



Burton Sailing Club

Merlin Rocket Open Meeting Sailing Instructions

Round the Cans Alongside Club Racing

1 RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the "Rules" as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, the Notice of Race, and these Sailing Instructions. In the event of there being any conflict between the aforementioned, these Sailing Instructions will take precedence at all times.
- 1.2 Competitors should note that Burton Sailing Club implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book.
- 1.3 By entering and attending this event, all persons agree to abide by the Rules of Burton Sailing Club including any protocols and procedures that the organisers request.

2 Notice to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on an Official Notice Board at the clubhouse.

3 Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 Any changes in the sailing instructions will be posted one hour before the advertised starting time of the race or races concerned.
- 3.2 Changes in the Sailing Instructions will be signalled by displaying flag "L" from the flagpole at the clubhouse. When no further changes have been made Flag "L" will be lowered after the start of the last race of that day.

4 Signals made Ashore

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be hoisted on the flagpole located at the Clubhouse.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 20 minutes" in "race signal AP".
- 4.3 Launching may only occur when a GREEN Flag is displayed on the flagpole adjacent to the slipway or as directed by the Beachmaster.

5 Schedule of Races

- 6 The race start times will be posted on the Official Race Notice Board and confirmed at the Briefing with the warning signal being 5 minutes prior to the start time. The PRO may amend the schedule during the event to suite the conditions.

7 Class Flag Signals

Flag O

8 Racing Area

See Appendix 1 below.

9 Minimum Wind Strength

- 9.1 Races will not be started unless the Race Officer is satisfied with the wind strength over the whole of the course.



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10 The Course

10.1 The courses will be "Round the Cans" utilising moored Numbered/Lettered marks.

11 The Marks

Fixed marks are numbered 1 – 10 and are Orange painted barrels.

Additional moveable marks denoted with letters X (Green barrel), Y (Yellow barrel), Z (Red Barrel) may also be used.

The approximate positions of the numbered marks are shown in Appendix 1.

12 Course Configuration

12.1 The course configuration and the order of rounding of marks and the number of laps will be as shown on the course board on the committee boat.

12.2 In the event that the course displayed is changed prior to a race starting, the race officer may indicate this by flying flag C from the committee boat mast.

12.3 The race officer will disqualify boats seen by the race team to have sailed the wrong course, including missing the line when set as a gate in the course (Signified by a G on the course board).

13 The Start

13.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the start signal. (5 4 1 Go).

13.2 The start line is defined as the line between the mast displaying an Orange flag on the committee boat and an end of line mark flying an Orange flag from its mast.

13.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the start area.

13.4 A boat starting later than 4mins.after her start will be scored DNS.

13.5 In the event of a general recall for the Merlin Rocket fleet both fleets will have their start abandoned and the sequence restarted.

14 The Finish

14.1 The finish line will be between the mast displaying a Orange flag on the committee boat or a RIB, and the end of line marker or other mark of the course.

14.2 Boats can also be finished anywhere on the course area by a RIB displaying the W flag. The RIB will hail a boat's number when flying Flag W, to signal that boat has finished and should return to the starting area or go ashore as directed by the RIB.

15 Time Limit

15.1 The following time limits will apply

Mark 1 Time Limit, Time limit for the first boat to pass Mark 1. • **20 Mins**

Race Time Limit, Time limit for the first boat to start, sail the course and finish. • **50 Mins**

Finishing Window, Time limit for boats to finish **after** the first boat starts, sails the course and finishes. **20 Mins**

15.2 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race shall be abandoned.

15.3 Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.



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16 Protests and Requests for Redress

- 16.1 Protests shall be written on forms available at the race control desk and delivered there within 60 minutes of the last boat finishing the race, or if races are sailed “back to back” within 60 minutes of the finish of the last boat of the “back to back” races.
- 16.2 The protests to be heard will be posted on the notice board at the end of the protest time limit.

17 Scoring

- 17.1 Low Point scoring system of Appendix A within *the racing rules of sailing* will apply.
- 17.2 Series ties will be broken in accordance with ISAF Appendix A 8.1 and ISAF Appendix A 8.2.
- 17.3 One race to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.4 If 3 races are sailed, then one race will be discarded.

18 Safety Regulations

- 18.1 All dinghy sailors will wear approved buoyancy aids, inflated if of that type, at all times when afloat.
- 18.2 When the race committee considers that a boat or competitor is in difficulty it may instruct the boat or competitor to accept outside help, retire or sail ashore.
- 18.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

19 Declarations

- 19.1 Signing on before each race will not be necessary although it will be necessary to have entered the series to be eligible to start a race.
- 19.2 A declaration must be made ashore, not later than 30 minutes after the end of the last race, to a member of the race management team, of any retirement, not previously declared to the race management team whilst afloat.

20 Equipment and Measurement Checks

Boats will comply with measurement, and other rules, of their class association.

21 Disclaimer of Liability

- 21.1 Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The Class Association and the organising authority (Burton Sailing Club) will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained prior to, during, or after the event.

“Risk Statement”

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 while taking part in the event;
They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (b) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- (c) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- (d) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their responsibilities;



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- (e) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions as it can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- (f) They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face the extremes of weather; that there is crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather, and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew;
- (g) The fact that the race committee conducts inspections does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in the Notice of Race or these sailing instructions
- (h) The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

22 Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with a valid Third-Party Liability Insurance with a Minimum Cover of £3million.

23 Media Rights

- 23.1 By participating in this event, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority, the Class Association and the sponsors of the event the right in perpetuity to make, use and show at their discretion any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him/her during the event, and of all of his/her material related to the event, without compensation.
- 23.2 In order to manage the events, information provided by competitors will be held on a database. The management of personal information and images will comply with General Data Protection Regulations. More details are available on request



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Appendix 1 Map of Lake and Marks

