

BURTON SALING CLUB - PURSUIT RACE

2026 - Sequence start 11.00

RACE BRIEFING

NOTE - START TIMES FOR SOME CLASSES HAVE CHANGES FROM LAST YEAR DUE TO NEW PY RATINGS FOR 2025

Pursuit race basics

For those who are not familiar with this type of race format the principle is quite simple. The race is held over a fixed time of 80min. starting at the nominal start time based on the mirror dinghy. In simple terms the slowest boats start first and the fastest boats start last. If everyone sails exactly to their handicap speed all boats should finish at the end of the race at exactly the same place which doesn't of course happen although last year the first three boats finished only 20sec apart.

Starting

The committee boat will have a flip over number board with numbers displayed. This number board will be on the start line side,. These are the minutes denoting the start times. A starting horn will sound every minute as the numbers are flipped over. The start line is not part of the course after starting unless G or gate is displayed on the course board.

Make a note of your starting time from the table below according to your class of boat.

YOUR START TIME WILL BE AS YOUR MINUTE NUMBER IS FLIPPED OVER. This means that if your start time is 10min, the number 9 will be showing for 1 minute before your start.

The usual 5,4,1,GO sequence will be used. GO will be the mirror dinghy start, you will see from the table below that PICO start on 2 minute so for PICO sailors GO is your 2 minute warning. Once you have started you have to race around the course as fast as you can for 78 minutes and hope no other boats pass you!

As the Terras and other slower boats start first **it is important that you know the course to be sailed as you will not have any other boats in front of you to follow.**

A STARTING TIP. If your watch is set for 5min countdown, note the time 5min before your scheduled start and start you watch when that time is flipped over.

NOTE! THE START LINE AREA IS OUT OF BOUNDS FOR PRACTICE STARTS UNTIL ALL BOATS FROM THE PREVIOUS START HAVE FULLY CLEARED THE START LINE. Boats interfering with boats from other classes before or after their start risk being black flagged.

Minutes – start time from GO (GO = 0) listed in time order.

For all starters at – (minus) times see race officer for instructions

Optimist	-16		Solo	13		RS Aero 7	18		Merlin Rocket	23
Terra Sport	-5		RS Aero 5	13		Lark	18		Int Moth Non F	22
Mirror	0		Enterprise	13		Hartley Zenith	18		Contender	23
Topper	0		GP14	13		FF Silver	18		Fireball	24
Terra Pro	0		Streaker	14		RS200	19		RS 400	25
Pico	2		Laser (7)	15		Scorpion	19		RS 600	26
RS Feva XL	7		420	15					29er	27
Laser 4.7 (4)	9		Laser II	14		Blaze	20		505	28
M. Miracle	10		Omega	17		Devoti D Zero	20		Int Moth F	47
Wanderer	10		Supanova	17		FF Open	20			
Firefly	11		FF Classic	17		Phantom	21			
Laser Rad (6)	12		K1	18		RS Aero 9	21			

Windsurfers	Min			Min			Min
Techno 5.8	10		Techno 6.8	14		Techno 7.8	17
Raceboard 9.5	15		Foiler	41			

For simplicity I have listed classes normally sailed at BSC
If I have missed any, my apologies, see table on P2 to find your start time for any missing class.

Start Line

The start line is not part of the course after starting unless G or GATE is displayed on the course board.

Finishing

At the end of 80min (from GO) there will be a minimum 5sec sound signal. AT THIS POINT **CONTINUE SAILING THE COURSE** BUT DO NOT PASS ANY BOATS IN FRONT OF YOU.

A finishing boat (RIB) will motor down the course back from the leading boat to record all boats finishing position. Each boat will be informed individually by the finishing boat crew that they have finished the race.

PURSUIT RACE ALL OTHER CLASSES

Class	Min		Class	Min
420	15		Laser Radial ILCA 6	12
505	28		Laser Vortex	24
29er	27		Merlin Rocket	23
Albacore	19		Miracle	10
Blaze	20		Mirror	0
Buzz	21		Moth (Foiling)	47
Byte	10		Moth INT	22
Byte CII	14		National 12	17
Comet	9		OK	16
Contender	23		Optimist	-16
Devoti D-Zero	20		Phantom	21
			RS Aero 5	13
Enterprise	14		RS Aero 7	18
Europe	13		RS Aero 9	21
FF Open (>3400)	20		RS 200	19
FF Silver	19		RS 400	25
FF Classic (<2700)	19		RS 600	26
Finn	19		RS Feva XL	7
Fireball	24		RS Vario	16
Firefly	11		RS Vision	13
GP14	13		Scorpion	19
Graduate	16		Solo	13
K1	18		Streaker	14
Lark	18		Supernova	17
Laser ILCA7	15		Topper	0
Laser 4.7 ILCA 4	9		Wanderer	10
Laser II	16		Wayfarer	15
Laser Pico (1)	2		Zenith (Hartley)	18