



Bewl Sailing Association (BSA)

General Sailing Instructions – Open Meetings

January 2016

1. Rules

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the Current Edition of The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the Royal Yachting Association and Class Associations, as appropriate, except as any of these are changed by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 Racing rules 1.2, 27.1, 35, 40, A4 and Racing signal 'Y' will be changed as described below.

2. Entries

Eligible boats, as defined in the Notice of Race, may be entered by completing registration with BSA.

3. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the notice board located at the eastern end of the former Clubhouse.

4. Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted a minimum of 20 minutes before the race to which it first applies.

5. Signals Made Ashore

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the mast at the Race Box or using hand held flags in accordance with the instructions posted on the notice board and/or given in any race briefing.

6. Schedule of Races

The schedule of races may be advertised in the Notice of Race for the event or in the Club Sailing Programme.

7. Format of Races

- 7.1 Depending on the number of entries, competing boats may be divided into fleets for ease of race management.
- 7.2 Fleets will be started at five minute intervals in the order indicated on the notice board. Rule 26 will apply.
- 7.3 The classes in each fleet will be indicated on the notice board.
- 7.4 Overall positions may be calculated using the average lap time procedure detailed in RYA publication YR2.

8. Fleet Flags

- 8.1 Fleet flags will be drawn from the following as appropriate:
 - Flying Fifteen – Naval '6'
 - Handicap – IC Numeral '1'
 - Laser – Laser Pennant
 - Junior – IC Flag 'Y'
- 8.2 Other class flags may be designated and indicated on the notice board.

9. Racing Area

The racing area will be shown on the notice board.

10. The Course

The intended course will be displayed on the notice board or on the committee boat if it is being used.

11. Marks

Marks, other than starting and finishing marks, will normally be large inflatable orange buoys.

12. The Start

12.1 Races will be started at five minute intervals; Rule 26 will apply.

12.2 When a series of fleets is to be started:

- a) The first start in each sequence will be for the fleet so indicated on the notice board.
- b) Subsequent fleets will be started at 5-minute intervals by displaying the warning signal of that fleet at the starting signal of the preceding fleet.

12.3 The starting line will be between the race box and a buoy displaying an orange or white flag at the port end unless a committee boat is being used.

12.4 In the event that there is a general recall for any fleet in a sequence of fleets to be started, that fleet will be re-started after the final fleet in the sequence or any previously recalled fleet.

This changes Rule 29.2.

13. The Finish

13.1 The finish will be between the race box and a buoy displaying an orange or white flag or between the committee boat and a buoy displaying an orange or white flag.

13.2 When the shortened course signal (Flag S or Flag S with a Fleet Flag) is displayed, all signaled boats will be finished on the next occasion that they cross the finishing line.

14. Declarations

14.1 Within 30 minutes of the last boat in a fleet to finish each race, or the last race of a sequence of races sailed 'back to back', for each sailed race the helm shall indicate and sign for all penalties taken on the declaration sheet.

14.2 Competitors who have retired, both before (DNF) or after finishing (RAF), are to mark and sign the declaration sheet accordingly.

15. Protests

15.1 Protests shall be written on forms available from the Race Officer and shall be returned within 30 minutes of the time of the last boat's finish in the race concerned or the last race of a sequence of races sailed back to back containing the race concerned.

15.2 Protest notices will be posted on the notice board as soon as possible after the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a hearing or named as witnesses.

16. Scoring

The Low Points scoring system of Appendix A for a short series will apply. Each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. Discards may be applied in accordance with the Notice of Race or the Club Sailing Programme.

17. Support Boats

- 17.1 No support boats are to be used with the exception of those directly under the control of BSA.
- 17.2 The crews of all support boats are designated members of the Race Committee.

18. Safety Regulations

- 18.1 All boats racing shall comply with all applicable class association rules including safety requirements and buoyancy testing. Each racing boat helm will be responsible for ensuring compliance with these rules irrespective of whether the helm is a member of the applicable class association. Parents or guardians of helms aged under 18 years will be responsible for ensuring compliance with safety regulations.
- 18.2 All boats racing shall register for the race before the race.
- 18.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 18.4 Adequate Personal Flotation Devices to a minimum of 50 Newtons shall be worn at all times when afloat. Flag 'Y' will not be flown.
This changes Race Signals 'Y' and Rules 1.2, 27.1 and 40.

19. Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £5,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

BSA Management Team
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