



**BRITISH UNIVERSITIES & COLLEGES SPORT & THE BRITISH UNIVERSITIES
SAILING ASSOCIATION
TEAM RACING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2012**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

(based on the UKTRA Standard Sailing Instructions)

1 RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing including Appendix D, Team Racing Rules.
- 1.2 The right of appeal is denied in accordance with rule 70.5(a).

SINGLE-FLAG PROTEST PROCEDURE

- 1.3 When invoked in the Appendix 1 to these SIs, rule D2.2(a) is changed to:
- (a) *When a boat protests under a rule of Part 2 or under rule 31 or 42 for an incident in the racing area, she is not entitled to a hearing and the following applies:*
- (1) *She shall hail 'Protest' and conspicuously display a red flag at the first reasonable opportunity for each.*
 - (2) *The boats shall be given time to respond. A boat involved in the incident may promptly take the appropriate penalty or clearly indicate that she will do so as soon as possible.*
 - (3) *If no boat takes a penalty, an umpire shall decide whether to penalize any boat.*
 - (4) *If more than one boat broke a rule and was not exonerated, an umpire may penalize any boat that broke a rule and did not take the appropriate penalty.*
- 1.4 The Protest Committee may protest a boat upon receipt of a report from an umpire after a black flag has been displayed. This amends rule D2.4(a).
- 1.5 When boats are provided by the Organising Authority they shall be deemed to conform to their class rules. When class rules change rule 42, such changes shall not apply.
- 1.6 When a boat, by her words or actions, clearly indicates that she will take a voluntary penalty and then fails to do so, she may be penalised by an umpire under rule D2.2(d)(3) for a breach of sportsmanship. A penalty will be imposed whether or not there has been a protest about the incident. However, the boat will not be penalised under this rule when she is penalised for breaking another rule in the same incident.

2 ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 To become eligible to race, a team shall enter as required in the Notice of Race and register on arrival at the event during the times specified by the Race Committee or otherwise with its prior permission. A team shall provide the required damage deposit before going afloat for the first time.
- 2.2 After registration, no team member may be changed without the prior written permission of the Race Committee.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the clubhouse for the event unless a different location is specified in Appendix 1 to these Sailing Instructions.

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be signalled by Flag L for the shore signal position. Such changes will be posted on the Official Notice Board not less than 10 minutes before the warning signal of the first affected race.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 The shore signal position is the club flagpole unless a different location is specified in the Appendix to these Sailing Instructions.
- 5.2 When displayed ashore Flag AP with two sound signals (one sound signal when lowered) means "Races not started are postponed". The warning signal of the next race will be made not less than ten minutes after Flag AP is lowered. This amends Race Signal AP.

6 EVENT FORMAT AND SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 The format of the event is described in Appendix 2 of these Sailing Instructions. The format may be modified during the event in a fair and practical way by the Race Committee taking into account the entries, weather conditions, time constraints and any other relevant factor.
- 6.2 The schedule of races will be displayed on the Official Notice Board. Any changes to the schedule will be displayed not less than 10 minutes before the start of the next affected race.
- 6.3 Every race will be assigned a race number in the schedule. Unless otherwise specified in Appendix 1 to these Sailing Instructions, the race number will be displayed on the Start Boat between the preparatory signal and the start signal for that race. When the race number is displayed in this way, it overrides all prior communications, schedules or instructions. The Race Committee may at any time remove a particular race from the schedule and run it at a later time.

7 THE COURSE AND TIME LIMIT

- 7.1 Unless otherwise specified in Appendix 1 to these Sailing Instructions:

7.1.1 the starting line will be between the mast of the Start Boat and a starting mark; and

7.1.2 the finishing line will be between the mast of the Finish Boat and a finishing mark.

7.2 The starting mark, finishing mark and course marks will be described on the Official Notice Board.

7.3 The course configuration will be displayed on the Official Notice Board.

7.4 Unless otherwise specified in Appendix 1 to these Sailing Instructions, the time limit for each race will be 30 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat finished will be scored DNF. This amends rule 35.

8 THE START

8.1 Races will be started using the following signals. Times shall be taken from the start of each sound signal and any failure of a visual signal shall be disregarded. This amends rule 26.

| <i>Signal</i> | <i>Minutes before starting signal</i> | <i>Sound</i> | <i>Alternative visual signals</i> | |
|---------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Warning | 3 | 1 | Class flag or cone shape up | 3 battens |
| Preparatory | 2 | 1 | Flag P or ball shape up | 2 battens |
| One-minute | 1 | 1 | Flag P or ball shape down | 1 batten |
| Starting | 0 | 1 | Class flag or cone shape down | No battens |

The visual signals to be used will be specified in the Appendix to these Sailing Instructions or on the Official Notice Board.

8.2 When a boat is subject to rule 29.1, Flag X need not be displayed for more than 1 minute after the starting signal. This amends rule 29.1. The Race Committee may hail the sail numbers or the total number of premature starters.

8.3 A boat that fails to start within 2 minutes of her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. However, if a boat is OCS and does not return she shall be scored in accordance with rule D3.1. This amends rules A4 and A5.

8.4 After a general recall, succeeding races may be delayed for the recalled race. Attention is drawn to SI 6.3.

8.5 Attention may be drawn to an imminent warning signal by a series of short sound signals. If flag AP has been flown, these signals may be used in place of the standard 1 minute interval. This amends Race Signal AP.

9 PROTESTS AND PENALTIES

9.1 A boat intending to request redress for an incident in the racing area shall display a red flag at the first reasonable opportunity. She shall display the red flag until it is acknowledged by the Race Committee or by an umpire. This amends rule 62.2.

- 9.2 Protests and requests for redress that have not been decided afloat shall be notified to the Race Office within 10 minutes after the relevant incident or, if the incident is afloat, within 10 minutes after coming ashore.
- 9.3 The Protest Committee may refuse to hear a protest or request for redress unless its outcome is relevant to progress, but not seeding, in the next round of the competition. This amends rule 63.1.
- 9.4 When rule D2.2 applies and the race umpires together with one other umpire (when available) decide that a boat has broken rule 14 and there is damage or injury, they may penalise her team by half a race win without a hearing. The boat will be informed as soon as practical and may request a hearing at the time of being so informed. Any penalty after a hearing will be in accordance with rule D3.1(c). This amends rule 63.1.
- 9.5 When the Protest Committee decides that a breach of a rule has had no significant effect on the outcome of a race, it may make any arrangement it decides is equitable, which may be to order a re-sail or to impose no penalty. This amends rule D3.1.

10 BOATS

- 10.1 For each race the Race Committee will allocate boats to the participating teams.
- 10.2 Spinnakers, trapezes and the gear specifically provided for the utilisation of these shall not be used.
- 10.3 Standing rigging shall not be altered nor any gear removed without the permission of the Race Committee.

BREAKDOWNS

- 10.4 Competitors are responsible for inspecting their boats before racing. Competitors shall report any defects, damage or breakdown to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 10.5 When to continue racing after damage or a breakdown risks further damage to the boat, that boat shall retire immediately.
- 10.6 The Race Committee shall decide redress in accordance with rule D5.
- 10.7 The Race Committee may postpone a resail indefinitely and score each team half a race win unless the result is relevant to progress, but not seeding, in the next round.

CONTINUITY

- 10.8 Before starting and after finishing or retiring, boats shall sail to minimise any delay to the race schedule and without interfering with any race in progress.
- 10.9 A boat shall remain the responsibility of the team until handed over to the Race Committee or the next team to use that boat. Boats shall be handed over as empty of water as practical and in racing trim.

APPENDIX 1: RULES

Section 1: Additional Rules

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| 1.1 | Races will be umpired. Rule D2.2 applies. | YES |
| 1.2 | Single-Flag Protest Procedure applies as SI 1.3. | YES |
| 1.3 | Races with Limited Umpiring applies as rule D2.3(b). | NO |
| 1.4 | Abbreviated procedure as rule D2.4(b) will apply to all protests and requests for redress. | YES |
| 1.5 | A boat capsized after her starting signal, so that her masthead is in the water, shall retire immediately. | YES / NO |
| 1.6 | A boat capsized after her starting signal, so that both her gunwales are touching the water or her mast is stuck in the bottom of the lake or sea, shall retire immediately. | YES / NO |
| 1.7 | Provided the flag remains on the buoy there shall be no penalty when a boat touches any part of a flag that does not surround the staff of a mark. This amends rule 44.1. | YES |

Section 2: Alterations to Sailing Instructions

The official notice board is located *(if not in the club house)*

The shore signal position is *(if not the club flagpole)*

The next race to be started will be identified by *(if not as specified in SI 6.4)*

The start line will be *(if not as specified in SI 7.1.1)*

The finish line will be *(if not as specified in SI 7.1.2)*

The starting system visual signals will be flags / shapes / battens *(delete as appropriate)* and will be used in accordance with SI 8.1

Section 3: Local and Other Rules

The following other local rules apply:

APPENDIX 2: EVENT FORMAT

Racing will consist of one stage, a complete round robin in the Hebbert-Lucas format.

The intention is to continue racing until all teams have sailed all other teams in the competition. The Race Committee may terminate racing if it believes no more races can fairly be sailed and competitors' attention is drawn to SIs 6.1 and 6.2.

The following instructions for ranking teams apply:

- 1 If the full stage has been completed, teams will be ranked on the basis of rule D4 and ties broken using rule D4.2.
- 2 If the full stage has not been completed, teams will be ranked in order of their percentages of races won. Any ties shall be broken in accordance with the following rules and rule D4.2 is changed accordingly. Ties shall be broken in the following order in favour of:
 - (a) If all tied teams have met, the team who won the most races when the tied teams met.
 - (b) If all tied teams have met, the team who scored the least points when the tied teams met.
 - (c) The team with the smallest average points per race (taken as the sum of points scored in all races divided by the number of races sailed).
 - (d) The team with the highest of the following:

The sum of the percentage of races won by teams beaten, divided by the number of races won by the team.
 - (e) The team with the lowest of the following:

The sum of the average points per for the teams they beat, divided by the number of races won by the team.
 - (f) A sail-off if possible, otherwise a game of chance.
- 3 If a team is penalised a race win, or part thereof, under D3.1(c) or SI 9 the penalty is changed to include 6 points added to the team's overall score (or 6 points pro-rated e.g. half a race win is 3 points).

Withdrawals

If, in the sole opinion of the Race Committee, a team has withdrawn from the event, it will post a notice to this effect. A team that withdraws will not be replaced.

When such a withdrawal notice is posted after the first race has started, the results of all races scheduled for that team in the event, whether or not sailed, shall be void unless:

- (a) the stage has been completed or terminated;
- (b) all races scheduled for the team in the stage have been sailed; or
- (c) the remaining races for the withdrawn team would have no effect on the ranking or progression for any team in the event.