



NORTHAMPTON SAILING CLUB

**Sailing Instructions for
Enterprise Winter Championship
Lark Winter Championship
National 12 Inlands & Gul Series #9 Finale
on
Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th November 2018
at Pitsford Reservoir**

The notation (DP) in a rule in the SI means that the penalty for breaching that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the RYA and the rules of the relevant Class Associations will apply.
- 1.3 Rule 40 shall apply at all times while afloat. Flag Y will not be displayed on shore. This changes RRS 40.
- 1.4 Competitors may be required to display provided advertising material by their Class Association or the Organising Authority in line with World Sailing Advertising Code, Regulation 20. (DP)

2. Notice to Competitors

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Notice Board, in the galley area.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 Any changes in the sailing instructions will be posted one hour before the advertised starting time of the race or races concerned.
- 3.2 Changes in the Sailing Instructions will be signalled by displaying flag "L" from the flagpole. When no further changes have been made Flag "L" will be lowered after the start of the last race of that day.

4. Signals made Ashore

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be hoisted on the flagpole located on the Veranda at the North East corner of the Clubhouse.

- 4.2 When flown ashore, Flag L with a sound signal means: ‘A notice to competitors has been posted’.
- 4.3 When flag AP is displayed ashore “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 30 minutes” in race signal AP.

5. Schedule of Races

- 5.1 Briefing for competitors will take place at 1100 hrs on Saturday 3rd November 2018 on the veranda.
- 5.2 It is intended that there will be three back to back races each day with the warning signal for the first start of the day shown in the table below.

	Class	Warning Signal not before.	
		Race 1	Subsequent races (2 & 3)
3 rd November 2018	National 12	1227 hrs	Back to Back Racing
	Lark	1230 hrs	Back to Back Racing
	Enterprise	1233 hrs	Back to Back Racing
		Race 4	Subsequent races (5 & 6)
4 th November 2018	National 12	1027 hrs	Back to Back Racing
	Lark	1030 hrs	Back to Back Racing
	Enterprise	1033 hrs	Back to Back Racing

- 5.3 Any races which cannot be completed on any day will be deemed to be restarted or resailed as the first race of the following day.
- 5.4 At the discretion of the Race Officer in consultation with the Class Representatives a race or races may be brought forward to allow for any inclement weather forecasts. This decision will be announced at the briefing and/or on the official notice board.
- 5.5 No warning signal will be made after 1500 hrs on Sunday 4th November 2018.

6. Class Flag Signals

- 6.1 The class flags will be an international code flag or the Class Association flag, with the announcement made at the briefing.

7. Racing Area

- 7.1 Pitsford Reservoir

8. The Courses

- 8.1 The course marks will be 1 meter Orange Spherical club marks, with a designating letter as shown on Attachment "A" and/or large P&B inflatable buoys numbered 1, 2, 3 or 4.
- 8.2 The course configuration and the order of rounding of marks will be as shown on the course board on the stern of the committee boat. The letters or number refer to the marks and the background colour (Red or Green) refers to the side they are to be left. A black number on a white background indicates the number of laps to be completed. When the word "line" is included in the course boats will pass between the committee boat and the end of line mark on each lap.
- 8.3 In the event that the course displayed is changed prior to a race starting, the race officer may indicate this by flying flag C from the committee boat mast.
- 8.4 The race officer will disqualify boats seen by the race team to have sailed the wrong course, including missing the line when set as part of the course. This change to the RRS and will not be grounds redress.

9. Number of Rounds

- 9.1 Each race will last for approx. 45 minutes.

10. The Start

- 10.1 The Orange flag will be hoisted on the committee boat with repeated short sound signals at least 1 minutes before the warning flag of the first class in a sequence and will remain flying until the end of that start sequence.
- 10.2 All classes will be started in accordance with rule 26 except that the Warning class flag will be raised 3 minutes before the start, the Preparatory raised 2 minutes before the start and the Preparatory lowered 1 minute before the start (3,2,1,Go). This changes RRS 26.
- 10.3 The start line is defined as the line between the mast displaying an Orange flag on the committee boat and an end of line mark flying a flag from its mast.
- 10.4 If there is a General Recall, then the subsequent class starts will be delayed.
- 10.5 In the event of an individual recall, flag 'X' will be lowered no later than 1.5 minutes after the starting signal. This changes RRS 29.
- 10.6 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the start area. (DP)

11. Change of Position of the Next Mark

- 11.1 To change the position of the next mark, the race committee will move the original mark to a new position. If significant, the change will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the new leg, although the mark may not yet be in its new position. The direction it has been / will be moved to will be signalled by the boat at the previous mark showing red rectangle for movement to port and green triangle for movement to Starboard. Any mark to be rounded

after rounding the moved mark may be relocated without further signalling to maintain course configuration.

12. The Finish

- 12.1 The finish line will be between the mast displaying a blue flag on the committee boat and the end of line marker displaying an orange flag.
- 12.2 In accordance with Rule 32 the course may be shortened by flying Flag 'S' or for an individual class ('S' over the class flag) which will be displayed on the relevant committee boat or rib as the leading boat or leading boat of the class is approaching a mark or the line.
- 12.3 In order to reduce delay between races, the Race Committee may finish boats on the course by recording their positions from a RIB, displaying flag W, which will motor up the course recording boats as it passes them. The decision of the Race Committee is final and will not be grounds for a competitor to seek redress.
- 12.4 Boats that have finished should keep clear of boats still racing. (DP)

13. Time Limit

- 13.1 The time limit will be 70 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat finishes or within the time limit, whichever is later, will be scored "DID NOT FINISH". This changes RRS 35 and A4.

14. Protests and Requests for Redress

- 14.1 Protests shall be written on forms available at the race control desk and delivered there within 45 minutes of the last boat finishing the race, or if races are sailed "back to back" within 45 minutes of the finish of the last of the "back to back" races. This time limit will be extended by 30 minutes for all protests by the Race Committee relating to incidents observed in the racing area.
- 14.2 The closing time for receipt of protests will be posted on the notice board and protest hearings will commence as soon as possible thereafter. The protests to be heard will be posted on the notice board at the end of the protest time limit.

15. Scoring

- 15.1 Low Point scoring system of Appendix A to the RRS will apply.
- 15.2 One race to be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.3 If three or less races are completed then there will be no discards.
- 15.4 If four or more races are completed then one race result will be discarded.

16. Safety Regulations & Local Issues

- 16.1 Adequate personal buoyancy shall be worn at all times when afloat. This amends Rule RRS40. Neither a wet suit nor a dry suit constitutes adequate personal buoyancy.

- 16.2 It is not permitted to land outside the club enclosure except in an emergency. (DP)
- 16.3 When the race committee considers that a boat or competitor is in difficulty it may instruct the boat or competitor to accept outside help, retire or sail ashore. This is a change to the RRS and will not be grounds redress.
- 16.4 All boats shall avoid interfering with fishing boats on the water. (DP)
- 16.5 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. (DP)

17. Declarations

- 17.1 Signing on before each race will not be necessary although it will be necessary to have entered the series to be eligible to start a race.
- 17.2 A declaration sheet will be displayed near the official notice board which must be signed within 30 minutes of the last boat finishing race for the day, by competitors who have retired from a race. The declaration should state which race the boat had retired from. (DP)

18. Equipment and Measurement Checks

- 18.1 Before a boat is eligible to race, if applicable for her class, her valid measurement certificate and buoyancy test certificate may be required to be presented. If the measurement certificate is not available, then RRS 78.2 applies.
- 18.2 Boats may be measured before or after any race at the discretion of the Class Association or Race Committee.

19. Disclaimer of Liability

- 19.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. (See RRS 4. "Decision to Race".) The organizing 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.

20. Insurance

- 20.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with a valid Third Party Liability Insurance with a minimum Cover of £3 million.

21. Rights to use Names & Likenesses

- 21.1 Competitors and / or their Guardians automatically grant to the organising Authority (and any party to which they may delegate this right), without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show (including via the internet), any motion pictures, still pictures, live, taped or filmed television, or any other form of media, of or relating to the event.

Attachment A

Note that marks numbered 1, 2, 3 and 4 can be placed anywhere on the reservoir. The approximate position of the other marks is shown below

