

WEIR WOOD SAILING CLUB

RS 200 Open Meeting

Saturday 1st June 2019

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Racing Rules

- 1.1. Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) the prescriptions of the RYA and the relevant rules of the RS 200 Class Association except where any such rules are changed by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during or after the regatta.
- 1.3. The decision whether to race is the sole responsibility of the helm or person in charge of the boat or crew.

2. Entries

- 2.1. Only those helms paying the entry fee and completing a registration form as issued by WWSC will be eligible to race.
- 2.2. An efficient buoyancy aid shall be worn by all competitors.
- 2.3. A boat that retires is required to inform the Race Officer or a club official in the race control box.

3. Notices to competitors

- 3.1. Notices to competitors (including changes to these Sailing Instructions) will be posted on the Regatta Notice Board situated outside the Regatta Office which will be a window of the race control box or competitors informed at a pre-race briefing.

4. Schedule of races

- 4.1. Five races are planned; two races (back to back) in the morning and three races (back to back) in the afternoon.
- 4.2. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 4.3. When fewer than five races are completed a boat's series score will be the total of her races.
- 4.4. When five races are sailed a boats series score will be the total of her races excluding her worst score.
- 4.5. Start times (see programme below) may be varied and extra briefings called at the Race Officer's discretion.
- 4.6. No Warning Signal will be given after 16.00 hrs.

5. Racing area

- 5.1. A reminder from the general club rules. Competitors MUST keep at least 50 metres away from any fishermen on the banks of the reservoir. White buoys mark the beginning of the bird sanctuary at the far western end of the reservoir which is a prohibited area. There may be shallows in the area between buoys two and four; there is adequate depth outside the 50 metre zone elsewhere on the reservoir.

6. Courses

- 6.1 Courses will be either windward/leeward or set using the primarily club spherical orange marks, (which are numbered with odd numbers from 1 to 7 along the southern shore and with even numbers from 2 to 8 along the northern shore), or "other marks" which may be used at the Race Officer's discretion. An example of an "other mark" will be shown to competitors during the pre race briefing. The course will be displayed on the Committee Boat
- 6.2 The Start/finish line will form a gate which **must** be sailed through following the 'Shorten Course' signals described in Para 11 below..
- 6.3 The number of laps to be sailed will be determined by an overall time limit of approximately 40 to 50 minutes (AM races) 30 to 40 minutes (PM races) for the first boat to finish, with the end of the race indicated by the Shorten Course signals described in Para 11 below. NOTE due to adverse weather conditions the Race Officer may vary the race limit.

7. Start Line

- 7.1. The start line will be a line between the flagstaff on the Committee Boat flying a blue flag and an outer distance mark (ODM). The ODM will be a yellow Dan buoy flying code flag 'O' (red and yellow).

8. Class Flags

- 8.1. The Class flag used for the Warning Signal will be a yellow RS200 Class flag

9. Starting Procedure

- 9.1. Races will be started using RRS rule 26. The duration or failure of sound signals will bear no significance.
- 9.2. All race control signals will be made from the race committee boat.

Race Signals				
Min's before Start Signal	Visual Signal	Raised or Lowered	Sound Signal	Signal Means
5 minutes	Class Flag	Raised	1 hoot	Warning
4 minutes	Flag 'P', 'I', 'Z' or Black flag	Raised	1 hoot	Preparatory
1 minute	All flags except Class flag	Lowered	1 long hoot	1 Minute to start
0 minutes	Class flag	Lowered	1 hoot	Start

Flag meanings-

Flag 'P' - Preparatory signal (Racing rules apply)

Flag 'I' -Rule 30.1 applies (Round the Ends)

Flag 'Z' -Rule 30.2 applies ((20% penalty if in the zone bounded by the start marks and 1st mark in the min before start)

Flag 'I' over 'Z' -Rules 30.1 and 30.2 in force

Black Flag -Rule 30.3 in force (DSQ if in the zone bounded by the start marks and 1st mark in the min before start)

- 9.3. Individual recalls will be indicated by flying code flag 'X. accompanied by a second sound signal. (every effort will be made to hail the boat(s) concerned, however it is the responsibility of each helm to ascertain whether they have started correctly)
- 9.4. A General Recall will follow the standard format of RRS rule 29.2. It will be indicated by the raising of the First Substitute flag accompanied by two sound signals. The warning signal for the new start will be made one minute after lowering the First Substitute (one sound signal). Due to time constraints the Black flag may be flown following a general recall.
- 9.5. A boat starting later than five minutes after her start signal will be scored 'Did Not Start' (Changes Rules A4 and A5)

10. Penalty System

- 10.1. Penalties are as for Rule 44.1 touching a mark- one turn, other infringements two turns
- 10.2. As provided in Rule 67, the protest committee may, without a hearing, penalise a boat that has broken Rule 42

11. Shortening Course

- 11.1 The Shorten Course signal will be used to indicate the end of the race
- 11.2 The Race Officer will indicate 'Shorten Course' as the lead boat rounds the penultimate mark of the course, or as the lead .l lead boat approaches the committee boat on station.
- 11.3 The committee boat will fly a blue flag indicating it is 'on station' for the finish, and will display flag 'S' accompanied by two sound signals.
- 11.4 When flag 'S' is displayed boats MUST sail through the finish line (See Para 12) in the direction of the set course

12. Finishing

- 12.1 The finish line will be between the flag staff on the committee boat, flying a blue flag, and an outer distance mark (ODM). The ODM will be a yellow Dan buoy flying code flag 'O' (yellow and red).
- 12.2 The Race Officer may shorten the race at any mark of the course in which case the finish line will be between the flagstaff on the committee boat flying a blue flag and the nearby mark of the course.

13. Time Limit

- 13.1 A time limit of between 45 and 60 minutes for the first boat to finish will apply. Boats not finishing within 10 minutes of the first boat will be scored 'Did Not Finish', without a hearing.

14. Protests

- 14.1 The helm of a protesting yacht shall inform the race officer immediately after crossing the finishing line.
- 14.2. Protests will not be accepted ashore.
- 14.2 Protest forms will not be used but will be heard and determined by an Ad Hoc protest committee either on the slip way or on coming ashore at lunch time or after racing in the regatta office.

15. Scoring System

- 15.1 The low points scoring system, RRS Appendix A, will apply.

RACE TIMES AND PROGRAMME

10:15	Briefing at the Race Hut
11:00	First start of two races sailed back-to-back
13.30	Lunch (Approximate time)
14.15	Start race three. (of five all back to back)
17:00	Prize giving in clubhouse