

RYA Ladies' Team Racing National Championship

Incorporating the

BUSA Ladies' Team Racing Championship

24-25th February 2018 at Loch Ore Meadows Country Park

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 Rules

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) including Appendix D, Team Racing Rules
- 1.2 Addenda A, B and C to these sailing instructions (SIs) always apply. Other addenda apply only when so stated. The letters D and I are not used to identify addenda.
- 1.3 The right of appeal is denied in accordance with RRS 70.5(a).
- 1.4 When boats are provided by the Organising Authority
 - (a) the boats shall be deemed to conform to their class rules;
 - (b) when class rules change RRS 42, such changes shall not apply;
 - (c) the race committee will allocate the boats to be used in each race; this allocation shall not be cause for redress and amends RRS 62.1.

2 Eligibility

- 2.1 To become eligible a team shall register as required by the notice of race with each boat being sailed by two females.
- 2.2 The team shall provide a damage deposit of £300 by cheque or bank transfer to the GUSC account before going afloat for the first time.
- 2.3 Teams consisting of six females who all fulfil the criteria listed below, are *also* eligible to enter the BUSA Ladies' Team Racing Championship.
 - (a) The Team shall consist of sailors from the same institution, representing a university or higher education establishment that is a member of, and in good standing with, the British University Sailing Association.
 - (b) Each competitor must meet the BUCS General Regulations (Regulation 6).

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- (c) Each team member shall present valid Student I.D. for inspection at registration.
- (d) After registration, no team member competing in the BUSA Ladies' Team Racing Championship may be changed without the prior permission of the race committee.

3 Event Format and Schedule of Races

- 3.1 The intended format of the event is described in SI Addendum B. The format may be modified during the event in a fair and practical way as solely determined by the race committee taking into account the entries, weather conditions, time constraints and any other relevant factors.
- 3.2 The initial schedule of races will be displayed on the official notice board. Any changes thereto and schedules for subsequent races will be displayed not less than 10 minutes before the start of those races.
- 3.3 Every race will be assigned a race number in the race schedule.
- 3.4 The number of the next race to start will be displayed on the committee boat no later than the warning signal (or promptly thereafter if co-incident with the previous start) until the starting signal. The race committee may at any time postpone a race and reschedule it at a later time.
- 3.5 When a completed race has been abandoned and the result would not affect which teams qualify for a further stage, the race committee may cancel the race and score each team half a race win.

4 Protests, Requests for Redress and Penalties

- 4.1 Protests and requests for redress that have not been decided afloat shall be notified to the race office within 10 minutes after the relevant incident or, if the incident is afloat, within 10 minutes after coming ashore.
- 4.2 When the outcome of a protest or request for redress would not affect which teams qualify to a later stage, the protest committee may refuse to hear it. This amends RRS 63.1.
- 4.3 When RRS D2 applies and the race umpires together with one other umpire (when available) decide that a boat has broken RRS 14 and there is damage or injury, they may penalise her team by half a race win without a hearing. The boat will be informed as soon as practical and may request a hearing. Any penalty after a hearing will be in accordance with RRS D3.1(d). This amends RRS 63.1.
- 4.4 When the race committee decides that a boat has broken SI A4.3, Time Limit for Starting, or has failed to sail the course and broken RRS 28.2, it shall penalise her 6 points without a hearing. This amends RRS A5.

- 4.5 When the race committee decides that a competitor has broken SI A1.5, personal flotation device, or SI A1.6, wet or dry suits, it shall penalise the competitor's team one race win without a hearing. This amends RRS A5.
- 4.6 When the protest committee decides that a breach of a rule, other than a rule of RRS Part 2, has had no effect on the outcome of a race, it may make any arrangement it decides is equitable, which may be to impose no penalty. This amends RRS 64.1 and D3.1.

5 Risk Statement, Insurance

- 5.1 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."
- 5.2 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 whilst taking part in the event;
 - (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
 - (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
 - (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
 - (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances; and
 - (g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.
- 5.3 When the boats are provided by the competitors, the boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least three million pounds (£3,000,000), unless a different sum is specified in the notice of race.

6 Index to SI Addenda

Addenda that Always Apply

- A- Event-Related Rules
- B- Event Format
- C- Course

Race Formats and Schedules Addenda

- H- HLS League, Schedules and Tie Breaks

Other Addenda

- K- When Boats are Supplied by the Organising Authority

Addendum A: Event Related Rules

Section 1: Additional Rules

- A1.1 RRS D2 Applies. Races will be umpired
- A1.2 RRS D1.1(d) is deleted. No Arm Signals are required.
- A1.3 A boat capsized after her starting signal, so that her masthead is in the water, shall retire promptly.
- A1.4 Provided the flag remains on the buoy there shall be no penalty when a boat touches any part of a flag which does not surround the staff of a mark. This amends RRS 44.1.
- A1.5 An adequate personal flotation device shall be worn at all times whilst afloat.
- A1.6 Adequate personal flotation devices and wet or dry suits shall be worn by all competitors at all times when afloat and on the pontoons

Section 2: Communications with Competitors

A2.1 Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the clubhouse room used for the event or an alternative location specified at the briefing.

A2.2 Changes to Sailing Instructions:

Changes to these SIs will be signalled by announcement from the race committee. Such changes will be posted on the official notice board not less than 10 minutes before the warning signal of the first affected race.

A2.3 Signals Made Ashore

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Club flagpole or noticeboard.

Section 3: Courses, Marks, Starting & Finishing Lines, Obstructions and Time Limits

A3.1 Racing Area

The racing area will be the main sailing area of the loch, just off the slipway or specified at the event briefing.

A3.2 Course

The course will be an Inverted 'S' course C1 as described in SI Addendum C.

A3.3 Marks

The marks of the course will be described during the competitors briefing on Saturday morning before racing.

A3.4 Moving Marks

The race committee may move marks of the course at any time. RRS 33 will not apply.

A3.5 Obstructions

The following areas are defined as obstructions: shallow areas, pontoons and any other valid obstruction as described at the competitors briefing on Saturday morning before racing.

A3.6 Starting Line

The starting line will be between the mast of a committee boat and a starting mark. If this is different due to provision of committee boat, the 'mast' or starboard end of the line will be defined in the competitors briefing.

A3.7 Finishing Line

The finishing line will be between the mast of a committee boat and a finishing mark. If this is different due to provision of committee boat, the 'mast' or starboard end of the line will be defined in the competitors briefing.

A3.8 Time Limits

The time limit for each race shall be 30 minutes. Boats that fail to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored DNF. This amends RRS 35 and A5.

Section 4: Starting Procedure

A4.1 Starting Signals

Races will be started by using the signals and timing selected in the following table. Times shall be taken from the start of each sound signal; the failure of a visual signal shall be disregarded. This amends RRS 26.

EVENT SYSTEM			
<i>Signal</i>	<i>Timing</i>	<i>Sound</i>	<i>Alternative visual signals</i>
	<i>Minutes before starting signal</i>		<i>Battens or Coloured Flags</i>
Warning	3	One	3 displayed
Preparatory	2	One	2 displayed
One-minute	1	One	1 displayed
Starting	0	One	None or 3 displayed

Attention may be drawn to an imminent warning signal by a series of short sound signals.

A4.2 Recall Signals

When a boat is subject to RRS 29.1, flag X need not be displayed for more than 1 minute after the starting signal; this amends RRS 29.1. The race committee may hail the sail numbers or the total number of premature starters.

A4.3 Time Limit for Starting

A boat that fails to start within two minutes of her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. However, if the boat was OCS at her starting signal, she shall be scored in accordance with RRS D3.1(b). This amends RRS A4 and A5.

A4.4 General Recall

After a general recall, succeeding races may be delayed for the recalled race. Attention is drawn to SI 3.4.

Section 5: Local and Other Rules

A5.1 Rules in SI Addenda

The rules in the following SI addenda apply throughout the event:

Addendum K – “When Boats are Supplied by the Organising Authority”

Addendum L - “Boat Handling Rules”

A5.2 Local Rules

Any local rules will be highlighted at the competitors briefing.

Addendum B – Event Format

- B1.1 The format for each stage of the event shall be selected from the following standard formats, or from an Addendum J provided by the race committee and included with these sailing instructions. The specified addendum for each format contains the necessary race schedules, or procedures to create the schedules, together with rules which shall apply for scoring and breaking ties.
- B1.2 Each stage of an event may use a different format. The race committee may change the format as provided in SI 3.1.

Code	Description	Format Rules
Groups	Round Robin(s) in Group(s)	RRS D4 and Addendum E
Random	Random Pairs (2-boat teams only)	Addendum F
Swiss	Swiss League	Addendum G
HLS	HLS League	Addendum H
RC	Other Format Provided by Race Committee	Addendum J
KO	Knock-out	RRS D4

- B1.3 For each stage, any assignment of teams to groups or matches and the method of qualification for the next stage shall be stated.
- B1.4 For a round-robin stage, the number of round-robins in the stage, any carry-forward and weighting applied of scores from an earlier stage and any change to the percentage in RRS D4.2(b) shall be stated.
- B1.5 For a Knock-Out stage, the number of race wins required to win a match shall be stated, as RRS D4.6. However, if not stated the winner shall be the first team to score two race wins.

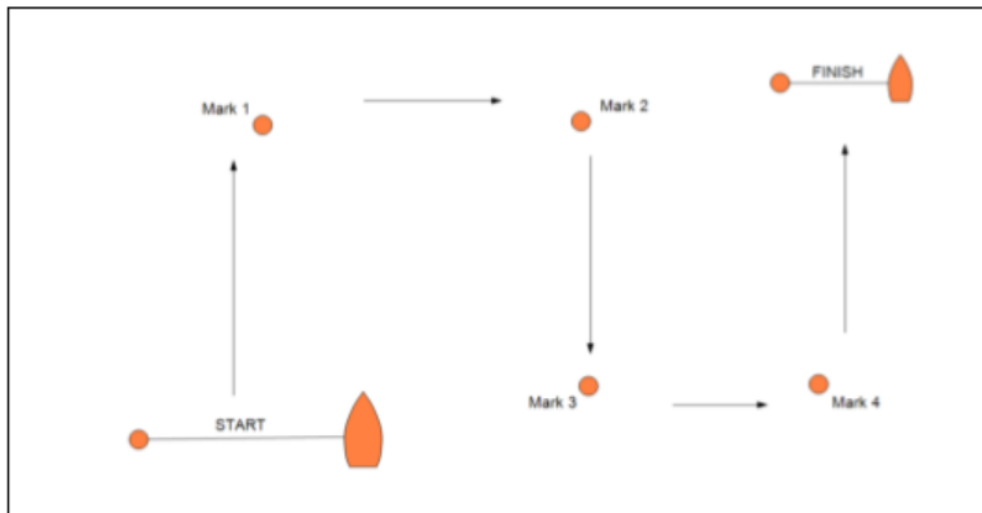
The intended format is:

Stage	Format Code	Additional Information
1	HLS	
2	Groups	Gold, Silver and Bronze leagues (6, 6, 5)
4	KO	Semi Finals – 1 st v 4 th (SF1), 2 nd v 3 rd (SF2)
5	KO	Final - Winner SF1 v Winner SF2 First to score 3 race wins

Addendum C – Courses

C1 'S' Course

Start, round marks 1 then 2 to starboard, round marks 3 then 4 to port, Finish



Addendum H – HLS League

- H1 Teams for each race will be selected randomly. Teams will not sail any other team more than once in stage 1.

Rules for this stage

- H2 If the full round robin has been completed, teams will be ranked on the basis of RRS D4.3 and ties broken using RRS D4.4. RRS D4.2(b) does not apply to stage 1.
- H3 If the full stage has not been completed, teams will be ranked in order of their percentages of races won. Any ties shall be broken in accordance with the following rules and RRS D4 is changed accordingly. Ties shall be broken in the following order in favour of:
- (a) If all tied teams have met, the number of races won when the tied teams met.
 - (b) If all tied teams have met, the points scored when the tied teams met.
 - (c) The sum of points scored in all races divided by the number of races sailed.
 - (d) For each tied team, the sum of the percentages of races won by the teams they beat, calculated as H3 above, divided by the number of races they won.
 - (e) For each tied team, the sum of the average points per race for the teams they beat, divided by the number of races they won.
 - (f) A sail-off if possible, otherwise a game of chance.
- H4 In H3(b), H3(c) and H3(e) the team with the lowest number shall be ranked first; in all other cases the team with the highest number shall be ranked first.
- H5 If a tie is partially resolved by one of the above, then the remaining ties shall be broken by starting again at H3(a).
- H6 For the purposes of H3(c), if a team is penalised a race win, or part thereof, the penalty is changed to include 6 points added to the team's overall score (or 6 points pro-rated e.g. half a race win is 3 points).
- H7 SI 3.5 is changed to:
- “When a completed race has been abandoned and the result would not affect which teams qualify for a further stage, the race committee may cancel the race.”

Addendum K – When Boats are Supplied by the Organising Authority

- K1 For each race, the race committee will allocate boats to the participating teams.
- K2 Spinnakers, trapezes and the gear specifically provided for the utilisation of these shall not be used, unless permitted in the sailing instructions.
- K3 Standing rigging shall not be altered nor any gear removed without the permission of the race committee.

K4 **Breakdowns**

When a supplied boat suffers a breakdown, RRS D5 applies.

Competitors are responsible for inspecting their boats before racing.

Competitors shall report any defects, damage or breakdown to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

Should a team find any damage when checking the boat before racing, the cost of such damage will be put upon the previous team, unless challenged by the organising authority or race committee.

When to continue racing after damage a breakdown risks further damage to the boat, she shall retire immediately.

K5 **Continuity**

Before starting and after finishing or retiring, boats shall sail to minimise any delay to the race schedule and without interfering with any race in progress.

A boat shall remain the responsibility of the team until handed over to the race committee or the next team to use that boat. Boats shall be handed over as empty of water as practical and in racing trim.