



Sailing Instructions for the Flying 15 Open at Burton Sailing Club on 13th & 14th May 2023

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 documents, these Sailing Instructions will take precedence..
- 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 version of the RRS.
- 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. These protocols and procedures will be on the club website no later than one week before the event

2 Notice to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on an Official Notice Board outside the front clubhouse entrance.

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, on the Official Notice Board.
- 3.2 Changes in the Sailing Instructions will be signaled 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 40 minutes" in "race signal AP".
- 4.3 Launching may only occur when a green or yellow flag is flying adjacent to the slipway or as directed by the Beachmaster. No sailing is permitted when a red flag is flying adjacent to the slipway.

5 Schedule of Races

- 5.1 The earliest start time and number of race results counted in the event will be published in the Notice of Race.
- 5.2 The Race Officer will post notices to competitors advising race times each day on the Official Notice Board.
- 5.3 On the last day of the event, no warning signal will be made after 1530 hours.

6 Flag Signals

- 6.1 The start flag for the fleet will be confirmed at the race briefing.



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7 Racing Area

See Appendix 1 below.

8 Minimum Wind Strength

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

9 The Courses

- 9.1 The approximate positions of the marks are shown in Appendix 1
- 9.2 The course configuration and the order of rounding of marks, along with the number of laps, will be as shown on the course board on the committee boat. A buoy number or letter on a red background indicates the buoy is rounded to port. A buoy number or letter on a green background indicates the buoy is rounded to starboard.
- 9.3 The inclusion of a black G on a white background on the course board indicates that the starting gate is to be included after each lap.
- 9.4 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.
- 9.5 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.

10 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

11 The Start

- 11.1 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.
- 11.2 A boat starting later than 4mins.after her start will be scored DNS.

12 The Finish

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

13 Time Limit

- 13.1 The following time limits will apply
- Mark 1 Time Limit**, Time limit for the first boat to pass Mark 1. • **30 Mins**
- Race Time Limit**, Time limit for the first boat to start, sail the course and finish. • **75 Mins**
- 13.2 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race shall be abandoned.
- 13.3 The Finishing Window is 30 minutes after the first boat to finish. 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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14 Protests and Requests for Redress

- 14.1 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 of the “back to back” races.
- 14.2 The closing time for receipt of protests will be posted on the notice board and protest hearings will commence as soon as possible thereafter. The protests to be heard will be posted on the notice board at the end of the protest time limit.

15 Scoring

- 15.1 Low Point scoring system of Appendix A within *the racing rules of sailing* will apply, modified as follows:
- a. A boat that does not come to the starting area for the start of a race (DNC) shall be scored points with the finishing place of one more than the number of boats entered in the series.
 - b. For a boat that came to the starting area but does not start (DNS), or was on course side (OCS), or does not finish (DNF), or retires from racing (RET) or is disqualified (DSQ) shall be scored points with the finishing place one more than the number of boats that came to the starting area, as defined in RRS Appendix A 5.3
- 15.2 Series ties will be broken in accordance with RRS Appendix A 8.1 and RRS Appendix A 8.2.
- 15.3 One race to be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.4 If less than five races are sailed there will be no discards. If five races are sailed there will be one discard.

16 Safety Regulations

- 16.1 All dinghy sailors will wear approved buoyancy aids, inflated if of that type, at all times when afloat.
- 16.2 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.
- 16.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

17 Declarations

- 17.1 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.
- 17.2 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.

18 Equipment and Measurement Checks

Boats will comply with measurement, and other rules, of their respective class associations

19 Disclaimer of Liability



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19.1 Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. 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 4 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;
- (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.

20 Insurance

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

21 Media Rights

21.1 By participating in this event, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority 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 championship, and of all of his/her material related to the championship, without compensation.

21.2 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

