

WRAYSBURY LAKE SAILING CLUB

Solo Class Open Meeting May 2011

Sailing Instructions

1. Rules

The regatta will be governed by the "rules" as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012, Solo class rules and as modified by these sailing instructions.

2. Notices to competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board in the WLSC clubhouse.

3. Entries and registration

3.1. To be eligible to compete, each boat must be helmed by a member of either the Solo Class Association, WLSC or the RYA.

3.2. Each competitor must register at WLSC before racing and pay entry fee of £10.

4. Briefing for Competitors

The briefing is scheduled for 1030 hrs outside the clubhouse.

5. Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions will be displayed not less than 30 minutes before the start of a race.

6. Signals made ashore.

6.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the starting hut close to the clubhouse.

6.2. When Flag AP is displayed ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than ten minutes after AP is lowered.

6.3. When Flag Y is displayed ashore, rule 40 (Personal Floatation) applies at all times while afloat. This changes the Part 4 preamble.

7. Schedule of races

7.1. Three races are scheduled for the regatta.

7.2. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 1055hrs.

7.3. Where races are held 'back to back', the warning signal for a subsequent race will be given soon after the finish of the preceding race.

8. Class Flag

The Class Flag will be Numeral Pennant One.

9. Racing Area

The Race area will be as described on the map in the WLSC clubhouse.

10. The courses

- 10.1. The course for each race will be displayed on the board outside the starting hut no later than the warning signal for that race.
- 10.2. The course will be defined in sequence using numbered and lettered cards to denote the order and hand (red-port, green- starboard) that marks are to be rounded. All marks shall be rounding marks.
- 10.3. Start and Finish lines will be denoted by black lettered cards, and the number of laps to be sailed by black numbered cards.
- 10.4. Where races are held back-to-back using a committee boat start, the course for the second race may be indicated using a white/blackboard on the committee vessel. In this case there may be no indication ashore of the course for the following races.

11. Marks

- 11.1. The course will be selected from the numbered marks (red buoys 1-10), the lettered marks (white buoys A-C) and other temporary laid marks as required.
- 11.2. The course may include one or more of the fixed club finish lines. In that case, boats shall pass through the specified line on that leg of the course, including passing between relevant limit marks.

12. The Start

- 12.1. The starting line will be either:

Between a flagstaff on the committee boat and a laid mark, or

Formed by the transit of staffs on the starting hut roof and foreshore
- 12.2. Limit marks may be defined.
- 12.3. The selection of starting line will be included in the course description.
- 12.4. A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes Rule A4.1.
- 12.5. The Starting procedure will be as defined in Rule 26.

13. Change of the position of the next mark

- 13.1 To change the position of the next mark, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line). The change will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not yet be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated without further signaling to maintain the course configuration. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

14. The Finish

- 14.1. The finishing line will be either:

Between a flagstaff on the committee boat and a laid mark, or

Formed by the transit of staffs on the starting hut roof and foreshore, or

Between a flagstaff on the committee boat and the last mark of the course.

- 14.2. Limit marks may be defined.

- 14.3. The selection of finishing line will be included in the course description

- 14.4. The course may be shortened either at a mark of the course, by laying a finishing line as described above, or when crossing one of the designated finishing lines.

- 14.5 Lapped boats will be finished next time they cross the finish line after the leaders.

15. Time limits

- 15.1 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes Rules 35 and A4.1.

16. Protests and requests for redress

- 16.1. Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within 30 minutes of the last boats finish, or, in the case of back to back races, within 30 minutes of the last boat coming ashore.

- 16.2 Notices will be posted at the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the WLSC committee room.

17. Scoring

- 17.1. The low point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.

- 17.2. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

17.3. When fewer than 3 races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores.

18. Safety regulations

18.1. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

19. Replacement of crew or equipment

19.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed.

19.2. Substitution of lost or damaged equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the race committee. Requests for substitution should be made at the first reasonable opportunity.

20. Radio communication

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

21. Disclaimer of liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to or after the regatta.

22. Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £1,000,000 per event or the equivalent.