

# Burghfield Sailing Club

## Sailing Instructions for Club Races

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### **1 Rules**

Racing shall be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013 – 2016, the prescriptions of the RYA, the Class Rules, except as any are altered by these Sailing Instructions (SI), and by these Sailing Instructions.

### **2 Entries and eligibility**

- 2.1 To be eligible for entry, a boat shall be sailed by a person permitted by the Constitution of Burghfield Sailing Club (BSC) or any other person specifically permitted by the Committee, and shall display a current registration sticker. For the purposes of these SI, a registration sticker is considered current up to 4 weeks after its nominal expiry date.
- 2.2 To enter a race, competitors shall sign on before the race on the sheet provided in the Race Office.
- 2.3 The safety of a boat and her entire management, including insurance, shall be the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner/person in charge who must ensure that the boat and crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of the race. Neither these Sailing Instructions nor any inspections of the boat limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner/person in charge for the crew, the boat and her management. The race organisers shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/person in charge or crew, as a result of their taking part in the race or races. Moreover, every owner/person in charge warrants the suitability of the boat for the race or races.
- 2.4 All boats shall comply with their class rules, except that equipment manufactured by a non-class manufacturer may be used provided it is closely similar to that designated by the class. Not holding a current class certificate is not in itself grounds for disqualification.
- 2.5 All boats shall carry third party insurance as required by the Constitution of BSC.
- 2.6 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.
- 2.7 From 1st December to 31 March inclusive, all competitors shall wear a wet or dry suit or equivalent.
- 2.8 There is no minimum number of starters to constitute a race. If there is only one starter in any fleet, and if it completes the course, it shall be awarded points for first place.
- 2.9 All competitors entering a club race must sign on with the correct number for their boat, and identify a different sail number being used, if applicable. However, if a different sail number is used it must be clearly distinguishable from all other competitors. Any competitor failing to do so may be disqualified without a hearing. In the case of any dispute the Sailing Committee's decision will be final.

2.10 A competitor can only complete a series using boats of the same class.

Any competitor who wishes to enter a race without the correct number of crew or any other change to the class configuration must identify this variation on the signing on sheet. A Portsmouth number will be allocated to that class/configuration by sailing committee or its representative and it will be treated as a separate class. The identified configuration may not be changed during any series.

This new class/configuration will be eligible for series prizes in the normal way.

2.11 In a long series, that is a series that takes place over more than one weekend, an entry is constituted of a nominated helmsman in a class of boat. If in a two man boat, that helmsman may change crews during the series. He/she may also use a different boat of the same class providing the change of sail number and series sail number are correctly identified on the signing on sheet.

2.12 In a short series, that is a series that takes place on one day or consecutive days, when both helm and crew are nominated for the whole event then points will be awarded to that boat and crew combination no matter which person helms. If either person is substituted for a race then that race will not count to that boat and crew combination. A different boat of the same class and/or sail number may only be used if permission is granted by the race officer.

### **3 Notices to Competitors**

3.1 Notices to competitors shall be posted on the notice boards in the Race Office or on the course board near the Race Office.

3.2 Notices stating start times and sequences, class flags, and any information or instructions written or posted on the course board shall count as part of these Sailing Instructions. Such information, other than the nominated marks and their order of rounding, and the positions of the start and finish lines, shall survive any change of course made in accordance with SI 7.3 or 7.4.

### **4 Changes in Sailing Instructions**

Any change to these Sailing Instructions shall be posted as a Notice, at least 30 minutes before the first race to which the change applies.

### **5 Signals made ashore**

5.1 Signals made ashore shall be made from the signal mast near the Clubhouse, or from the Committee Boat if moored at the North or South jetty.

5.2 When an indefinite postponement is made from the signal mast near the Clubhouse, the postponed race will start not less than 15 minutes after Flag AP is lowered. When made on the Committee boat, the postponed race will start not less than 15 minutes after the Committee Boat leaves its mooring.

### **6 Schedule of Races**

6.1 The schedule of races shall be as listed in the BSC "Sailing and Social Events", except that the start times shown are for guidance only. Until further notice, the start times, sequence of starts and class flags for BSC race series shall be as follows;

<b>Class</b>	<b>Class Flag</b>	<b>Morning races</b>	<b>Afternoon races</b>
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Fast Asymmetric <PY 1100	R	1100	1330
Fast Handicap <PY 1100	F	1103	1333
Laser	Laser	1106	1336
Slow Handicap >PY1100	B	1109	1339
Youth Handicap>PY1100, age> U18	W	1112	1342
Wednesday Evening Pursuit	G	-	1850
Bank Holiday Pursuit	G	Varies – see "Sailing and Social Events"	

Handicap races other than pursuit races in the BSC race series will be Lap Timed Handicap races.

- 6.2 Any changes to the start times, sequence of starts and class flags shall be displayed in or near the Race Office at least 30 minutes before the start of the race to which they refer.

## 7 Courses

- 7.1 A plan of the sailing water, showing the provisional course to be sailed, including the approximate positions of starting and finishing lines, number of rounds or, for a Lap-Timed Handicap Race, the approximate race duration, shall be shown on the course board at least 20 minutes before the start.
- 7.2 The course marks and the order that they are to be rounded will be repeated 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 ground indicates that the mark is to be rounded to starboard, on a red ground that it is to be rounded to port.
- 7.3 Flag U displayed, prior to the preparatory signal, varies the course for the Fast Asymmetric fleet only. The Fast Asymmetric fleet shall round only the first and last marks of the displayed course, rounding them in the direction indicated in SI 7.2. The start / finish line shall not be part of the course on the leg to the last mark in each lap. Code flag U shall remain displayed for the duration of the race.
- 7.4 Flag L displayed, prior to the warning signal, on the Committee Boat, indicates that the final course differs from that shown on the course board and is shown on the Committee Boat. This changes the meaning of Flag L in the RRS Race Signals.
- 7.5 In the event of a second or subsequent change, Flag L will be lowered, together with one sound signal, and then re-displayed after one minute with a further sound signal. Responsibility for determining the final course rests with each competitor.
- 7.6 No boat is to go within a two-length zone of a person fishing and this zone shall count as an obstruction.
- 7.7 Boats on any leg of the course shall not sail between the island, situated immediately north of the line between marks 12 and 13, and the shore. This island and the area of shallow water to the north of it extending to the shore shall rank as an obstruction.
- 7.8 Boats are not permitted to sail between a cardinal mark and an island or obstruction to which the cardinal mark relates.

## 8 Marks

Rounding marks will be inflatable marks, with numbers or letters. Their approximate positions are shown on the course board. Outer and inner distance marks, if used, will be inflatable orange or white dan buoys, with a white or alloy staff.

## 9 The start

9.1 Races will be started using the following system;

Time	Signal	Action
Start minus 6 minutes	Warning	Hoist Class Flag, 1 sound
Start minus 3 minutes	Preparatory	Hoist Flag P (with I, Z, Z + I or black flag if required), 1 sound
Start minus 1 minute (only if I, Z, Z+I or black flag used)	1 minute rule in force	Lower I, Z, Z + I or black flag, 1 sound
Start	Start	Lower Warning and Preparatory, 1 sound

9.2 When classes are started at 3 minute intervals, 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.

SI 9.1 and 9.2 change Rule 26.

9.3 The starting line shall be between the signal mast of the Committee Boat and an outer distance mark. An orange flag will not be displayed on the signal mast.

9.4 If an inner distance mark is used, this shall be shown on the course board, and shall count as a starting mark. All boats shall pass between the inner and outer distance marks when starting. The inner distance mark is not necessarily on the starting line.

## 10 General recalls

10.1 After a General Recall the scheduled start sequence will continue. The recalled fleet shall start 3 minutes after the last scheduled fleet unless it is the last scheduled fleet, in which case it shall start 6 minutes after the recalled start.

10.2 The First Substitute Flag shall be lowered 2 minutes after the recalled start.

10.3 If the recalled fleet is the last or next to last fleet to start, the warning flag for the recalled fleet will be re-hoisted with the preparatory signal for the new start. Otherwise the warning flag will be re-hoisted 3 minutes before the preparatory signal.

10.4 If more than one fleet is recalled, they shall be restarted in order after the last scheduled start.

10.5 SI 10.1 – 10.4 change Rule 29.2.

## 11 The finish

11.1 The finishing line shall be between the Committee Boat signal mast and an outer distance mark, or any mark of the course leaving it on its correct hand. An orange flag

will not be displayed on the signal mast, nor will a blue flag be displayed on the Committee Boat.

- 11.2 For all races, except pursuit races as described these instructions (section P4), the finish line shall be crossed at the end of each lap.
- 11.3 A boat's position and/or time will be recorded for scoring when it crosses the finishing line, having taken all penalties including finishing penalties, either
  - a) after completing the number of laps shown on the course board or
  - b) the first time after the shorten course flag applicable to that class is displayed.
- 11.4 For Handicap Races other than Lap-Timed Handicap and Pursuit Races, all competitors in the same Fleet must sail an equal number of laps.
- 11.5 Except as shown in SI 11.3, a 'Grand Prix' finishing system will be used. After the leading boat in any fleet has finished, all boats will be finished, regardless of the number of laps completed. The actual number of laps completed shall be recorded and used in the computation of positions.

## **12 Shortening courses**

- 12.1 The finishing line for a shortened course shall comply with SI 11.1, except as shown in SI LTH.1.
- 12.2 If Optimists or Toppers have started with another fleet, they may be shortened separately by hoisting Flag O or Flag T respectively, with Flag S. If neither Flag O or Flag T is flown, then they shall be finished in the same manner as the fleet with which they started.

## **13 Time Limit**

The time limit shall be 90 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat or within the time limit, whichever is later, will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes Rule 35. If no boat completes a minimum of one lap, the race shall be declared void.

## **14 Declarations**

No declarations are required.

## **15 Protests**

Protests shall be written on forms available in the Race Office, and shall be delivered to the Officer of the Day within 45 minutes of the time of the last boat's finish. Where competitors from different fleets are involved in the protest, the time shall be measured from the finish of the last boat in any of the fleets involved.

## **16 Scoring**

- 16.1 Scoring shall be in accordance with the 'Low Points System' in Rule A4.1, as amended by Rule A9, except that for the Spring, Summer, Autumn, Frostbite, Wednesday Pursuit and Bank Holiday Series, the words in Rule A9 "the number of boats entered" shall be replaced by "the maximum number of boats that came to the starting area". This changes Rules A4.2 and A9.

16.2 The number of races to count shall be as in the following Tables;

Club series except Wednesday evening series								
No of races sailed	1	2 - 3	4 - 7	8 - 10	11 - 13	14 - 16	17 - 19	20
No to count	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

Wednesday evening									
No of races sailed	1	2 - 3	4 - 6	7-8	9-10	11-12	13-14	15-16	17-18
No to count	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

- 16.3 A race is deemed to be sailed if shown in BSC "Sailing and Social Events" and not specifically cancelled or abandoned and not resailed. 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.
- 16.4 When boats in a race are tied at the finishing line, or when the tie results from a handicap system, they will be awarded points for the place for which they tied. Boats in subsequent places will be scored as if the tied boats had not tied. This changes Rule A7.
- 16.5 The annual Fleet Championship shall be scored on the basis of results in the Frostbite, Spring, Summer and Autumn Morning and Afternoon Series, with the result in each Series scored as if it were a single race. Of the 8 Series, the best 4 shall count.
- 16.6 A duty carried out by a helm in a series shall be scored as the average sum of points for all races Average points for a duty can only be counted once in a series.

## Pursuit Races

The Sailing Instructions for Club Races will apply, except SI's 9.1, 10 and 11 - 13, supplemented as follows;

### P1 Group Assignment

A Table of Portsmouth Yardstick Numbers and Group Numbers shall be displayed in or near the Race Office. The Group numbers represent the start time in minutes or half minutes of each group after time zero in the starting sequence. The race duration shall be displayed on the course board. Each boat shall start in the Group to which it has been assigned except in the case of a Personal Handicap event when each competitor shall start in the Group to which he/she has been assigned. It is the responsibility of each competitor to start in the correct group

### P2 Starting Procedure

The starting sequence is indicated below. Sound signals will be at 30 second intervals. The time will be indicated either by:

- Numbers on an electronic display board on the committee boat indicating numbers in minutes and half minutes
- Numbers on manual display board with a hand held shape indicating the second part of a minute.

The method of indicating times may be changed during a start procedure. Failure by the Race Officer to make all changes to the display on time, or to display every time change, will not constitute reason for redress.

Each Group starts may start as soon as its number board (and ½ minute signal if appropriate) is displayed.

Time	Display	Sound	Meaning
Zero minus 6 minutes	Hoist Flag G	1 blast	General Warning

Zero minus 3 minutes	Hoist Flag P	1 blast	General Preparatory
Zero	Lower Flags G & P Display Board 0	1 blast	Start for Group 0 Preparatory for Group 1/2
Zero plus 1/2 minute	Display ½ minute signal	1 blast	Start for Group 1/2 Preparatory for Group 1
Zero plus 1 minutes	Remove ½ signal Display Board 1	1 blast	Start for Group 1 Preparatory for Group 1 1/2
Zero plus 1 ½ minutes	Display ½ minute signal	1 blast	Start for group 1 ½ Preparatory for group 2.
Zero plus 2 minutes	Remove . Board 1 Remove ½ minute signal Display Board 2	1 blast	Start for Group 2 Preparatory for group 2 ½
and so on until the Groups for all boats in the starting area have started.			

### **P3 Recalls**

- P3.1 Individual Recalls shall be signalled by a second sound signal. No visual signals will be made. This changes Rule 29.1.
- P3.2 There will be no General Recalls. This changes Rule 29.3.

### **P4 Finishing Procedure**

- P4.1 Shortly before the race duration expires, Flag S will be hoisted. The finishing line will be positioned so that the leading boat finishes as close as practical to the race duration after the start of Group 0.
- P4.2 The finishing line shall be close to the rhumb line of the leg being sailed by the leading boat, and so that the duration of the race for all other boats is as close as practical to that intended, shall, where possible, be moved back through the fleet, and may be either;
- a between the Committee Boat signal mast and another motor boat, in which case competitors shall finish between the 2 boats, or;
  - b an imaginary line extending from the Committee Boat signal mast in both directions at right angles to the line between the buoys bounding the current leg of the course. In this case competitors shall ensure that they are visible from the Committee Boat.
- P4.3 A second finishing line may then be used for those boats who have not passed the mark beginning the leg on which the leader finished. This second line will be moved back through the fleet as described above, if possible.

### **Lap-timed Handicap Races**

The Sailing Instructions for Club Races will apply, except SI 11.2, supplemented as follows;

- LTH.1 The finishing line shall be the same as the starting line.
- LTH.2 The course length shall be denoted by an approximate duration (eg "about 1 hour"), rather than by the number of laps.
- LTH.3 All boats in a Lap-Timed Handicap race shall pass through the finishing line on each lap.

LTH.4 A Lap-Timed Handicap race will always be finished by using Flag S. All boats will finish on the first occasion they pass through the line after Flag S has been hoisted, irrespective of the number of laps completed. The first boat to finish need not necessarily be the leading boat.

LTH.5 The elapsed time and the number of laps completed shall be recorded for each boat.

LTH.6 The corrected time for each boat will be computed using the formula;

$$CT = \frac{ET \times 1000}{PYN \times N}$$

where; CT = Corrected Time  
ET = Elapsed Time  
PYN = Portsmouth Yardstick Number  
N = Number of Laps completed