



## 2016 CLUB RACING AND CLUB REGATTA SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1. RULES

Bartley Sailing Club implements the RYA Racing Charter and members are required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, details of which can be found at the front of the RYA Rule Book (Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016). The Exoneration Penalty and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration procedures of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. Decisions from RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee but cannot be reopened or appealed. Racing will take place under the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA, the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions. If there is conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, then these Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

### 2. ENTRIES

Signing on-Each helmsman must sign-on before a race to declare the intention to race. By signing on competitors undertake to sail in compliance with the RYA Racing Charter

### 3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice boards or on the blackboard located at the OOD hut. Supporting verbal announcements may be made in the clubhouse

### 4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to sailing instructions will be posted on the notice board or the blackboard located at the OOD hut not less than 15 minutes before the start of the race, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

### 5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag mast at the OOD hut. Signals made afloat will be displayed on a mast on the committee boat.

### 6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Races will be held as detailed in the Notice of Club Racing.

### 7. THE COURSE

The course, the start and finish line (for handicap races only) and the number of laps for handicap races and the race duration for pursuit races will be shown on the course board. Alternatively, the course and number of laps may be shown on the committee boat using numerals with background colours indicating the side on which mark is to be left (red for port, green for starboard) and displayed in the order in which marks are to be passed. In this case, for handicap races, the number of laps will be shown by a numeral on a white background. In the event of a conflict between diagrammatic indication of the course and the alphanumeric list of marks to be rounded shown on the course-board, the diagrammatic indication will take precedence.

### 8. MARKS

Course marks are spherical buoys with numbers or letters marked on them. They are numbered from 1 to 8 anticlockwise around the reservoir. There are four additional marks. Mark "0" is located between marks "1" and "8". Marks "A", "B" and "C" are located down the centre of the reservoir ("A" being nearer the dam). The location of marks is shown on the course board. The even numbered buoys are orange, uneven are blue, A B and C are black and 0 is green.

### 9. THE START

A minimum of 3 boats must start a race to constitute a start. Races will be started by using RRS rule 26 with the addition of the following:

- An attention signal (Numeral pennant "6" with one sound will be made five minutes before the warning signal. The race committee will designate the course to be sailed before or with the attention signal. Numeral pennant "6" will be removed at the start. This changes RRS rule 27
- For pursuit and handicap races the Class Flag will be Numeral pennant "8".
- The start times for classes are as indicated on the class starting time list kept in the OOD hut.
- In the event of a general recall the race when restarted will be started as per RRS 30.2 Flag Z
- Boats whose start signal is not next shall keep clear of the starting area.
- A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal shall be scored "Did Not Start" without a hearing. This changes RRS rules A4 & A5.

### 10. SHORE BASED START LINE

A shore based start line will be between the flag staff or an orange post mounted triangle outside the race office and a nearby buoy or mark of the course, or Start and finish lines may have an inner distance mark a shore based transit marker, and the outer end infinity. The start line will be described on the course board.

### 11. WATER BASED START LINE

A water based start line will be between a flag mast on the committee boat and a mark of the course or a mark laid for the purpose.

### 12. FINISH

The finish line will be as follows:

- Pursuit Race - A moving line passing through the committee boat at right angles to the leg of the course, which the committee boat is traversing. There will be a sound signal at the end of the race and code flag "F" will be flown. All boats must maintain their position relative to the boats in front and behind when the finish signal is made. A second sound signal will be made and code flag "F" dropped when the Race Officer has recorded the finish position of every boat. If boats peel away before the second sound signal they will be recorded as Did Not Finish
- Handicap Race - A shore-based finish line will be between the flagstaff or an orange post-mounted triangle outside the race office and a nearby buoy or a transit thereof. The finish line will be described on the course board. A water-based finish line will be between the flag mast of the committee boat and a mark of the course, or a mark laid for that purpose.

### 13. PROTESTS

Protests must be made on the appropriate form obtainable from the Race Officer and must be handed to the Race Officer within 30 minutes of the time the last boat finishes the relevant race. This changes RRS rule 61.3

### 14. EXONERATION PENALTY

- A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2, or rule 31 or 42, may, after finishing the race concerned and before the start of a related protest hearing, notify the race committee that she accepts a 20% scoring penalty as stated in rule 44.3(c), (except that the minimum penalty is two places if that does not result in a score worse than DNF). This penalty does not reverse an OCS score, a disqualification under rule 30.3 or a penalty under Appendix P. It is not available for a breach of rule 2 or of class rules or for gross misconduct under rule 69. Nor is it available to a boat that caused injury or serious damage, or gained a significant advantage by her breach: in these circumstances, her penalty is to retire.
- When an Exoneration Penalty is accepted: (a) Neither the boat nor a protest committee may then revoke or remove the penalty.

### 15. SCORING

- The series scoring used will be the RRS Appendix A - Low Point System.
- The number of races to be scored will be based on the number of races sailed. If 3 races are sailed all races will count. If 4 or more races are sailed the best 50% of a boats races will be scored (rounded down).
- For Wednesday afternoon series a helm that performs an OOD duty will be scored as 1<sup>st</sup> if 6 or more races are sailed in the series.
- A boat that did not start, did not finish, retired after starting, or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the series.

### 16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the club racing or regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any

