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# BUCS YACHTING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2022

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

### 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> April 2022

The Organising Authority is the British Universities Sailing Association (BUSA) in conjunction with Fairview Sailing, on behalf of the British Universities & Colleges Sports (BUCS).

*Significant changes between the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions are highlighted in yellow.*

#### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the Fairview class rules and the sail plan instructions.
- 1.2 **If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.**
- 1.3 Sail plan instructions will be displayed on the signal vessel – see SI 3.7.
- 1.4 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 1.5 Add to RRS 32.1: '(e) for any reason considered appropriate by the race committee'.
- 1.6 Notices to Mariners for the Ports of [Southampton](#), [Portsmouth](#) and [Cowes](#) apply.

#### 2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0830 on the day it will take effect (0800 on Thursday), except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

#### 3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors and signals ashore will be posted only on the online official Notice Board located on the BUSA Yachting Championship [page](#). Attention will be drawn to any notices or signals using the event WhatsApp group.
- 3.2 The race office is located at Fairview Sailing, Port Hamble 02380 457 023.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF Ch 37A.
- 3.4 The following communications will be made by the race committee on VHF Ch 37A and on the event WhatsApp group:
  - 3.4.1 Intended location of committee vessel – one hour before the first scheduled warning signal each day.
  - 3.4.2 Course to be sailed – promptly after the attention signal is displayed and repeated promptly after the warning signal for a race.
- 3.5 If the race committee displays flag R, alternate VHF Ch P4 will be used.
- 3.6 While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 3.7 Sail plan restrictions
  - 3.7.1 Restrictions are as follows:



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Flag displayed on signal vessel at or before the attention signal	Restriction – from starting signal, whilst racing
No W, NP1, NP2 or NP3	No sail plan restriction
W	No spinnaker may be flown
NP 1	At least one mainsail reef and genoa furled to sail mark 1
NP 2	At least two mainsail reefs and genoa furled to sail mark 2
NP 3	Three mainsail reefs and genoa furled to sail mark 3

3.7.2 Visual sail plan restriction signals may be repeated on VHF and event WhatsApp. Failure to receive such broadcast shall not be grounds for redress.

3.7.3 The penalty for not complying with signalled sail plan restrictions will be disqualification by the Race Committee from any race sailed in which the rule is broken. This changes RRS A5.1.

#### 4 CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 Competitors shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

4.2 Competitors shall handle any charter boats, or equipment provided by the organizing authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

#### 5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed by either or both picture and words only on the Official Notice Board and on the event WhatsApp group.

5.2 Boats shall not leave the harbour until released by the race committee using VHF Ch 37A. The warning signal will not be made before the scheduled time or less than 45 minutes after release by the race committee.

#### 6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1

Date	Time	Warning signal	Other
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	1900		Skipper +1 initial briefing – outside Fairview office
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	0830		Skipper +1 daily briefing – outside Fairview office
	0845		Earliest competitor departure from harbour
	Before 1000		Conduct safety drill – see NoR 7.2.1
	1000	Practice starts & race	
	1115	Race1. Race 2 & 3 to follow	
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	After racing		Boats return to Port Hamble Marina
	One hour after return		Skipper + 1 debrief
	0830		Skipper +1 daily briefing outside Fairview office
	0845		Earliest competitor departure from harbour
	1000	Race 4. Race 5 to follow	Last race of day may be a coastal race of about 3 hours.
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	After racing		Boats return to Cowes Yacht Haven
	One hour after return		Skipper + 1 debrief
	0830		Skipper +1 daily briefing at Cowes Yacht Haven
	0845		Earliest competitor departure from harbour



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	1000	Race 6. Races 7 & 8 to follow	Last race of the day may be a coastal race of about 3 hours
	After racing		Boats return to Port Hamble Marina
	One hour after return		Skipper + 1 debrief
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	0800		Skipper +1 daily briefing outside Fairview office
	0815		Earliest competitor departure from harbour
	0900	Race 9. Race 10 to follow	
	By 1300		Boats return to Port Hamble Marina and cleared
	1330 (target time)		Prize-giving at Port Hamble Marina

6.2 One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that the fleet does not become more than one race ahead of schedule and the change is made according to SI 2.1.

6.3 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with multiple sounds at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

6.5 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1100.

6.6 Attendance of 'Skipper + 1' at briefings and debriefs is mandatory.

## 7 CLASS FLAG

7.1 The class flag is Flag F.

## 8 RACING AREA

8.1 The racing area is central, western and eastern Solent.

## 9 COURSES

9.1 Courses will be either:

a. Windward/leeward

b. Round the cans

c. Coastal

9.2 Courses will be announced as provided in SI 3.4. Fixed marks will be identified using the two digit/letter codes as shown on the Buoy Racer 2022 Chart provided by Fairview.

9.3 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

9.4 For 'round the cans' and 'coastal' races, legs of the course will not be changed after the preparatory signal. This changes RRS 33.

## 10 MARKS

10.1 Marks are:

Starboard-end starting mark	Cowes United signal vessel
Port-end starting mark	Orange inflatable mark
Mark 1 (windward/leeward course only)	Orange inflatable mark
Leeward gate (windward/leeward course only)	Black inflatable marks
Finishing mark one	Cowes United signal vessel
Finishing mark two	Blue inflatable mark



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## 11 OBSTRUCTIONS

### 11.1 Southampton Harbour Bye-law

The attention of all competitors is drawn to Notice to Mariners No.3/2014 as shown in the [Port of Southampton Yachtsmans Guide](#) explaining the Moving Prohibited Zone. This Moving Prohibited Zone shall be deemed an Obstruction for purposes of RRS 18 and RRS 19. RRS 60.2(a) and RRS 61.1(b) are changed so that the Race Committee may disqualify without hearing a yacht that infringes this instruction except that the offending yacht shall be entitled to a hearing on request.

### 11.2 Portsmouth Harbour Regulations

Competitors are reminded of their strict obligation NOT TO IMPEDE SHIPS in Main Buoyed channels and when proceeding in and out of Portsmouth Harbour to use the Small Boat channels as prescribed in the QHM's Notice to Mariners.

### 11.3 Yachts shall not anchor or kedge in any areas where there are very high tension (132 KV) cables on the sea bed.

## 12 THE START

### 12.1 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

### 12.2 A boat that does not start within five minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

## 13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

### 13.1 On 'windward/leeward' courses only, to change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark or the finishing line to a new position.

## 14 THE FINISH

### 14.1 The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing mark one and the course side of finishing mark two.

## 15 PENALTY SYSTEM

### 15.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

### 15.2 RRS Appendix P does not apply.

### 15.3 The jury may be in the race area during racing, observing the racing. If the jury see an incident which they think results in an RRS infringement, they will display a yellow flag and make a sound with a whistle. They will not attempt to identify which boat made the infringement. Failure to display a yellow flag or make a sound with a whistle does not mean that no infringement occurred.

### 15.4 The Exoneration Penalty, the advisory hearing, and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedure will be available. Decisions from RYS Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee but cannot be re-opened or appealed.

### 15.5 At a protest hearing, the penalty for a breach of any rule other than a rule in Part 2 of RRS, may be less than disqualification at the discretion of the jury.

## 16 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

### 16.1 The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

Course type	Mark 1 Time Limit	Target Time	Finishing Window
Windward/leeward	30 minutes	One hour	15 minutes



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Round the cans	Not applicable	One to two hours	20 minutes
Coastal	Not applicable	Three hours	30 minutes

16.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.

16.3 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place two more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

16.4 Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## 17 HEARING REQUESTS

17.1 The protest time limit is 90 minutes (60 minutes on Thursday) after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official notice board.

17.2 Hearing request forms are available from the race office (Tuesday only – from the race committee in Cowes).

17.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at Britannia Events room, above the Port Hamble Harbour Office, beginning at the time posted (Tuesday only – RORC, Cowes).

## 18 SCORING

18.1. The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply except as modified below.

18.2. Weighting: points will be multiplied by the points factor applying to the race as follows:

Course type	Points factor
Windward/leeward	1.0
Round the cans	1.0
Coastal	1.5

18.3. In the Race Series:

18.3.1. When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores.

18.3.2. When five or more races are completed a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst 'windward/leeward' or 'round the cans' race score. This changes RRS A2.1.

18.3.3 A discard will not be applied to the 'coastal' race(s).

18.4. Four races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.

18.5 'Coastal' races will be indicated by Flag C displayed on the signal vessel at or before the warning signal for a race, and via VHF Ch 37A.

## 19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

19.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee by VHF at the first reasonable opportunity.

## 20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

20.1 Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

20.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in writing by Fairview. Requests for substitution shall be made to Fairview.



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## **21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

- 21.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.
- 21.2 When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

## **22 SUPPLIED BOATS**

- 22.1 Boats will be supplied by Fairview Sailing Ltd under a separate contract.

## **23 OFFICIAL VESSELS**

- 23.1 Official vessels will be the signal vessel (motor catamaran 'Cowes United') and two mark laying RIBs. The jury boat will display a 'Jury' flag.

## **24 SUPPORT TEAMS**

- 24.1 See Notice of Race.

## **25 TRASH DISPOSAL**

- 25.1 Trash shall be brought ashore after racing each day.

## **26 BERTHING**

- 26.1 See Notice of Race.

## **27 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

- 27.1 See Notice of Race.

## **28 DIVING EQUIPMENT**

- 28.1 See Notice of Race.

## **29 PRIZES**

- 29.1 See Notice of Race.

## **30 RISK STATEMENT**

- 30.1 See Notice of Race.

## **31 INSURANCE**

- 31.1 See Notice of Race.

End of Sailing Instructions