.4 Breaches of instructions 14.2, 14.3, 14.4, 14.5 and 14.6 will not be grounds for a protest by a competitor. This changes rule 60.1(a).

13 ADVISORY AND ARBITRATION HEARINGS; EXONERATION PENALTY

The Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration procedures of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. For these purposes an Exoneration Penalty of 20% shall apply, although the final position of a penalised boat shall be no worse than if she had retired.

14. SAFETY REGULATIONS AND LOCAL ISSUES

- 14.1 All helms and crews shall wear adequate personal buoyancy at all times while on the water. This changes rule 40.
- 14.2 All boats shall avoid the Rutland Belle, which has the right of way at all times.
- 14.3 All boats shall avoid interfering with fishing boats on the water, 50m clearance is recommended.
- 14.4 Boats shall not sail through the moorings in the east and west creek.
- 14.5 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 14.6 Boats must conform to Anglian Water's "Check, Clean and Dry" regulations at Rutland Water in order to be allowed to sail in the event. This was published in the Notice of Race.

15. SCORING

- 15.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.2 When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 15.3 General handicap races will be scored on the basis of corrected times, using the handicap system approved by RSC.

16 MEASURING

- 16.1 Competitors are required to allow the race committee, the class committee, or a duly authorized representative of either body to measure or inspect a boat at any time when she is not racing.
- 16.2 Checks may be carried out to test the compliance of 4000 competitors with their Class Association measurement Rule, "Weight and Righting Moment Equalisation".
 - a) The procedure for the 4000s is that teams selected for checking will be notified immediately prior to launching, afloat or within five minutes of arriving ashore. It is the responsibility of selected sailors to attend the "Weighing Area" as soon as practicably possible after coming ashore. Selected sailors shall not remove or add any clothing or equipment or other items that were not carried in their boat during racing until their measurement checks are complete. Sailors entering the "Weighing Area" shall remain there until measurement checks (including any re-weighing) are complete to the satisfaction of the measurement team. The penalty for failure to comply with the Class Association rules on weight and righting moment equalization is disqualification from all races already sailed on that day, subject to a protest hearing if required by the competitor. This amends RRS A5.
 - b) The Crew Weights and Crew Righting Moments for each individual in the team shall be rounded to the nearest whole number before they are applied to the Chart or added together.
 - c) The 4000 class permit helm to change their crew during the event, provided that the boat compensation set-up for the helm crew combination sailing together always complies with the class rules. Helm crew weighing can be carried out prior to racing on the day of the change of crew. The race officer must be informed of any changes as per 11.6 above.

17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 17.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction or prior to, during or after the regatta.
- 17.2 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;

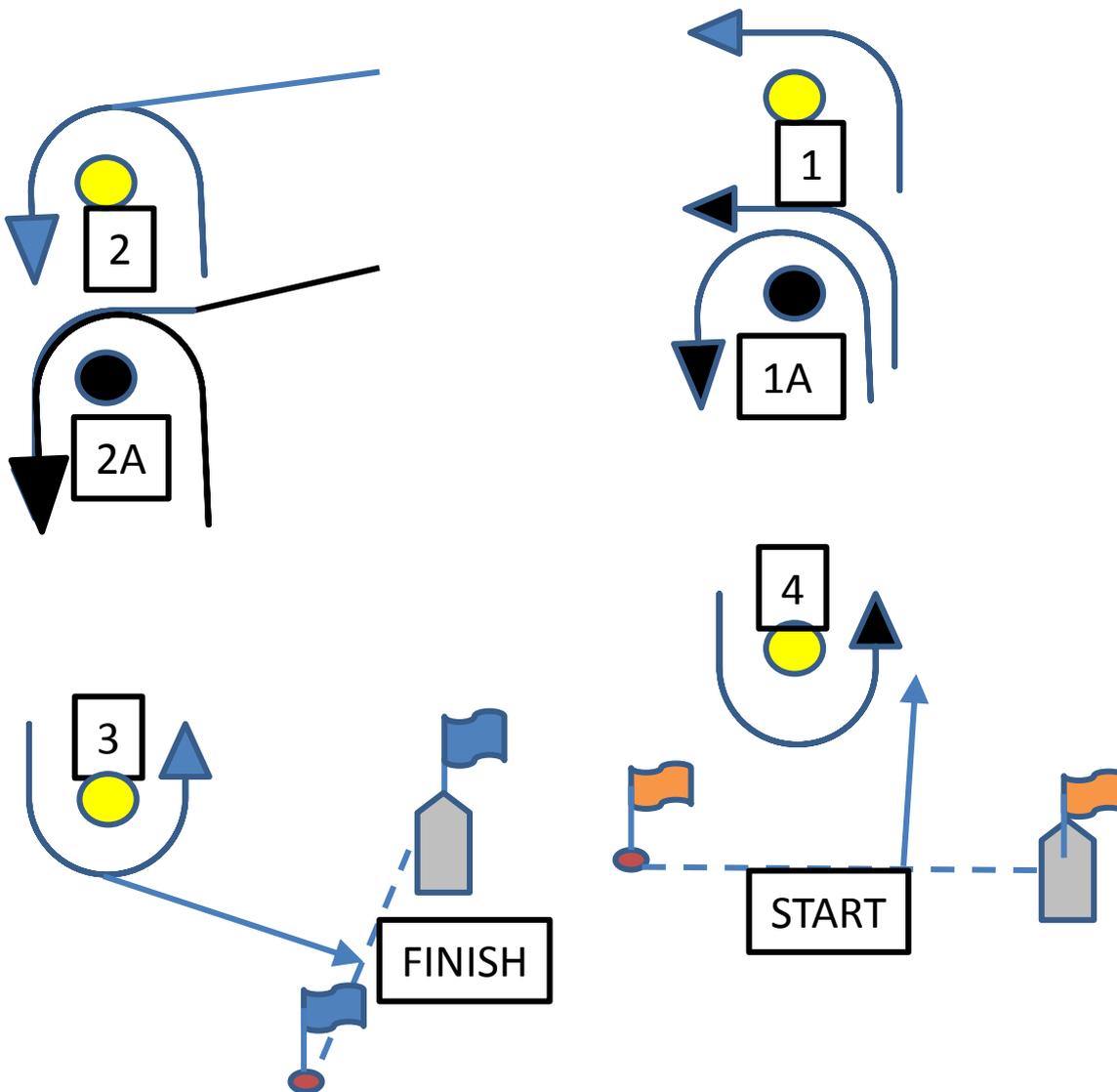
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers 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.

18. INSURANCE

- 18.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3 million.

Attachment A

Course



Marks

- 1, 2, 3 & 4 Yellow spherical buoys
 1A, 2A Black spherical buoy

Outer Loop (OL)	
LAPS	Mark Rounding
1	START, 1, 2, 3, FINISH
2	START, 1, 2, 3, 2, 3, FINISH
3	START, 1, 2, 3, 2, 3, 2, 3, FINISH
4	START, 1, 2, 3, 2, 3, 2, 3, 2, 3, FINISH
5	START, 1, 2, 3, 2, 3, 2, 3, 2, 3, 2, 3, FINISH
6	START, 1, 2, 3, 2, 3, 2, 3, 2, 3, 2, 3, 2, 3, FINISH

Inner Loop (IL)	
LAPS	Mark Rounding
1	START, 1, 2, 3, FINISH
2	START, 1, 4, 1, 2, 3, FINISH
3	START, 1, 4, 1, 4, 1, 2, 3, FINISH
4	START, 1, 4, 1, 4, 1, 4, 1, 2, 3, FINISH
5	START, 1, 4, 1, 4, 1, 4, 1, 4, 1, 2, 3, FINISH
6	START, 1, 4, 1, 4, 1, 4, 1, 4, 1, 4, 1, 4, 1, 2, 3, FINISH

Outer Loop (OLX)	
LAPS	Mark Rounding
1	START, 1A, 2A, 3, FINISH
2	START, 1A, 2A, 3, 2A, 3, FINISH
3	START, 1A, 2A, 3, 2A, 3, 2A, 3, FINISH
4	START, 1A, 2A, 3, 2A, 3, 2A, 3, 2A, 3, FINISH
5	START, 1A, 2A, 3, 2A, 3, 2A, 3, 2A, 3, 2A, 3, FINISH
6	START, 1A, 2A, 3, 2A, 3, 2A, 3, 2A, 3, 2A, 3, 2A, 3, FINISH

Inner Loop (ILX)	
LAPS	Mark Rounding
1	START, 1A, 2A, 3, FINISH
2	START, 1A, 4, 1A, 2A, 3, FINISH
3	START, 1A, 4, 1A, 4, 1A, 2A, 3, FINISH
4	START, 1A, 4, 1A, 4, 1A, 4, 1A, 2A, 3, FINISH
5	START, 1A, 4, 1A, 4, 1A, 4, 1A, 4, 1A, 2A, 3, FINISH
6	START, 1A, 4, 1A, 4, 1A, 4, 1A, 4, 1A, 4, 1A, 2A, 3, FINISH