



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

YWDB OPEN MEETING

Competitors in the sport of sailing are governed by a body of rules that they are expected to follow and enforce. A fundamental principle of sportsmanship is that when competitors break a rule, they will promptly take a penalty, which may be to retire.

1. Scope

These sailing instructions (SI) cover the Yachting World Dayboat open meeting at Bosham Sailing Club (BSC).

2. Rules

2.1. Racing will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (RRS), the prescriptions of the Royal Yachting Association (RYA), the [RYA Racing Charter](#), the [Chichester Harbour Code of Conduct for Racing](#), the class rules of the classes taking part, the Notice of Race (NoR) and these SI, including any course chart, and any notices to competitors. If there is any conflict with a sailing instruction, the sailing instruction shall prevail. This amends RRS 63.7.

2.2. The following RRS are amended in these SI: 63.7 Conflict Between Rules (SI 2.1), Definition of a Mark (SI 10.2, 12.3), 26 Starting Races (SI 11.2), 62.1(a) Redress (SI 11.5), A5.1 Scores Determined by the Race Committee (SIs 10.5, 11.6, 14.2, 15.2, 18.3, 18.5, 18.8), 32.1 Shortening or Abandoning after the Start (SI 13.1), 33 Changing The Next Leg Of The Course (SI 13.2), 35 Race Time Limit and Scores (SI 14.2) 47 Trash Disposal (SI 20.2), 63.1 Requirement for a Hearing (SI 20.2).

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

3.1. Changes to SI made prior to one hour before the scheduled starting time of a race will be posted in accordance with SI 4.1. Competitors are advised to ascertain what changes have been made to the SI before going afloat.

3.2. Changes made less than one hour before the scheduled starting time of a race will be signalled from the starting line or displayed on the committee boat.

4. Notices to Competitors

4.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the BSC website and on the signing on desk at the BSC clubhouse.

4.2. The race office is located at the BSC clubhouse.

5. Signals Made Ashore

Signals made ashore will be flown from the flagstaff at the Quay line.

6. Schedule of Races

Competitors are referred to the NoR.

7. Class Warning Flags

Competitors are referred to the NoR.

8. Racing Area

Competitors are referred to the NoR.

9. Courses

9.1. The chart indicating the marks to be sailed is 'Harbour Marks 2023', which form part of these SIs. Available online or from the BSC office.

9.2. No later than the warning signal the race officer may display flag F to signal that competitors shall at all times pass to the north of a line between the starboard hand navigation buoys Snowhill and East Head Spit (see SI 9.4.6, 10.3 and 10.5).

9.3. Where the course to be sailed includes marks in Thorney Channel and/or marks in Cutmill north of the 'goal posts' in those channels, boats must enter and exit the channel by passing between the 'goal posts'

9.4. No later than the warning signal, the course to be sailed for that start, including the finish line, will be displayed at the starting line by letters and symbols as listed on the 'BSC Harbour Marks 2023' chart and, where appropriate, with numerals to indicate the number of laps.

9.4.1. A **black** letter/symbol displayed against a white background indicates that the buoy shall be rounded to the side shown on the BSC course chart.

9.4.2. A **red** letter/symbol against a white background indicates that the buoy shall be rounded to port.

9.4.3. A **green** letter/symbol against a white background indicates that the buoy shall be rounded to starboard.

9.4.4. A **colon (:)** displayed in the course indicates that the mark sequence before the colon shall be rounded twice before continuing to the mark sequence displayed after the colon.

9.4.5. A **black and orange quartered board or hash sign (#)** displayed in the course indicates that the mark sequence after the board shall be rounded for the number of times indicated by a numeral displayed at the end of the course sequence.

9.4.6. A **yellow board with 'FX'** displayed before the course sequence shall indicate the East Head exclusion zone applies (see SI 9.2, 10.3 and 10.5).

9.5. The race officer may vary SI 9.4 and display the course to be sailed at another point on shore instead of on the start line and will notify competitors of this in accordance with SI 3.1

10. Marks

10.1. Marks shall be Chichester Harbour racing marks permanently laid, the navigation buoy 'Rookwood', and/or BSC orange triangular inflatable 'teabag' buoys. Mark positions shown on the 'Harbour Marks 2023' chart may not correspond with positions on the water.

10.2. Starting marks shall be the channel side transit pole of a fixed line, or a laid outer distance mark (ODM) and a committee boat (if used), including any anchor chain, buoy, object or boat attached to it. This amends the RRS definition of a mark.

10.3. When flag F is flown at the starting line ('FX' may also be shown on the course board), competitors shall at all times pass to the north of a line between the starboard hand navigation buoys Snowhill and East Head Spit. These buoys are then marks of the course to be passed on a defined side and along with lines drawn due south of each mark to the shore also define a continuing obstruction which is the East Head exclusion zone. RRS 19 applies.

10.4. At all times whilst racing, boats on whatever course they are sailing, shall always:

- (a) pass between the Thorney Channel port and starboard markers commonly known as the 'goalposts' marking the end of the piles at the entrance to the Thorney Channel, and
- (b) pass between the Bosham Channel port and starboard markers indicating piles extending from the Chidham shore and Quay Meadow.

Each of these channel markers are therefore marks of the course that must be left on a defined side. They also form part of continuing obstructions, namely the shallows and sunken piles extending directly between marker and shore. RRS 19 applies.

A boat passing the incorrect side of these markers on any leg of the course can exonerate herself before rounding the next mark by 'unwinding' and passing on the correct side.

10.5. The penalty for a breach of SI 10.3 or 10.4 shall be to retire or be scored NSC (did not complete the course) without a hearing. This amends RRS A5.1

11. The Start

11.1. Races will be started by using RRS 26.

11.2. The Quay starting line is a line between the transit top marks painted in yellow on the west shore and the flagpole on the starting platform on the Raptackle. The transit marks must be passed on the channel side.

11.3. The committee boat starting line shall be between the orange vertical pole or, in its absence, the fore mast, of the committee boat and the ODM, which shall be a yellow inflatable mark. A yellow inner starting mark may be laid near the committee boat and, to start, boats must pass between this mark and the ODM.

11.4. The committee boat shall display the BSC burgee and shall display an orange flag when on station for the start.

11.5. If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee may attempt to hail her sail number, in addition to signalling an individual recall. Failure to hail a boat that is subsequently identified, failure to hear the hail, or the order in which boats are hailed shall not be grounds for redress. This amends RRS 62.1(a)

11.6. A boat that does not start within 4 minutes of her starting signal may be scored DNS without a hearing. This amends RRS A5.1.

11.7. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area and keep clear of boats about to start.

12. The Finish

12.1. The finishing line shall be indicated by the last course letter displayed as per SI 9.4

12.2. The finishing lines shall be the same as the starting lines as described in SI 11.2, 11.3 and must be crossed in the direction of the direct navigable route from the last mark rounded.

12.3. The committee boat, which is a finishing mark, along with any anchor chain, buoy, object or boat attached to it (changing the definition of a mark) shall display the BSC burgee and a blue flag when on station for the finish.

13. Shortening Course or Abandoning

13.1. The course may be shortened or abandoned after the start at the race officer's discretion. This amends RRS 32.1.

13.2. The course may be shortened at a mark by a patrol boat stationed at the mark displaying flag G with repetitive sound signals. After rounding or passing that mark, boats should sail directly to the finish line with no requirement to round or pass any remaining course marks, with the exception of the exclusion zone in 10.3 (if applicable) or the 'goalposts' in 10.4, or if there is a final inflatable mark as part of the course they should round that in the prescribed direction and then sail to the finish line. This amends RRS 33.

14. Time Limits

14.1. Competitors are referred to the NoR.

14.2. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in their class has sailed the course and finished may be scored DNF without a hearing. This amends RRS 35 and A5.1.

15. Collision with Moored Boats

15.1. Whilst racing, a boat that collides with any part of a non-competing boat of any kind, whether it be underway or moored, regardless of whether the racing boat is sailing or capsized, requires the racing boat to complete a one-turn penalty as described in RRS 44.2 at the earliest opportunity. A moored boat includes its painter or anchor chain and any item in the water attached to the moored boat, e.g. a drogue or a tender, but not the mooring buoy.

15.2. The penalty for any breach of SI 15.1 without completing a penalty turn, shall be disqualification from the race without a hearing. This amends RRS A5.1.

16. Protests and Requests for Redress

16.1. The protest time limit shall be one hour after the finish of the last boat in the race or the last race of a back-to-back series.

16.2. The Post-Race Penalty, the Advisory Meeting and the RYA Arbitration procedures of the RYA Rules Disputes procedures shall apply. The outcome of an RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee, but an arbitration cannot be reopened or appealed. For details see www.rya.org.uk/racing/rules/rules-disputes.

16.3. The Post-Race Penalty shall be a 30% Scoring Penalty rounded to the nearest whole number. The finishing scores of boats finishing after a penalised boat shall not be adjusted.

17. Scoring and Results

Competitors are referred to the NoR.

18. Safety, Signing On and Off, Retirement

18.1. Competitors shall give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger. In such circumstances, requests for redress will be accepted.

18.2. RRS 40.1 applies. Adequate personal flotation devices shall be worn afloat by all competitors at all times. Flag Y will be flown at all times.

18.3. The penalty for any breach of SI 18.2 shall be disqualification from the race without a hearing. This amends RRS A5.1.

18.4. All competitors shall sign on with their name(s), sail number and boat class/rig size on the appropriate

form at the BSC clubhouse before the start of each race, or before the start of the first race in a back-to-back series.

18.5.A competitor who fails to ensure they have signed on legibly may be scored DNC without a hearing for each race sailed without signing on. This amends RRS A5.1

18.6.Competitors aged 18 and over who omit to sign on or competitors (including under 18s) who have sailed from another launch site may sign on on-the-water by notifying the race officer or the safety co-ordinator. It is the responsibility of the competitor to ensure that the information is received correctly and in such a way that it does not interfere with the conduct of racing.

18.7.All competitors shall sign off within 30 minutes of the finish of the last boat in the race or last race of the day if back-to-back races.

18.8.A competitor who fails sign off within the time limit may be disqualified for each race of the day without a hearing. This amends RRS A5.1.

18.9.A boat that retires from a race shall

- (a) notify either the race officer or race recorder, or a BSC patrol boat as soon as possible, and
- (b) note their retirement from the race(s) on the signing off sheet within the time limit.

19. Radio Communication

Except in an emergency, 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.

20. Jetsam and Rubbish

20.1.Boats shall not discharge any kind of jetsam or rubbish into the water but may deposit them on support or official boats. All items in a boat should be secured to prevent discharge in the event of a capsized. This amends RRS 47

20.2.Boats who fail to comply with SI 20.1 shall accept a penalty without a hearing at the race officer's discretion. This amends RRS 63.1.

21. Support Boats and Coaching

21.1.Only BSC patrol boats and official boats nominated by the race committee are permitted in the areas where boats are racing. All support boats shall stay outside areas where boats are racing, unless requested to provide emergency assistance, from the time of the warning signal for the first start until all boats have finished the race or a postponement or abandonment is signalled.

21.2.Infringement of SI 21.1 by a support boat associated with a competitor (or competitors) may result in the competitor being protested by the race committee for outside assistance under RRS 41.

22. Risk Statement

Competitors are referred to the NoR.

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