

BRITISH UNIVERSITIES & COLLEGES SPORT FLEET RACING CHAMPIONSHIPS SATURDAY 2ND and SUNDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 2019 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2016 - 2020*.
 - 1.1.1. The BUCS General Regulations will also apply with respect to eligibility and entry.
 - 1.1.2. The British Universities Sailing Associations' Constitution and Standing Orders shall apply.
 - 1.1.3. The Dockyard Port of Plymouth Order and Plymouth Local Notices to Mariners will apply. Copies will be available to view in the Race Office.
- 1.2. The Exoneration Penalty and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. Decisions from the RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee but cannot be reopened or appealed.
- 1.3. In accordance with RRS Appendix G3, a boat chartered or loaned for an event may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention to her class rules.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the Race Office at The Mount Batten Centre
- 2.2. There will be a **Competitors' briefing at 0930hrs on Saturday** and at **0900hrs on Sunday**. All helms and crews are required to attend.

3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted at least 60 minutes before the start time of the first race to which it applies, except that any change to the schedule of races for a day will be posted no later than 2000hrs on the previous day.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole on the MBC balcony.
- 4.2. Flag D with one sound means 'The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after flag D is displayed.' (Boats are required to stay ashore until this signal is made.)'

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1. Day	Race	Warning Signal
Saturday 2 nd	1	10:55hrs
	2	As soon as possible after Race 1
	3	As soon as possible after Race 2
Sunday 3 rd	4	10.25hrs
	5	As soon as possible after Race 4
	6	As soon as possible after Race 5

- 5.2. More than 3 races may be sailed on either day at the discretion of the Race Committee. However, no more than 4 races will be sailed on Saturday.

- 5.3. On the last day of the regatta, no warning signal will be made after 14.45.
- 5.4. The race area for each class will be identified at the daily briefings.

6. CLASS FLAGS

The Class Flags will be:

CLASS	FLAG
Laser Handicap Class	Laser Class Flag
Fast Handicap Class	Code Flag ROMEO (Red with Yellow Cross)
Slow Handicap Class	Code Flag ECHO (Blue/Red)
Firefly Class	Code Flag FOXTROT (White/Red Diamond)

7. RACING AREA

- 7.1. The sailing area will be the waters of Plymouth Sound, including the area South of Plymouth Breakwater.

8. COURSES

- 8.1. The course configuration will be Windward/Leeward for the Firefly fleet and Trapezoid for the Handicap fleet. The diagrams in Addendum A show the courses.
- 8.2. Boats sailing the Handicap course must pass through the Lapping Gate after rounding Mark 4 on every round.

9. MARKS

- 9.1. The marks for the Firefly course will be black inflatables. The marks for the handicap course will be blue inflatables.

10. THE START

- 10.1. To alert boats that a race or sequence of starts will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed (with one sound) as an attention signal at least one minute before the first warning signal.
- 10.2. The starting line will be between the mast of the Committee Boat flying an orange flag and the ODM (Outer Distance Mark). The ODM will be a committee vessel or dan buoy with an orange flag.
- 10.3. A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.
- 10.4. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. [DP]
- 10.5. If a start is subject to a General Recall, the restart for that class will be at the end of the start sequence and form part of the sequence. If more than one start is recalled, the restarts will be in the order that the Recalls occurred. This changes RRS 29.2

11. CHANGE OF COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark, or the finishing line, to a new position. This changes RRS 33.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1. The finish line for the Handicap Fleet will be between the mast of the Committee Boat flying an orange flag and the finish mark on the starboard side. The finish mark will be a dan buoy with a blue flag.
- 12.2. Handicap Racing will be run on an "Average Lap" basis. After the expiry of approximately 45 – 50 minutes the CB will display flag S with 2 sound signals to indicate that each boat shall now finish at the end of the lap which they are sailing. The first boat to finish may not necessarily be the leading boat.
- 12.3. If Flag S is displayed with a Class flag then that applies to that class only.
- 12.4. The finish line for the Firefly Fleet will be between the mast of the Committee Boat flying an orange flag and the finish mark. The finish mark will be a dan buoy with a blue flag.
- 12.5. A boat that has finished shall not re-cross the finish line. If she does so, that crossing will be recorded and given as her finishing position.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1. Penalties for a breach of a rule, other than a rule of RRS Part 2, shall be at the discretion of the Protest Committee and may be less than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.1

14. TIME LIMIT

Any boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in her class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

15. PROTESTS

- 15.1. The Exoneration Penalty, RYA Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration procedures of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. Decisions from the RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee but cannot be reopened or appealed. The Exoneration penalty shall be a 30% place penalty.
- 15.2. Competitors must inform the Committee Boat of their intention to protest and receive an acknowledgement, before the warning signal for the next race or immediately after finishing the final race for the protest to be valid. This changes rule 61.
- 15.3. Protest forms are available from the Race Office and completed forms shall be delivered to the Race Office within the protest time limit.
- 15.4. The protest time limit for each race course is 30 minutes after the last boat from that course is ashore.
- 15.5. Notice of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted on the Official Notice Board to inform boats in accordance with RRS 61.1(b).
- 15.6. Breaches of SI's 10.4, 17.1 and 20.1 shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This amends RRS 60.1(a).
- 15.7. The schedule of hearings will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit. Protests will be heard in approximate order of receipt.
- 15.8. On the last day of the regatta, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
 - (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day; or
 - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.

16. SCORING SYSTEM

- 16.1. The Low Point Scoring system in RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 16.2. Six races are scheduled. If four or more races are sailed, there will be one discard. If three or less races are sailed, all races will be counted.
- 16.3. Two races for each class are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.4. Handicap races will be scored using "Average Laps" based on the current RYA PY numbers.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1. Adequate personal buoyancy must be worn whilst on the pontoons and when afloat. A drysuit or wetsuit does not constitute adequate personal buoyancy. This changes RRS 40.
- 17.2. A drysuit or wetsuit must be worn whilst afloat.
- 17.3. Competitors are required to inform the Committee Boat or a safety boat and the Race Office if they retire. [DP]
- 17.4. Competitors must obey instructions from the organisers and safety boats. Any instruction given by any police boat, coastguard boat, military vessel or pilot boat must be obeyed immediately and without question. This may include an instruction to stop racing temporarily to allow a large vessel to pass through the race course. Any such instruction will not be grounds for redress. Failure to obey safety instructions will be grounds for disqualification from that race. Further breaches of this rule may result in disqualification from the complete series.
- 17.5. A tally system will be in place. Tallies must be collected from the Tally Board at the top of the slipway before launching and must be returned no later than 15 minutes after the boat returns to shore after racing. Failure to comply will result in disqualification from that boat's last race of the day and a penalty of a £5 fine being applied to the boat. Any fines received will be donated to the local National Coastwatch Institution. A subsequent breach of this S.I. will result in disqualification from all races on that day. It is the sole responsibility of competitors to ensure that they have tallied correctly.
- 17.6. All boats are required to carry a fixed painter of at least 4 meters for towing purposes. [DP]

18. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 18.1. The substitution of competitors is not permitted without the prior written approval of the Organising Authority. Competitors are referred to the Notice of Race which contains the conditions for crew substitution.
- 18.2. The substitution of equipment (replacement, lost or damaged) will not be permitted without written approval of the Protest Committee. Requests shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity. [DP]

19. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a member of the technical committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

20. IDENTIFICATION AND ADVERTISING WHILE RACING

20.1. Each day while racing, the first, second and third boats in series ranking at the beginning of the day shall display a yellow, blue and red streamer from the masthead respectively. The organising authority will supply the streamers. [DP]

21. SUPPORT BOATS

No additional support boats are allowed on the water without prior written permission from the Organising Authority.

22. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, 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.

23. PRIZES

23.1. Prizes will be awarded as follows and in accordance with BUCS Regulation 19 and BUCS Rules and Regulations Appendix 1:

- 23.1.1. Men's Team Prize: The Men's team prize will be awarded to the team made up from 3 boats of all males from the same institution who have the combined lowest score. Each boat must have raced in a class which has 15 or more entries. If a class has less than 15 entries and is combined with another class, a boat which would have raced in the former class will not count. BUCS points are awarded to the top 8 teams and BUCS medals are awarded to the top 3 teams.
- 23.1.2. Women's Team Prize: The Women's team prize will be awarded to the team made up from 3 boats of all females from the same institution who have the combined lowest score. Each boat must have raced in a class which has 15 or more entries. If a class has less than 15 entries and is combined with another class, a boat which would have raced in the former class will not count. BUCS points are awarded to the top 8 teams and BUCS medals are awarded to the top 3 teams.
- 23.1.3. BUCS medals and points will be awarded to boats placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the Firefly, Laser Handicap, Fast Handicap and Slow Handicap fleets. Boats placed 4th in the Firefly, Laser Handicap, Fast Handicap and Slow Handicap fleets will also be awarded BUCS points.

24. 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 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 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;
- 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 competitor briefing held for the event;

25. INSURANCE

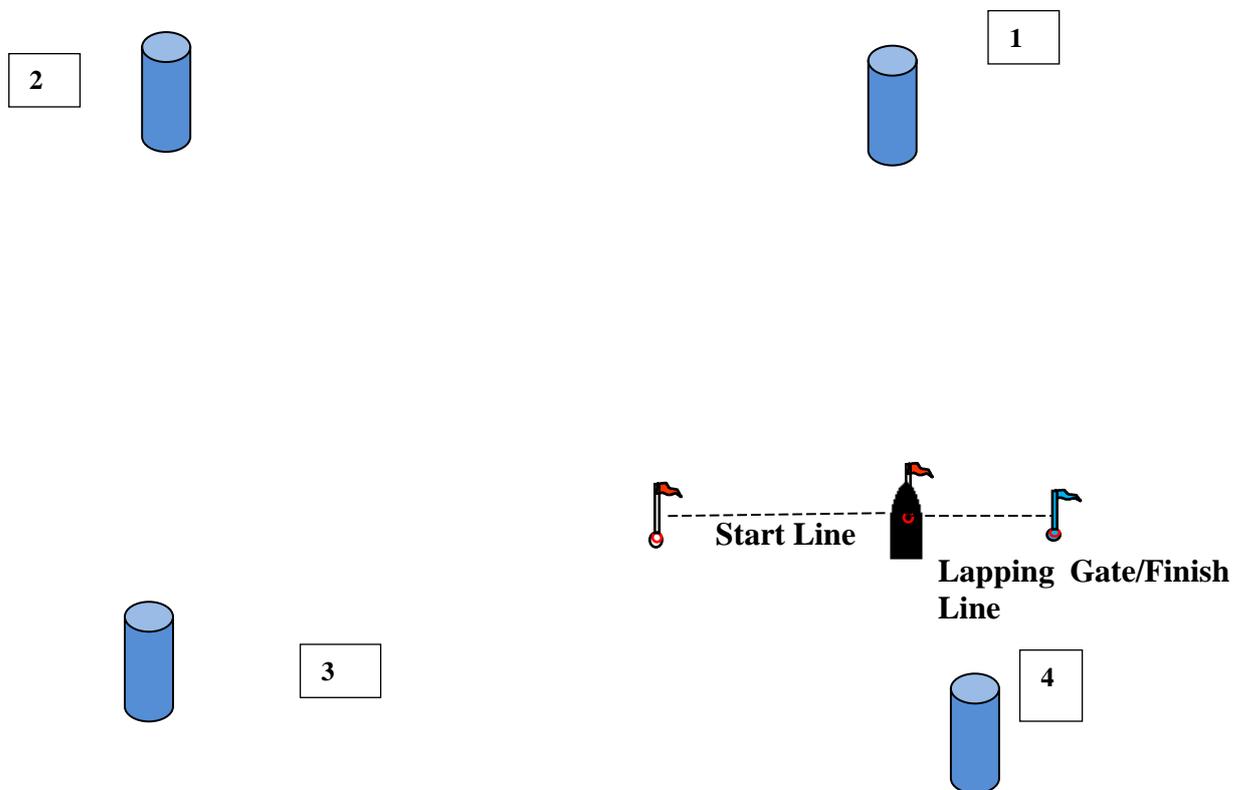
Each participating boat shall be insured with adequate valid third-party liability insurance.

26. BAD WEATHER

In the event of bad weather which prevents racing from taking place in Plymouth Sound, the Race Committee may run alternative racing as described in Addendum B

Addendum A: Courses

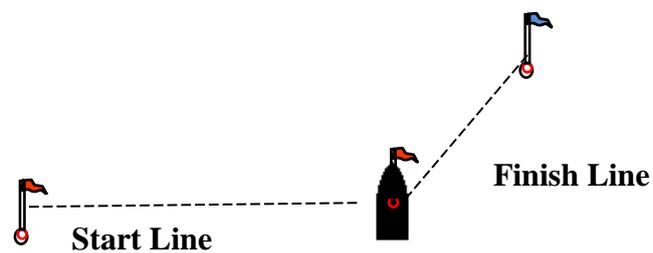
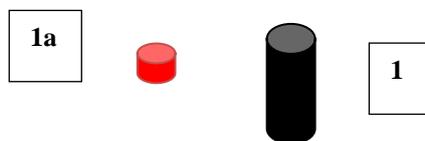
Handicap Course



Course to be sailed - 1, 2, 3, 4. All marks to port.

All boats are to pass through the Lapping Gate after rounding Mark 4 on each round.

Firefly Course



Course to be sailed

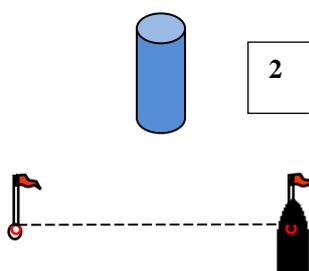
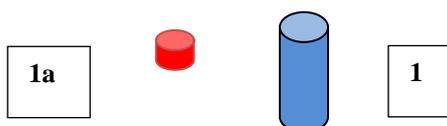
- Signal LR1 1, 1a, 2P, Finish
- Signal LR2 1, 1a, 2P/2S, 1, 1a, 2P, Finish
- Signal LR3 1, 1a, 2P/2S, 1, 1a, 2P/2S, 1,1a, 2P, Finish.

Addendum B: Bad Weather Provisions.

- B1. Racing will take place in the Cattewater in front of the Mount Batten Centre.
- B2. Each fleet, Firefly, Laser and Handicap, will race in turn, using the course as described in SI B7. Each fleet will return to shore after the race.
- B3. The starting line will be between the mast of the Committee Boat flying an orange flag and the ODM (Outer Distance Mark). The ODM will be a committee vessel or dan buoy with an orange flag.
- B4. The finish line will be between the mast of the Committee Boat flying an orange flag and the finish mark. The finish mark will be a dan buoy with a blue flag.
- B5. The marks will be blue inflatables. The spreader mark, if used, will be red.
- B6. All other SIs not varied by Addendum B will be applicable.
- B7. The Course

Course to be sailed

Finish Line



Signal LA1	1, 1a, 2, Finish
Signal LA2	1, 1a, 2, 1, 1a, 2, Finish
Signal LA3	1, 1a, 2, 1, 1a, 2, 1, 1a 2, Finish.

Marks to be left to Port