



**International Europe Class UK National  
Championship**  
**26<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> July 2008 at Lancing Sailing Club**



**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1. RULES**

- 1.1 Races will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008 (RRS), the Prescriptions of the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) and these Sailing Instructions
- 1.2 Where there is conflict between the RRS and the Sailing Instructions, these Sailing Instructions will prevail.
- 1.3 The Equipment Rules of Sailing and the Class Rules of any eligible boat competing will apply.
- 1.4 The RRS will be changed as follows:-  
RRS Race Signals, RRS 27.1, A4, 61.3, 62.2, 60.1(a), 60.2(a), 70.1 and 40.
- 1.5 All boats competing must have completed an entry form, made the appropriate payment, completed the necessary declarations and provided any other relevant information.

**2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice boards, which are located in the clubhouse entry foyer, and externally adjacent to the entrance door.
- 2.2 Notices to competitors afloat will be posted on a blackboard displayed on the Committee Boat.

**3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted at least 30 minutes before the start of any race, or races where these are to be back to back.

**4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag mast atop the public toilet block.

4.2 When Code Flag 'AP' is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with, 'not less than 30 minutes' in RRS Race Signals 'AP'. This changes RRS Race Signals.

4.3 No boats may launch until Code Flag 'D' is displayed with one sound signal.

## 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Races are scheduled as follows:-

Race	Date	Time of Warning Signal
Race 1	Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> July 2008	1155 hours
Race 2	Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> July 2008	ASAP after Race 1
Race 3	Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> July 2008	ASAP after Race 2
Race 4	Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> July 2008	1055hrs
Race 5	Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> July 2008	ASAP after Race 4
Race 6	Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> July 2008	ASAP after Race 5

No warning signal will be made after 1600hrs on the last day of the regatta.

5.2 When Code Flag 'F' is displayed on the Committee Boat as boats are finishing it is the intention of the Race Committee to commence the next race as soon as possible.

## 6. CLASS FLAGS

The class flag will be the official Europe Class flag as supplied by the UK Class Association.

## 7. RACING AREA

The racing area is intended to be directly to the South of the clubhouse.

## 8. THE COURSES

8.1 All marks are to be taken to port. The course is 1, 2, 3, 4 and then continue until the finish flag is flown on the committee boat.

8.2 No later than the Warning Signal, the Race Committee will display the approximate compass bearing of the first mark.

## 9. MARKS

9.1 Marks 1 and 4 on the course will be cylindrical orange buoys.

9.2 Marks 2 and 3 on the course will be cylindrical black dumpy buoys.

9.3 The starting mark will be a red topped yellow bodied pencil buoy.

## **10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS**

Competitors should be aware that the rock groynes extend underwater and form obstructions.

## **11. THE START**

11.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the following addition:

An attention signal (Code Flag 'F') when flown, as described in S.I. 5.2, above, will be removed with one sound signal, one minute before the Warning Signal of the starts. This changes RRS 27.1.

11.2 The starting line will be between the main mast of the Committee Boat displaying an black Volvo flag at the Starboard end and the mark described in S.I. 9.3, above at the Port end.

11.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This changes RRS A4.

## **12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

## **13. THE FINISH**

13.1 The finishing line will be between the main mast of the Committee Boat displaying a black Volvo flag at the Starboard end and mark 4 at the Port end.

## **14. PENALTIES**

14.1 RRS 44.1 and 44.2 apply.

14.2 A boat that has taken a penalty under RRS 31.2 or 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form in the entrance foyer within the protest time limit.

14.3 The Race Committee and its observers will bring a Protest when it believes RRS 42 may have been broken.

## **15. TIME LIMITS**

15.1 The time limit for any race for the leading boat is 90 minutes.

15.3 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes of the leading boat will be classified as DNF.

## **16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

16.1 Protest Forms are available at the Race Office, situated adjacent to the first floor balcony. Protest Forms shall be delivered there within the time limit.

16.2 The Protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.

16.3 Notices will be posted within 15 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

16.4 Notices of protests by the Race Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

16.5 Breaches of Sailing Instructions 11.3, 14.2, 18, 19.2 and 22 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the Protest Committee so decides.

## **17. SCORING**

17.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A of the RRS will apply.

17.2 Six races are scheduled from which a boat's score will be the total of her best five race results except where the Protest Committee prescribe a non-excludable score.

17.3 Where less than six races are sailed, one discard shall be permitted in the event of three races being completed but where the Protest Committee prescribe a non-excludable score, this shall always be included.

17.4 Where two or less races are sailed all shall count. 2 races shall constitute a series.

## **18. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

18.1 Declaration forms, available in the entrance foyer, for each race must be completed within 45 minutes of the last boat finishing any race, or where races are held back to back, the last race of the sequence, for every race.

- 18.2 Competitors will sign off on the Declaration form(s) as either having completed the race in accordance with the Racing Rules of Sailing and these Sailing Instructions, Retired, Protesting or having completed a one or two turn penalty.
- 18.3 Failure to sign off on the Declaration form will result in disqualification; this amends RRS 60.2(a).
- 18.4 Adequate personal proprietary buoyancy aids shall be worn, properly secured by all competitors at all times whilst afloat. Wetsuits and dry suits do not constitute personal buoyancy. Competitors afloat who are not wearing personal buoyancy will be subject to disqualification without protest hearing. RRS 70.1 is amended accordingly.

No flag signals concerning personal buoyancy will be made. This Sailing Instruction shall prevail. This changes RRS 40.

## **19. REPLACEMENT CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 19.1 Only the helm named on the entry form will be eligible. If a different helm completes a race in the same boat then they will be considered a separate entry and their results cannot be combined with another helm's results.
- 19.2 Where a hull, spars or sails are damaged to such an extent that they cannot be used in the next race after all reasonable steps are taken to carry out repairs then competitors may change equipment with the prior agreement of the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **20. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and Sailing Instructions.

## **21. OFFICIAL BOATS**

Official boats will comprise the Committee Boat, grey and orange RIBS.

## **22. SUPPORT BOATS**

- 22.1 Team leaders, coaches, parents and other support personnel shall stay a minimum of 200m outside of the extremities of the course configuration from the time of the first Warning Signal or the dropping of Code Flag 'F', whichever is the sooner or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

22.2 Team leaders, coaches, parents or other support personnel who fail to observe the above will be the subject of a protest by the Race Committee and any penalty so accrued will be ascribed to the competing boat(s) that they are connected with which shall be non-excludable.

**23. RUBBISH**

No boats shall throw any rubbish of any kind overboard.

**24. NOT USED**

**25. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

**26. PRIZES**

Prizes shall be awarded for

- 1st Youth (under 18 on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2008)
- 1st Lady
- 1st Man
- Best Newcomer
- British Champion
- Open Champion
- 1st Veteran (over 40 on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2008)

**27. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

**28. INSURANCE**

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

## Appendix A – Course Layout

Note: The course diagram indicates only the general shape of the course and not the relative angles or distances between the marks.

Start, 1, 2, 3, 4, continues until blue flag is flown from the committee boat. All marks to be taken to port.

