

University of
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British Universities & Colleges Sport Fleet Racing Championship 2023

11th – 12th November 2023

Helensburgh Sailing Club, Argyll and Bute, UK

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in [The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 \(RRS\)](#), including the [RYA Prescriptions](#) and [RYA Racing Charter](#), and [National Firefly Class Rules](#).
- 1.2. Handicap racing shall be run using the RYA Portsmouth Yardstick Scheme.
- 1.3. The BUCS General Regulations will apply with respect to eligibility and entry.
- 1.4. The British Universities Sailing Associations' Constitution and Standing Orders shall apply.
- 1.5. 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.
- 1.6. In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions then the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board on the [BUSA website](#) and also posted on the notice board in the clubroom at HSC.
- 2.2. Communication to competitors during the event will also be made via the event [Telegram Group](#)
- 2.3. The Race Office will be the Helensburgh Sailing Club Office

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Written changes to these Sailing Instructions will be posted not later than 0900 on Saturday or, if they only affect the Sunday races, 0830 on Sunday.
- 3.2. The Race Committee will hoist Code Flag L with one sound signal on the flag mast, located on the HSC lawn, when an amendment has been posted.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with all reasonable requests from race officials, volunteers, and marshals.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be made on the flag mast, located on the HSC lawn.
- 5.2. When AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in race signals AP.
- 5.3. [DP] Boats shall not leave the shore until Code Flag D is displayed ashore with one sound signal. The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after Code Flag D is displayed, or not less than 15 minutes after if Code Flag E is also displayed (see 5.4 below.)

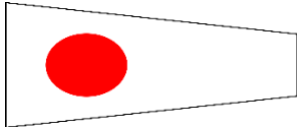

- 5.4. [DP] The racing area may be switched in adverse weather to Rhu Bay, off the club. Code Flag E will be displayed to signal this, with one sound signal.
- 5.5. [DP] Signals made ashore above a class flag only apply to that class.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1. 3 races are planned each day but more or less will be sailed at the discretion of the Race Officer.
- 6.2. On the last day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 14:30
- 6.3. To alert boats that a race will begin shortly, the orange start line flag will be raised with one sound signal 2 minutes before the warning signal.
- 6.4.

Day	Event	Time
Saturday 11 th November 2023	1st warning signal	10:55
	No warning signal after	15:00
Sunday 12 th November 2023	1st warning signal	10:25
	No Warning Signal After	14:30

7. CLASS FLAGS

Handicap: Numeral Pennant 1	
Firefly: Numeral Pennant 2	

8. RACING AREA

- 8.1. The race area will be between Rhu Marina and Craigendoran Pier on the Clyde estuary, up to 2 nm from the Clubhouse.
- 8.2. Details will be addressed at the competitors briefing, but competitors should be ready in sufficient time to make their way to the relevant area.

9. COURSES

- 9.1. The course will be as shown in Addendum A.

10. MARKS

- 10.1. All rounding marks will be 4 ft orange cylindrical marks.
- 10.2. The starting and finishing marks will be 4 ft yellow pencil marks.
- 10.3. The spreader marks will also be 4 ft yellow pencil marks.
- 10.4. Boats on the finishing leg of a trapezoidal course (from Marks 3a/b) shall pass Marks 4a/b to port.
- 10.5. In the event of one of a pair of gate marks being missing, the remaining mark shall be rounded to port.

11. OBSTRUCTIONS

- 11.1. The following: - an overflow pipe to the east of the club slipway, marked at its outer end by a pole with 'X' on it; and outlying rocks at and beyond Kidston Point to the east of the sailing club when below half tide.
- 11.2. Between the breakwater at Rhu Marina and the Green Mark off the marina entrance.

12. THE START

- 12.1. Races will be started using the starting sequence as per RRS 26 (5, 4, 1, Go) at 5 minute intervals.
- 12.2. 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 two minutes before the first warning signal.
- 12.3. The starting line will be between a staff or mast displaying an Orange Flag on the Committee Vessel (CV) and an outer distance mark (ODM). The ODM will be an inflatable yellow pencil mark.
- 12.4. An inner distance mark (IDM) may be laid near the CV and shall rank as a starting mark. The IDM will be an inflatable yellow pencil mark. Boats shall not cross the line between the IDM (if laid) and the orange flag on the CV. Boats infringing this rule will be scored DNS unless they exonerate themselves by rounding the CV to starboard before starting.
- 12.5. [DP] Boats for which the warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.
- 12.6. Boats failing to start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
- 12.7. A race may not be started if, in the opinion of the race officer there is excessive or insufficient wind.

13. RECALLS

- 13.1. If there is a general recall the starting order will be maintained with the start sequence for the recalled class commencing not less than 1 minute after removal of '1st substitute'.

14. SHORTEN COURSE

- 14.1. The course may be shortened in one of two ways:
 - a) in accordance with RRS 32.2 (a) - at a rounding mark between the mark and a staff displaying international Code Flag S.
 - b) by changing course at the leeward gate so that the next leg is the reach to the finish, the signal shall be the display of code flag C over code flag S with repeated sound signals. If not all classes are being shortened, NP1 or NP2 will also be displayed to identify which class the signal applies to.

15. CHANGES TO THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 15.1. The position of marks may be changed by less than 50m during a race, such a change will only be made if no boat is sailing towards the mark. Code Flag C will not be flown to indicate this change, nor will "+" or "-". This changes RRS 33.
- 15.2. If a change more than 50m in any direction is required, this will be signalled in line with RRS 33.

16. THE FINISH

- 16.1. The finish line will be between a blue flag on the Committee Vessel and an inflatable finishing mark.
- 16.2. A boat that has finished shall not re-cross the finish line [DP].

17. TIME LIMITS

17.1.

First Mark Time Limit	Race Target Time	Finishing Window	Max Race Time
20 minutes	45 minutes	15 minutes	70 minutes

17.2. If no boat passes mark 1 within the mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned

17.3. Failure to meet the race target time will not be grounds for redress, this changes RRS 61.2 (A)

17.4. The Finishing Window is the time for all boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalised 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 one 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.

17.5. The Race Committee may give a finishing place to any boat, which cannot be protested, as follows:

- a) When a race committee boat displays **Code Flag W with two sounds**, boats that have not yet finished may be given a finishing place anywhere on the race course, at a nearby mark or not. This only applies to the Firefly class.
- b) When a boat finishes in accordance with this instruction, she shall be awarded a finishing place matching her overall position in that race.

18. HEARING REQUESTS

18.1. For each class, the protest time limit is 45 minutes after the last boat finishes. The time will be posted on the official notice board.

18.2. Hearing request forms are available from the Race Office in HSC (see SI 2.3).

18.3. 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 in the Race Office located in HSC. Parties to each protest are requested to remain in the vicinity.

19. SCORING SYSTEM

19.1. The Low Point Scoring system in RRS Appendix A will apply.

19.2. Six races are scheduled.

19.3. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

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

19.5. When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

20. Penalty System

20.1. Appendix P will apply

21. SAFETY REGULATIONS

21.1. A boat retiring from a race shall inform the race committee or safety boat before returning to shore.

21.2. Personal flotation devices must be worn by all competitors while racing. This changes RRS 40. A drysuit or wetsuit does not constitute adequate personal buoyancy.

- 21.3. All persons on the water shall wear exposure proof clothing. For the purpose of this instruction 'Exposure proof clothing' shall mean an adequate expanded neoprene wet suit providing protection from neck to ankle or a drysuit providing watertight cover from neck to ankle.

22. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

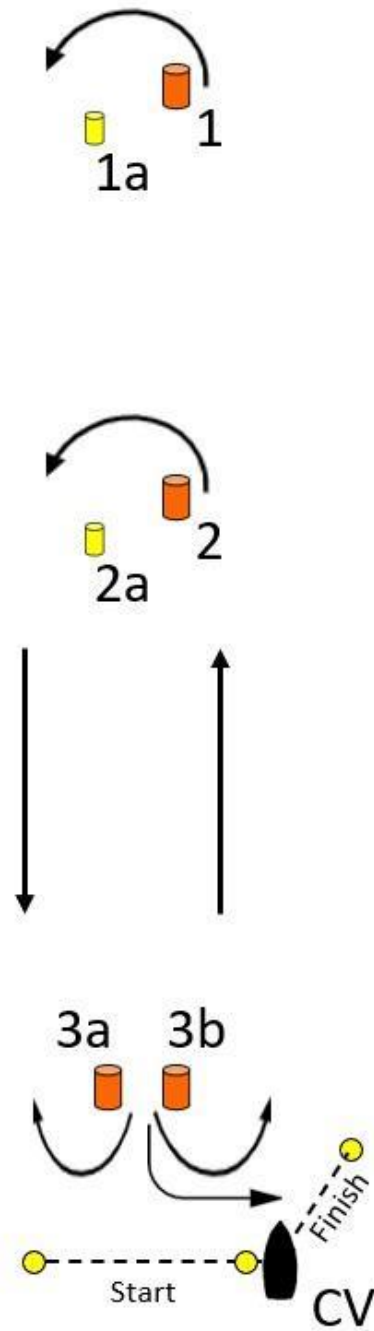
- 22.1. The substitution of competitors is not permitted without the prior written approval of the Organising Authority.
- 22.2. [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorised by the race committee in writing. The request for substitution must be at the first reasonable opportunity, this may be after the race.

23. EQUIPMENT MEASUREMENTS AND CHECKS

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

24. TRASH DISPOSAL

- 24.1. Trash must not be placed on support vessels and must be carried by competitors until returning to shore.



Handicap: Start, 1, 1a, 3a/3b, 1, 1a, 3b, Finish

Firefly: Start, 2, 2a, 3a/3b, 2, 2a, 3b, Finish

All marks left to port EXCEPT 3a which is Starboard