

WELTON SAILING CLUB - SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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1. GENERAL

1.1. SAFETY: All Sailing and Racing on Welton Waters will take place in accordance with the Safety Instructions published by the committee. These are deemed to form part of these sailing instructions and failure to comply with any safety requirement will be considered a breach of these sailing Instructions.

1.2. RULES: All Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) the prescriptions of the RYA, and the rules of the class(es), except as any of these are changed by these Sailing Instructions and any notice subsequently issued by the committee.

1.3. ENTRIES: Entries shall be submitted in any form required by the committee.

1.4. NOTICES: Notices to Competitors will be posted on the board located in the clubhouse.

1.5. CHANGES: Any changes to these sailing instructions will be posted in the Club house not less than 1 hour before the start of the race or races concerned.

1.6. SIGNALS: Signals will be made from the Committee Boat.

1.7. POSTPONEMENT: Flag AP with two sound Signals means the race is postponed. The Warning Signal will be made not less than 10 minutes after the Flag AP is lowered with one sound Signal.

1.8. RACE PROGRAM: The race program will be in accordance with the notices published by the committee and posted on the club notice board.

1.9. INSURANCE: All members keeping their craft on club premises or participating in any waterborne activity organised by the club, shall insure their legal liability, in respect of any claim arising from their use or ownership of their craft, for a sum of not less than £1,000,000 and shall so declare when required.

2. THE COURSE

2.1. MARKS:

a) The marks of the course will be orange buoys, numbered clockwise around the water starting in the corner near the clubhouse with buoy 1. White buoys may be used as distance marks on the start and finish lines.

b) Buoy 'X' may be placed anywhere on the Lake. Its position will be shown on the course board

c) Alternative buoys may be used in emergencies. They will be identified on the course board.

2.2. NOTICE: The course to be sailed will be displayed on the course board in the clubhouse not later than 15 minutes before the race time.

2.3. COMMITTEE BOAT: If a committee boat start is to be used the course may be displayed on the committee boat. In which case the boat shall be on station and displaying the course not less than 15 minutes before the race start. In the event of a committee boat start the course displayed on the committee boat will take precedence over any course displayed in the clubhouse.

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2.4. COURSE BOARD:

- a) For all races the course board in the clubhouse shall display:
 - b) The start time of the race.
 - c) The location and descriptions of the starting line and the finishing lines.
 - d) **EITHER:** The course to be sailed, including the order and direction in which all buoys shall be rounded and the number of laps to be sailed.
- OR:** A statement that the course will be displayed on the committee boat.

2.5. STARTING LINE: The Starting Line will be between the mast of the committee boat and the adjacent mark as identified on the course board in the club house.

3. STARTING & RECALLS

3.1. STARTING SIGNALS

Warning Signal made 5 Minutes before Start. Preparatory Signal made 4 minutes before Start. Preparatory flag lowered 1 minute before Start. Succeeding Classes will be started at 5 minute intervals by displaying the warning signal with the starting signal for the preceding Class. For Club Racing **only** RRS Rule 26.1 shall be amended such that sound signals will govern.

3.2. RECALLS: Flag 'X' will be displayed until or boats have returned to the pre-start side of the line or until one minute before the next Start or until the Committee boat leaves Station. Sail numbers will not necessarily be called.

3.3. GENERAL RECALLS:

a) **When Starting a Single Fleet:** The Restart will be held as soon as possible after the general recall. As per RRS Rule 29.3

a) **Two or More Starts in a Series:** A fleet that has been recalled will be restarted as soon as possible after the completion of all starts in the series and normally as a direct extension of the series. 1st Substitute will be displayed until 1 minute before the next start. This amends RRS Rule 29.3

4. FINISHING & SHORTENING COURSE

4.1. FINISHING LINE: The Finishing Line will be between the Mast of the committee boat and the adjacent mark as identified on the Course board in the club house.

4.2. TIME LIMIT: The time limit for each race shall be 2 hours. The race shall be valid for all yachts that finish within the time limit. Boats failing to finish within the Time Limit will be scored 'Did Not Finish' This limit may be altered at the race officer's discretion. Notification will be given in accordance with section 2 of these sailing instructions.

4.3. ALTERNATIVE PENALTY: The 720° turn rule (RRS Rules 44.1 & 44.2) will apply.

4.4 RULE 67: WSC operates RRS Rule 67 - which essentially states that if - in the opinion of the Race Officer or their committee - a competitor infringes Rule 42 then they may be disqualified, without reference to a protest meeting.

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4.5. PROTESTS:

- a) The time limit for submitting a protest will be one hour after the last yacht has returned to shore. Acceptance of a protest form after the time limit is at the Race Officer's discretion provided that notice of intent to lodge a protest has been received within the time limit.
- b) Protests must be submitted on a form obtained from the Race Officer.
- c) A Protest hearing will not be postponed because of the absence of a party or witness who has been informed of the meeting.

4.6. DECLARATION: If required by the Race Officer, the declaration sheet provided must be signed to indicate that the rules were observed, or to declare retirement. This declaration must be made within 30 minute of the last boat returning to the shore, If no declaration is made retirement will be assumed. Decelerations will not be required for the regular Club Racing Program.

4.7. SHORTENING COURSE: The course will be shortened from the committee boat. When IC flag 'S' is flown from the committee boat the finish line will be between the mast of the committee boat and the mark of the course that the committee boat is adjacent to.

5. SCORING SYSTEM

5.1. RACE QUALIFICATION: Two boats must start a race or the race will be deemed not to have been sailed.

5.2. SCORING: The scoring system will be in accordance with Appendix A 1 (Low Point System).

5.3. QUALIFYING RESULTS: The Number of Race to count will be as per the Notice of Race.

5.4. Points will be recorded by Helmsman. It is the responsibility of the helmsman to inform the sailing secretary when competing in a boat other than that which is normally sailed.

6. ALTERATIONS TO CLASS RULES.

These Changes will only apply for Welton SC Club racing Program. Open meetings an other externally sanctioned events will be held under the normal Class Association rules.

6.1. CHANGING SAIL RIG IN A SERIES:

For Club Racing **only** Laser Class Association Rule 6d shall be amended as follows:

- a) Helmspersons qualifying for the "Mid Fleet Melee" ('B' Fleet) may change rigs for any race. They will be Handicapped according to the Rig they are using. It is the responsibility of the Helmsperson to inform the Sailing Secretary of the rig they are using otherwise Full rig will be assumed.
- b) Helmspersons not qualifying under 6a, may change rigs for any race but they will always be handicapped as if they were using the Full Rig. Unless they sail the full series under one rig in which case they will be handicapped for the Rig that they have used. It is the responsibility of the Helmsperson to inform the Sailing Secretary of the rig they are using otherwise Full rig will be assumed.

6.2 SUPPLIER OF SAILS:

For Club Racing **only** Laser Class Association Rule Part 1 shall be amended as follows:

Any supplier of Sail may be used provided that the sail is dimensionally equivalent to that provided by the Laser builder.