



BRITISH UNIVERSITIES
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BRITISH UNIVERSITIES & COLLEGES SPORT FLEET RACING CHAMPIONSHIPS SATURDAY 5TH AND SUNDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2016 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*, including the RYA Prescriptions and RYA Racing Charter.
 - 1.1.1. The rules of the Portsmouth yardstick for the [Laser](#), Laser Radial, Laser 4.7 and [Firefly](#) Classes shall also apply. The BUCS General Regulations will also apply with respect to eligibility and entry.
 - 1.1.2. The British Universities Sailing Associations' Constitution and Standing Orders shall apply.
- 1.2. All competing boats shall comply with the Draycote Water Sailing Club regulations. A copy will be posted on the Official Notice Board and is available at <http://draycotewater.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/DWSC-REGULATIONS-10.05.16.pdf>
- 1.3. Instructions given by any safety craft in respect of actions relating to Club Regulations will be deemed to have come from the Organizing Authority. Disregarding these instructions may lead to disqualification and subsequent exclusion from the event.
- 1.4. NOR changed 40 and 62.1(a). Racing Rules 35, 40, 60.1, 64.1, 66, A4, A5 will be changed under SI 15, 25.5, 16.5, 14.2, 16.8, 18.6;15, and 15.
- 1.5. The Exoneration Penalty and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. Decisions from the RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee but cannot be reopened or appealed.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the upper floor of the clubhouse of Draycote Water Sailing Club.
- 2.2. There will be a **competitors briefing at 0930hrs on Saturday** and at **0915hrs on Sunday**. All helms and crews are required to attend.

3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted at least 60 minutes before the advertised start time of the first race to which it applies, except that any change to the schedule of races for a day will be posted no later than 19.30hrs on the previous day.
- 3.2. The Race Committee will hoist Flag "L" with one sound signal on the mast on the DWSC balcony when an amendment has been posted.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the mast on the DWSC balcony.
- 4.2. When "Flag AP" is displayed ashore racing will commence not less than 30 minutes after AP is lowered. This changes RRS Race Signals AP.
- 4.3. Flag D with one sound means 'The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after flag D is displayed.' (Boats are requested not to leave the shore until this signal is made.)'

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

| 5.1. Day | Race | Warning Signal |
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| Saturday 5th | 1 | 10:55hrs |
| | 2 | As soon as possible after Race 1 |
| | 3 | As soon as possible after Race 2 |

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| Sunday 6th | 4 | 10:25hrs |
| | 5 | As soon as possible after Race 4 |
| | 6 | As soon as possible after Race 5 |

- 5.2. More than 3 races may be sailed on either day at the discretion of the Race Committee. However, no more than 4 races will be sailed on a single day.
- 5.3. On the last day of the regatta, no warning signal will be made after 15.00hrs, except as a result of a general recall.
- 5.4. The race course for each class will be identified at the daily briefings.

6. CLASS FLAGS

The Class Flags will be:

| CLASS | FLAG |
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| Laser Handicap Class | Numeral Pennant ONE (White with red disc) |
| Fast Handicap Class | Numeral Pennant TWO (Blue with white disc) |
| Slow Handicap Class | Numeral Pennant THREE (Red/White/Blue) |
| Firefly Class | Numeral Pennant FOUR (Red with white cross) |

7. RACING AREA

The racing area will be Draycote Water Reservoir, with the exact locations of race courses will be confirmed at the daily briefing.

8. COURSES

- 8.1. The diagrams in Addendum A show the courses.
- 8.2. The course configuration will be Windward/Leeward. Spreader marks and gates may be used, but will be confirmed at the daily briefing.

9. MARKS

- 9.1. The course marks will for both courses will be inflatable marks. The marks for each course and their colours will be described on the Official Notice Board prior to the start of the first race.
- 9.2. Unless otherwise stated, all marks are rounding marks.

10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1. The prohibited areas and obstructions that boats shall not sail within at any time will be announced at the competitors briefing on the first day of the regatta.

11. THE START

- 11.1. The starting line will be between the mast of the Committee Boat flying an orange flag and the ODM (Outer Distance Mark). The ODM will be a Dan buoy with an orange flag.
- 11.2. A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes rule A4.
- 11.3. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

12. CHANGE OF 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 finish line will be between the mast of the Committee Boat flying a Blue flag and a Dan buoy flying a Blue flag.
- 13.2. A boat that has finished shall not re-cross the finish line. If she does so, she shall be disqualified from that race.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1. Penalties for a breach of a rule, other than a rule of RRS Part 2, shall be at the discretion of the Protest Committee and may be less than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.1

15. TIME LIMIT

In one design classes, boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in her class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. In handicap classes, boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in her class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

16. PROTESTS

- 16.1. The Exoneration Penalty, RYA Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration procedures of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. Decisions from the RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee but cannot be reopened or appealed. Further details will be published on the Official Notice Board. The Exoneration penalty shall be a 30% place penalty.
- 16.2. Protest forms are available from the Race Office, and completed forms shall be delivered to the Race Office within the protest time limit.
- 16.3. The protest time limit for each race course is 30 minutes after the last boat from their start is ashore.
- 16.4. Notice of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted on the Official Notice Board to inform boats in accordance with RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.5. Breaches of SI 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 11.4, 13.2, 21.1, and 21.2 shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This amends RRS 60.1(a).
- 16.6. The schedule of hearings will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit expires. Protests will be heard in approximate order of receipt.
- 16.7. The Protest Committee will post a notice of boats penalised under RRS Appendix P.
- 16.8. On Sunday 6 November, the last day of the regatta, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
 - (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day; or
 - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.

17. SCORING SYSTEM

- 17.1. The Low Point Scoring system in RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 17.2. Six races are scheduled. If four or more races are sailed, there will be one discard. If three or less races are sailed, all races will be counted.
- 17.3. Two races for each class are required to be completed to constitute a series.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1. Adequate personal buoyancy must be worn whilst on the pontoons and when afloat. A drysuit or wetsuit does not constitute adequate personal buoyancy. This changes RRS 40.
- 18.2. A drysuit or wetsuit must be worn whilst afloat.
- 18.3. All boats are required to carry a 3 metre (Minimum 8mm) rope attached to their bow.
- 18.4. Competitors are required to inform the Committee Boat or a safety boat and the Race Office if they retire.

19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1. The substitution of competitors is not permitted without the prior written approval of the Organising Authority. Competitors are referred to the Notice of Race which contains the conditions for crew substitution.
- 19.2. The substitution of equipment (replacement, lost or damaged) will not be permitted without the prior written approval of the Protest Committee. Requests shall be made 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. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

21. IDENTIFICATION AND ADVERTISING WHILE RACING

- 21.1. Each day while racing, the first, second and third boats in series ranking at the beginning of the day shall display a yellow, blue and red sail sticker respectively. The organising authority will supply the stickers.
- 21.2. Stickers provided by the OA as per SI. 21.1, should be applied to sails with the sail dry and clean. Stickers should be applied such that they are clearly visible to others on the water and as near to the lowest part of the leech as practically possible. See Addendum B.

22. SUPPORT BOATS

No additional support boats are allowed on the water without prior written permission from the Organising Authority.

23. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, 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.

24. PRIZES

24.1. Prizes will be awarded as follows:

- 24.1.1. Men's Team Prize: The Men's team prize will be awarded to teams from the same institution which has the 3 boats of all males having the combined lowest score. Each boat must have raced in a class which has 15 or more entries. If a class has less than 15 entries and is combined with another class, a boat which would have raced in the former class will not count. BUCS points are awarded to the top 8 teams.
- 24.1.2. Ladies Team Prize: The Ladies team prize will be awarded to teams from the same institution which has the 3 boats of all females who have the combined lowest score. Each boat must have raced in a class which has 15 or more entries. If a class has less than 15 entries and is combined with another class, a boat which would have raced in the former class will not count. BUCS points are awarded to the top 8 teams.
- 24.1.3. BUCS Medals and points will be awarded to boats placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the Firefly, Laser Handicap, Fast Handicap and Slow Handicap fleets. Boats placed 4th in the Firefly, Laser Handicap, Fast Handicap and Slow Handicap fleets will also be awarded BUCS points.

25. RISK STATEMENT

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 involves an element of risk.

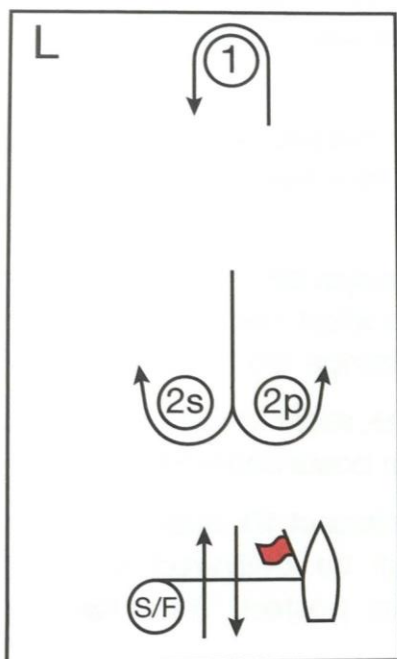
By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- 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, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the 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;

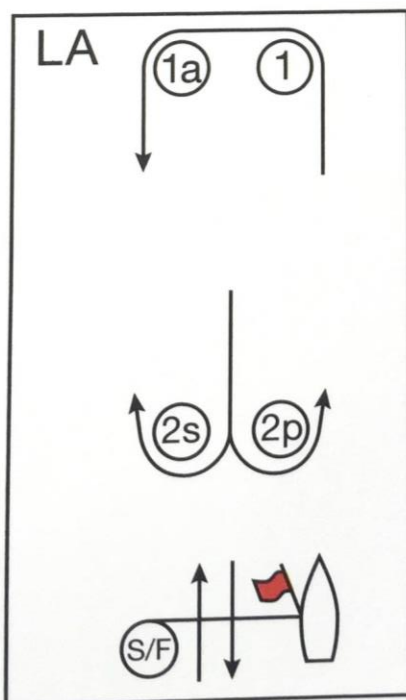
26. INSURANCE

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

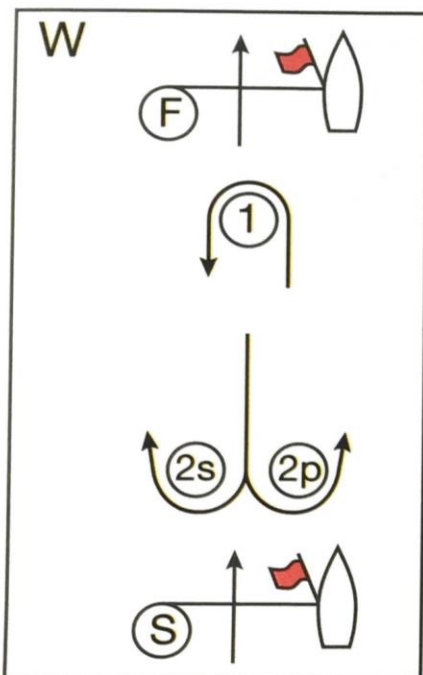
Addendum A: Courses



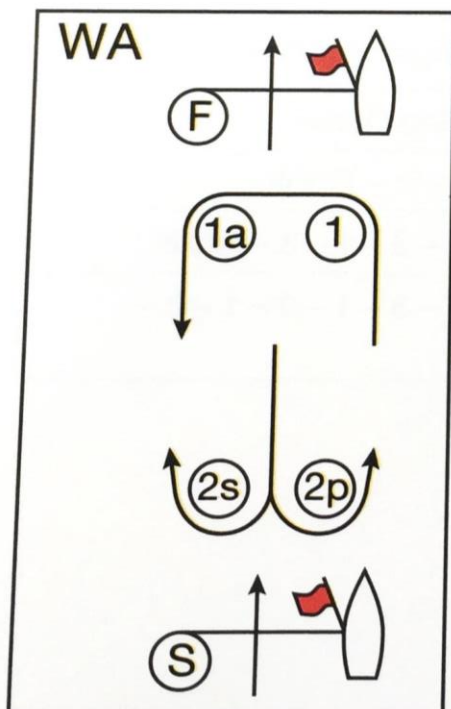
| Course L – Windward/Leeward, Leeward Finish | |
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| Signal | Mark Rounding Order |
| L2 | Start – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – Finish |
| L3 | Start – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – Finish |
| L4 | Start – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – Finish |



| Course LA – Windward/Leeward with Offset Mark, Leeward Finish | |
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| Signal | Mark Rounding Order |
| LA2 | Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish |
| LA3 | Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish |
| LA4 | Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish |



| Course W – Windward/Leeward, Windward Finish | |
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| Signal | Mark Rounding Order |
| W2 | Start – 1 – 2s/2p – Finish |
| W3 | Start – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2s/2p – Finish |
| W4 | Start – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2s/2p – Finish |



| Course WA – Windward/Leeward with Offset Mark, Windward Finish | |
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| Signal | Mark Rounding Order |
| WA2 | Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – Finish |
| WA3 | Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – Finish |
| WA4 | Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – Finish |

Addendum B: Sail Stickers for overnight 1st, 2nd, 3rd.

