



West Kirby Sailing Club END OF YEAR CHAMPIONSHIPS



Saturday – Sunday, 26th / 27th November 2022

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES:

The Event will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024, the Class Association Rules of boats participating and these Sailing Instructions, except as any are changed by these Sailing Instructions which take precedence in the event of any difference with the Notice of Race or other relevant documents changing RRS Rule 63.7

2 ENTRY:

- (a) Eligible boats must have adequate 3rd party insurance cover for racing of a minimum of £3 million cover.
- (b) Boats must use correctly numbered sails unless prior permission is given by the Race Committee, varying RRS Rule 77.
- (c) In order to assist the race team please email results@wksc.org.uk with your sail number, boat class, your name if you intend to compete, by **22.00 on Friday 25th November**. By doing so you are accepting these Sailing Instructions. Entries made after this time will still be accepted. In addition all competitors who are Visitors to WKSC shall complete and sign an entry form before the start of the race concerned. (Dispensation may be given for valid reasons).
- (d) Competitors under 18 on the day of the regatta shall obtain the counter-signature of a parent or guardian on their entry form and complete a Guardianship Form.
- (e) Adjusted PNs will be used for some classes of boat. A list of changes from the RYA 2022 PNs is available on the WKSC website and the Club's noticeboard.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS AND CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

3.1 All notices will be posted on the Official Race Notice Board located at the front entrance of WKSC clubhouse. Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be indicated by displaying code flag "L" on the main mast of the Club and displayed on its Official Notice Board before 10.00 on each day of the Event. Notices may also be given verbally from the Committee Boat.

3.2 A Briefing will be held in the WKSC clubhouse at 10.15 on Saturday 26th November. Questions on the Sailing Instructions can also be sent by email to: results@wksc.org.uk

4 SCHEDULE OF RACES:

Race No	Classes	Class Flag	Sat 26th Nov	Sun 27th Nov
			HW 12.01 GMT 9.15m	HW 12.50 GMT 8.96m
			Start Time	Start Time
1	Handicap Catamarans	D	10.40	11.30
2	Handicap Monohull Dinghies	W	10.45	11.35

5 NUMBER OF RACES:

There will be three race each day, sailed back to back. Average Lap Times will be used. There will be no discards.

6 CLASS FLAGS:

See 4 above.

7 RACING AREA:

The race area will be the Dee Estuary. Launch and recovery will be from WKSC slipway.

8 COURSES:

The courses will be those detailed in the Course Card attached.

The Committee Boat will be Little Arvor (white hull) flying an orange flag.

9 SAFETY:

9.1 A personal flotation device shall be worn by all competitors at all times on the water unless exempted by Class rules. Code flag "Y" shall not be displayed, varying RRS Rule 40.

9.2 A tally system will be in operation at WKSC slipway.

10 THE START:

10.1 All races will be started in accordance with RRS Rule 26 (5,4,1,0)

10.2 The starting line and finishing line are as described on the course card.

11 RECALLS:

11.1 Individual recalls will be signalled in accordance with RRS Rule 29.1. Recall numbers will not be given.

11.2 General recalls will be signalled in accordance with RRS Rule 29.2. except that the class concerned may be re-started at the end of the starting sequence.

12 TIME LIMIT:

The race time limit will be 60 minutes.

13 RETIREMENTS:

Competitors retiring must inform the Committee Boat either directly or by informing the crew of a safety boat able to relay the information by radio to the Race Officer

14 PROTESTS:

14.1 Competitors must inform the Race Officer of their intention to protest before leaving the Racing Area.

14.2 Competitors may request the choice of the RYA arbitration procedure or a full protest hearing, but not both. If RYA arbitration is followed the decision of the arbiter is final and binding. In either case protests must be lodged within 30 minutes of the last boat in the appropriate race coming ashore and submitted on an official Protest Form to the Race Officer or Protest Chair. Protest Forms may be obtained from the WKSC clubhouse.

15 SCORING & PRIZES:

15.1 A list of PNs being used is available to all competitors on the WKSC website.

15.2 Scoring:

a) The low point scoring system, RRS Rule A4, will apply. In the event of a tie RRS Rule A7 and A8 shall apply as appropriate.

b) There will be no discards.

c) Average lap times will be used. Having rounded the last mark after the shortened course has been signalled, boats will have their elapsed time taken as they cross the finishing line. Boats that complete a race will be scored using their average lap time. This will be calculated as a boat's actual elapsed time in the race divided by the number of laps it has sailed and multiplied by the highest number of laps completed by any competitor in the race to produce an average elapsed time. The corrected time for each boat will then be calculated by applying the appropriate PN to the average elapsed time.

15.3 A prizegiving will be held at WKSC after racing on Sunday 27th November.

15.4 Any class with a turnout of 6 or more boats will have separate prizes for that class. Note: they will not be included in the handicap prizes as well.

16 REFRESHMENTS:

Tea and coffee will be available from the galley before racing and the galley and bar will be open after racing for hot food and drinks.

17 LIABILITY & CONDITIONS OF ENTRY:

RRS Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;
- d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can practically be provided in the circumstances;
- g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held at the venue;
- h) Each competitor and boat owner shall ensure that their support persons comply with the rules;
- i) The penalty for a breach of rule shall be at the discretion of the Protest Committee.

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COURSE CARD

1. The Course

The courses (A and B) are shown on the next page. The course to be sailed will be indicated by the letter displayed on the Committee Boat before the starting signal for each race.

2. Marks

Marks 1, 1A, 2, 3 and 4 will be inflatable orange pillar buoys with dark horizontal bands. In addition Mark 1A will have a flag on top.

The Start and Finish Mark (SM) will be a dan buoy with a flag on top.

3. The Start

Boats will start between the Committee Boat (CB) Little Arvor (white hull), flying an orange flag and the Start Mark.

4. Race Duration

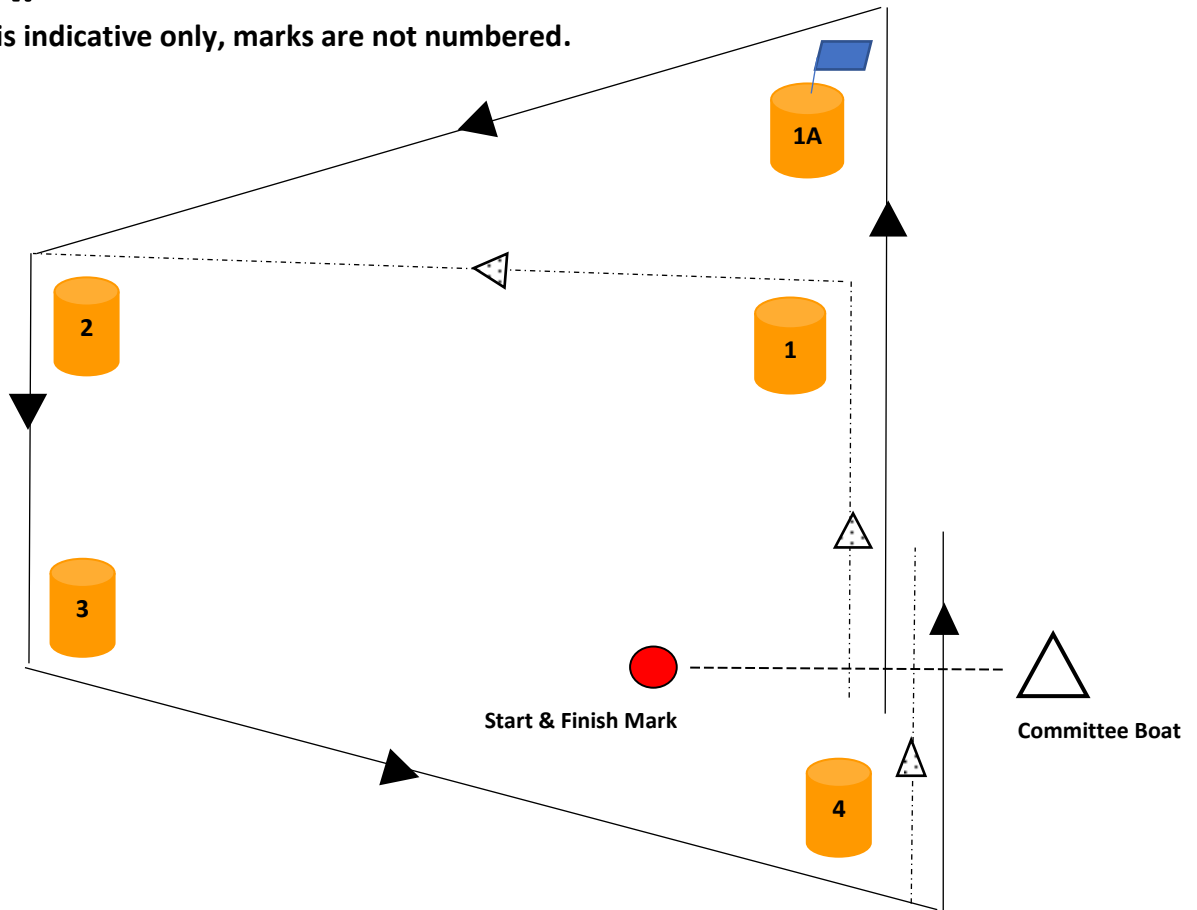
There will be no fixed number of laps, and boats should continue to sail the course as described until signalled otherwise.

5. Finish

When the race is signalled as shortened by flying code flag "S" from the Committee Boat, boats will complete their lap and finish between the Committee Boat and SM.

Course A:

The diagram is indicative only, marks are not numbered.



Race 1:

Start Line: Between the Committee Boat flying an orange flag (Starboard) and the Start Mark (SM) (Port)

All laps will be:

Mark 1A (Port) - Mark 2 (Port) - Mark 3 (Port) - Mark 4 (Port) - Through the line between Committee Boat (Starboard) and SM (Port) in the direction of Mark 1A.

Race 2:

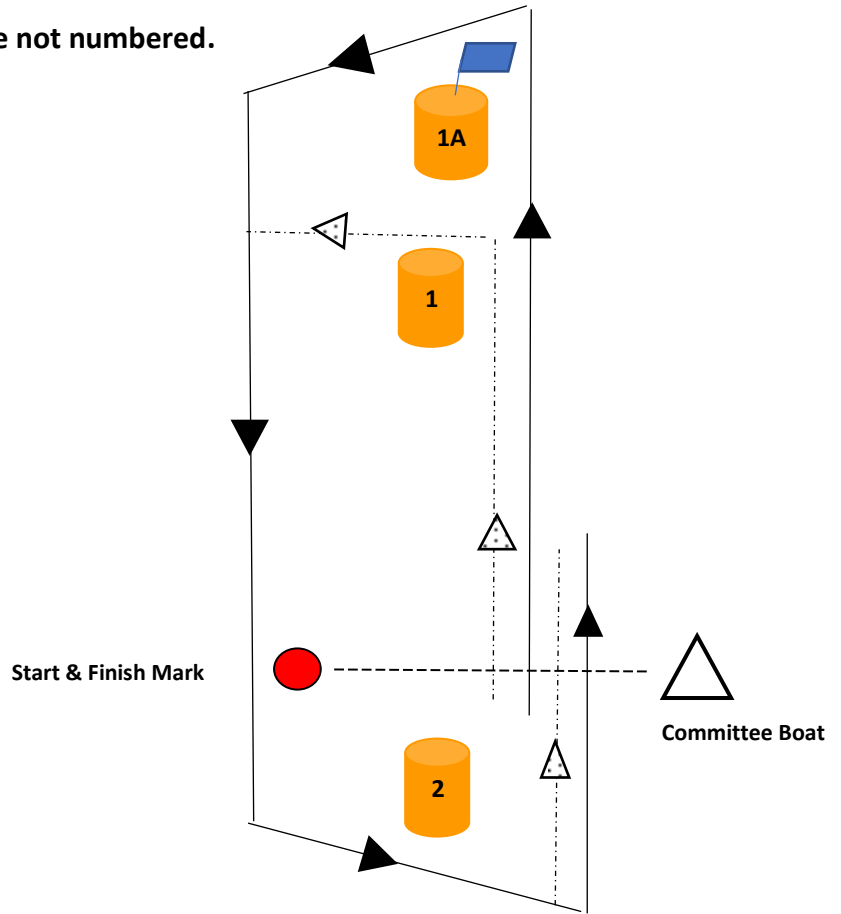
Start Line: Between the Committee Boat flying an orange flag (Starboard) and the Start Mark (SM) (Port)

All laps will be:

Mark 1 (Port) - Mark 2 (Port) - Mark 3 (Port) - Mark 4 (Port) - Through the line between Committee Boat (Starboard) and SM (Port) in the direction of Mark 1.

Course B:

The diagram is indicative only, marks are not numbered.



Race 1:

Start Line: Between the Committee Boat flying an orange flag (Starboard) and the Start Mark (SM) (Port)

All laps will be:

Mark 1A (Port) - Mark 2 (Port) - Through the line between Committee Boat (Starboard) and SM (Port) in the direction of Mark 1A.

Race 2:

Start Line: Between the Committee Boat flying an orange flag (Starboard) and the Start Mark (SM) (Port)

All laps will be:

Mark 1 (Port) - Mark 2 (Port) - Through the line between Committee Boat (Starboard) and SM (Port) in the direction of Mark 1.