

ANNANDALE SAILING CLUB

National 12 Open Meeting
SUNDAY 7th May 2023

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024*.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the RYA national authority will apply.
- 1.3 These Sailing Instructions will apply.
- 1.4 Racing rule 40.1 will be changed as follows: When on the water competitors shall wear lifejackets or other adequate personal buoyancy. Wet suits and dry suits are not adequate personal buoyancy.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the clubhouse foyer.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 60 minutes before the start of the race in which it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the clubhouse flagpole.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 15 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Three races are scheduled.
- 5.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 11:55.
- 5.3 Each race will be followed by an ASC club handicap race.

6 CLASS FLAG

N12 Class Flag: Flag T

7 RACING AREAS

The racing area is Castle Loch excluding the obstructions described in instruction 10.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The course will be displayed on the Committee boat. Black letters on a green background are marks to be rounded to starboard. White letters on a red background are marks to be rounded to port.
- 8.2 A number on the course board will indicate the maximum number of laps to be sailed unless shortened as per Rule 32. Absence of a number indicates 6 laps.

9 MARKS

Marks A-H are blue barrels laid as per the map in Appendix A. Other marks may be laid at the discretion of the Race Committee. Such marks will be described at the briefing.

10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

The following areas are designated as obstructions:

Inshore of a series of pink buoys south of the clubhouse marking the end of a pipe and adjacent shallow water.

Between Henderland Island and the castle promontory.

Between the marks surrounding the rocks in Vendace Bay.

11 THE START

11.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.

11.2 The starting line will be between a mast displaying an orange flag on the Committee boat and a white mark displaying an orange flag.

11.3 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

The Race Committee may change the position of any of the course marks during the race. The mark must be in the new position before the leading boat has begun the affected leg. This changes rule 33.

13 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a mast displaying an orange flag on the Committee boat and a white mark displaying an orange flag.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 The Scoring Penalty, rule 44.3, will not apply.

14.2 A boat that has retired under rule 44.1 shall inform the Race Officer within the protest time limit.

14.3 Rule 67 and Appendix N will not apply.

15 TIME LIMITS

15.1 The time limit for each race is 75 minutes.

If no boat has passed the first mark within 30 minutes the race will be abandoned.

15.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1 Protest forms are available at the Race Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

16.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat finishes the race or after the last boat finishes the last race of a series of back to back races. The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.

16.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. The place and time of hearings will be included.

16.4 Notices of protests by the race committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

16.5 Breaches of instructions 11.3, 14.2, 18, and 21 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

16.6 The Exoneration penalty and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration procedures of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will not be available.

17 SCORING

17.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.

17.2 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

17.3 When fewer than three races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

When three races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

20 OFFICIAL BOATS

The Committee Boat is Zephyr.

21 SUPPORT BOATS

No boat will be allowed on the water to support any competitor whilst racing.

22 RADIO COMMUNICATION

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.

23 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded as soon as possible after the completion of the last race.

24 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate entirely at their own risk. See rule 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 sailing.

25 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3 million per event or the equivalent.

Appendix A

