



1 RULES: The racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-2020, prescriptions of the RYA, relevant Class Rules, the general conditions as detailed on the entry form, and the NOR except as changed by these Sailing Instructions .

## 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice boards located outside of the Race Hut or on a club notice board.

## 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted one hour before the race they will affect and will be signalled by displaying the flag “L” accompanied by one sound signal.

## 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 These will be displayed on the Race Hut mast.

4.2 Postponement Signals The warning signal will be made at least 1 minute after the lowering of flag “AP”.

5. THE COURSE: The course configuration and the order of rounding marks will be indicated on a course board displayed at the Race Hut/Office 30 minutes before the warning signal to start.

5.1 Gates The start /finish line will be a gate that must be passed through each lap.

6. MARKS Course marks (including start/finish marks) maybe yellow, red, orange or white buoys. The

marks used will be displayed at the race hut & at the briefing.

## 7. Briefing: The Race briefing will be at 1100 at the Race Hut

8. THE START These instructions modify RRS 26. It is intended that the Laser 4.7 will be the time zero start, but will depend on entries. There will be a time signal at 1145am. The warning signal for the first start will be at 1155, followed a 4 min preparatory signal at 1156, 1 minute signal at 1159 & first start at 1200. All timings will be taken from the first time gun. Starting times will be displayed on the Race Box prior to the race. 2019 RYA PY numbers will be used(see NOR). Exact displays of start numbers will be given at the briefing. A sound signal will be made for each start.

8.1 The starting line will be between the mast at the Race Hut and the Nominated ODM. There will not be an inner distance mark, boats must pass inside the ODM on starting, and on subsequent laps, see 5.1

8.2 Keeping Clear: Boats who are not due to start within 5 minutes should keep clear of the start area.

8.3 Recalls: **Individual** - In the event of an Individual Recall, Flag X will be flown for 30seconds. There will be an accompanying sound signal. **General** - There will be no General Recalls.

9. THE FINISH: The finish will be 150 minutes after the datum start. The exact finish arrangements will be confirmed at the briefing, but it is *intended to use GPS positions at 150min as the finishing position. As a backup there will be rolling recording of places by a committee rib which will start with the leading boat. Boats which have been passed by the rib may proceed ashore but should keep clear of other boats until the rolling finish is completed. Boats should cease racing at 150 min and hold station until passed by the rib. The finish will be indicated by sound signals ashore and on the rib with flying of a blue finish flag.* Finished boats are particularly requested not to sail through the club line as boats still on the course will continue to be recorded.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM : Boats OCS who do not return correctly will be subject to an automatic 15 place addition to their score, or last place.(This alters RRS)

10.1 Retirements: All retirements should be notified to the race team. *If conditions are considered extreme by the race team, competitors retiring who complete at least one lap will be awarded a race place of one position more than the number of boats that completed the previous lap. This will be signalled by flying flags L over C at the race hut and clarified at the briefing.*

11. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS As per RRS . Protest forms will be available from the race officer. Protests must be lodged within 30 minutes of the finish.

12. PRIZES : Prizes will be awarded as defined in the Notice of Race.

13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY : R.L.S.C. will accept no liability for loss, material damage, injury or death sustained prior to, during, or after racing. The safety of a boat and her entire management shall be the sole 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.