

# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

## 2018 – 2020 CLUB RACING AND REGATTA SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

**(Open meetings and externally organised regattas taking place at Bartley S.C. shall be covered by separate sailing instructions)**

### 1. RULES

1.1 Bartley Sailing Club implements the RYA Racing Charter and sailors 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 2017-2020) and on the RYA Website [www.rya.org.uk/racing/Pages/racingcharter.aspx](http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/Pages/racingcharter.aspx)

1.2 All racing will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-2020

1.3 If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions then these sailing instructions shall prevail.

### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

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

### 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 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.

3.2 Changes to the schedule of races are made at the discretion of the OOD and should only be made as a consequence of the prevailing weather conditions on agreement with participants. Race timings should be honoured where possible so participants who attend at certain times for certain races still have the opportunity to race. These changes should be clearly marked on the sign on sheet to enable accurate recording of placings. Where possible the schedule in the Calendar should be honoured.

### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag mast in front of the OOD hut.

4.2 When flag AP (Race postponement) is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 6 minutes' in the race signal AP.

### 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 The schedule of racing will be published in the club calendar on the Bartley Sailing Club website [www.bartleysailingclub.com](http://www.bartleysailingclub.com). Bartley S.C. Sailing Committee is the organising authority for races taking place at weekends only.

5.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the Numeral Pennant 6  will be displayed with one sound five minutes before a warning signal is made. The Pennant will be removed at the start of the race.

5.3 Races and series organised by participants with authorisation from the Bartley S.C. sailing committee shall be published in the club calendar on the Bartley Sailing Club website [www.bartleysailingclub.com](http://www.bartleysailingclub.com). These series shall be scheduled but not organised by Bartley S.C. (e.g. Wednesday afternoons and Tuesday evenings).

### 6. CLASS FLAGS

6.1 The Class flag for single start Handicap and Pursuit races shall be Numeral Pennant 8 

6.2 When there are 12 or more boats starting a handicap race the starts shall be split into a Fast and a Slow fleet. The Class flag for the Fast fleet shall be Numeral Pennant 8 , and the class flag for the Slow fleet shall be Numeral Pennant 1 

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6.3 For Handicap races with a separate Junior/Novice start the Class Flag for Junior/Novice shall be Numeral Pennant 2 

## 7. RACING AREA

7.1 The racing area will be Bartley Reservoir, Bartley Sailing Club, 101 Genners Lane, Birmingham B32 3NU.

## 8. THE COURSES

8.1 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 outside the OOD hut.

8.2 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.

8.3 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.

8.4 Courses will be displayed at least 15 minutes before the start.

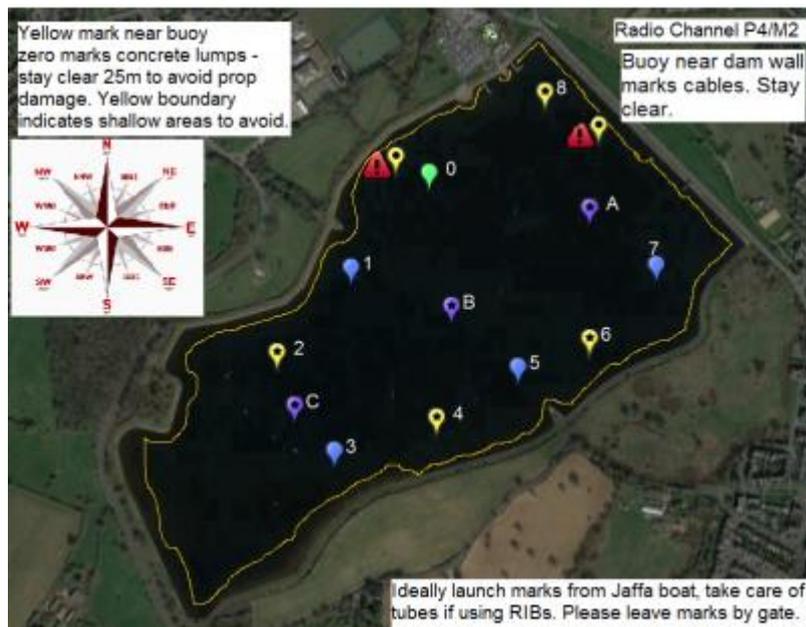
## 9. MARKS

9.1 Marks are numbered numerically anticlockwise around the reservoir perimeter from 0 to 8, and down the centre of the reservoir from A to C.

9.2 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, 0 is green.

## 10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

11.1 The following areas identified by a hazard sign (!) are designated as obstructions:



## 11. THE START

11.1 A minimum of 3 boats must start a race to constitute a start.

11.2 Races will be started by using RRS rule 26 to designate the starting time of the first fleet.

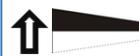
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11.3 The start times for classes are as indicated on the class starting time list in the OOD hut. The cut-off between Fast and Slow fleets for handicap racing is posted in the OOD hut.

11.4 All Races shall be started per RRS 26 using Flag P for the preparatory visual signal. 

11.5 For handicap races with 2 or more fleet starts the class flag for the second and subsequent fleet shall be raised at the start for the previous fleet to denote 2 minute warning of that fleet's start, i.e. if a handicap race has a Fast fleet, Slow fleet, and Junior/Novice start then pennant 1 will be raised at the Fast fleet start and lowered 2 minutes later at the Slow fleet start. Pennant 2 will be raised at the Slow fleet start and lowered 2 minutes later at the Junior/Novice start. These permutations are shown diagrammatically below. This changes RRS rule 26.

Flag Sequence – 3 Start Handicap Race				7
Time	Signal	Flags	Sound	
-10	10 Minute 'alert'			 Auto
-5	5 Minute Warning			 Auto
-4	4 Minute Warning			 Auto
-1	1 Minute Warning			 Auto
0	Fast Fleet Start & Slow Fleet 2 min warning			 Auto
+2	Slow Fleet Start & Junior Novice 2 min warning			 Manual
+4	Junior Novice Start			 Manual

Flag Sequence – 2 Start Handicap Race (Fast and Slow Fleets)				8
Time	Signal	Flags	Sound	
-10	10 Minute 'alert'			 Auto
-5	5 Minute Warning			 Auto
-4	4 Minute Warning			 Auto
-1	1 Minute Warning			 Auto
0	Fast Fleet Start & Slow Fleet 2 min warning			 Auto
+2	Slow Fleet Start			 Manual

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Flag Sequence – 2 Start Handicap Race (Main and Novice/Junior fleet)				9
Time	Signal	Flags	Sound	
-10	10 Minute 'alert'			 Auto
-5	5 Minute Warning			 Auto
-4	4 Minute Warning			 Auto
-1	1 Minute Warning			 Auto
0	Fast & Slow Fleets Start, plus Junior Novice 2 min warning			 Auto
+2	Junior Novice Start			 Manual

Flag Sequence - Single Start Handicap Race				10
Time	Signal	Flags	Sound	
-10	10 Minute 'alert'			 Auto
-5	5 Minute Warning			 Auto
-4	4 Minute Warning			 Auto
-1	1 Minute Warning			 Auto
0	Start			 Auto

11.6 Sound signals will be per RRS rule 26 for the start. Subsequent sound signals will denote class starts for both pursuit and handicap fleets.

11.7 The number of fleet starts for a handicap race shall be posted on the noticeboard by the OOD hut 15 minutes before the start. The start shall be a 'single' start if there is no information indicating otherwise.

11.8 Boats whose start signal is not next shall keep clear of the starting area.

11.9 Start lines will be described on the course board for shore-based starts and will be defined and communicated by the OOD for water-based starts.

11.10 Start and Finish lines will be the same point on the course if average lap Handicap races are to be run.

11.11 Any boat(s) deemed OCS by the OOD or his duty crew may be so advised by sound, shout, hail, whistle, hoot, call or any other means that the OOD deems suitable. OCS may be signalled from shore, pontoon, support boat etc., whether moored or not, and may be by flag. For Club Racing only the raising of an arm to signify OCS may be used in place of a flag. This overrides RRS rule 25.3 and RRS rule 29.1.

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## 12. THE FINISH

12.1 For Pursuit races: 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 (the Release) will be made and code flag “F” dropped when the Race Officer has recorded the finish position of every boat that has held position. If boats peel away before the second sound ‘Release’ signal they will be recorded as “Did Not Finish”.

12.2 For Handicap races: A shore-based finish line will be between the flagstaff (or an orange post-mounted triangle) 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 a point (Flag or crew member) on the committee boat determined by the OOD and a mark of the course, or a mark laid for that purpose.

## 13. Emergency Sequence – Call all boats back to shore

13.1 Sometimes the weather gets squally, a lightning storm moves in, or the wind builds quickly and there may be a requirement to bring boats ashore and abandon sailing or racing until the weather calms and conditions are deemed safe again. At the point where support boat cover is insufficient to safely assist a quantity of boats in distress, or when conditions cause excess concern for the OoD, repeated sound signals will be made until all boats are demonstrating intent to return to shore. Boats that are not executing an assist should help direct all boats back to shore. The OoD should raise the abandonment flag

“N”  as soon as is reasonably practicable (i.e. as soon as the situation has been made safe) to indicate that the current race has been abandoned.

## 14. PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 (Fair Sailing) or rule 31 (Touching a Mark) or rule 42 (Unfair Propulsion) and not taken a penalty per rule 44.1 or 44.2 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), (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.

14.2 When an Exoneration Penalty is accepted: (a) neither the boat nor (b) a protest committee may then revoke or remove the penalty.

## 15. PROTESTS

15.1 Protests must be made on the appropriate form obtainable from the Race Officer and must be handed to the Race Officer within **40** minutes of the time the last boat finishes the relevant race. This changes RRS rule 61.3

15.2 Protests will be conducted with the additional step of arbitration following the arbitration process outlined in Appendix T of the RRS.

15.3 It is the responsibility of the Protestor to inform the Protestee of their intent to protest at the earliest reasonable opportunity, including after the Protestee has finished the race (i.e. as soon as both parties have returned to shore). All parties involved in the protest are expected to remain on site until the Officer of the Day (Race Officer) has confirmed they are free to depart. Where possible the arbitration should take place at the end of the days racing in an open forum in the club house. This is to ensure facts

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are not forgotten and to provide a learning experience to others in the club on rules and how they are applied. This requirement is additive to section 61.1 of the RRS.

## **16. SCORING**

16.1 The series and club regatta scoring used will be the RRS Appendix A4 – Low Point System

16.2 There will be 3 separate series run on Saturday: Handicap 1, Pursuit, Handicap 2.

Handicap 1 will include the Junior / Novice fleet.

There will be a single Sunday Series.

The number of races to be count for a series is 50% of the races sailed in each series (rounded down)

16.3 There will be 4 'End of Series Regattas'. Each club regatta will be a standalone event comprising two Pursuit races. Both races will count for the regatta with no discard.

16.4 A boat that did not start or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the series.

16.5 A boat that did not finish or retired after starting, shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the race. Any boat that abuses this scoring by taking to the water with no intention to complete the race and only to benefit from the preferential scoring shall be classified as having gained significant advantage by this breach. The penalty shall be disqualification from the race and an award of the scoring outlined in 16.4. This changes RRS A4.2.

16.6 Club races, regattas, and series organised by participants with authorisation from the Bartley S.C. sailing committee (including but not limited to Wednesday afternoon and Tuesday evening) shall be scored by the nominated series, race, or regatta organiser (nominated by participants).

## **17. PRIZES**

17.1 Prize giving for the race series will be at the corresponding 'End of Series Regatta' per the club calendar on the Bartley Sailing Club website [www.bartleysailingclub.com](http://www.bartleysailingclub.com).

17.2 Prizes will be awarded for the Saturday Handicap 1 Series, Saturday Pursuit Series, Saturday Handicap 2 Series, Sunday Series, and End of Series Regatta at a minimum for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> places. Fleet prizes will be organised by fleet captains as appropriate.

17.3 Prizes for Series organised by participants (Wednesday afternoon and Tuesday evening series per Club calendar) shall be managed by the respective fleets and participants.

## **18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

18.1 Competitors participate in the series or event entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the race or regatta

## **19. INSURANCE**

19.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 against third party claims;