



British Universities & Colleges Sport
Fleet Racing Championship 8th-9th November 2025
Derwent Water Reservoir Sailing Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation (DP) in a rule of the Sailing Instructions means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. The notation (NP) in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 including Royal Yachting Association (RYA) prescriptions.
- 1.2. (NP) Rules applicable to each class shall apply, except where changed by the NoR or these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.3. RRS40 Personal Flotation Devices – RRS 40.1 applies at all times whilst afloat.
- 1.4. Handicap Racing will be scored using the RYA Portsmouth Yardstick scheme.
- 1.5. In accordance with RRS Appendix G3, a boat chartered or loaned for this event may carry national letters or sail numbers in contravention to her class rules.
- 1.6. In case of conflict with the Notice of Race these Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.5(c).

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 09:00 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 19:00 hours on the day before it will take effect.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the [BUSA website](#) and may also be displayed near the stairs to the 'Crow's Nest' in the main clubhouse.
- 3.2. The Race Office is located on the ground floor on the south side of the clubhouse.
- 3.3. (DP) 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. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 3.4. An event competitor's Whatsapp group will be used, providing notifications and Race Committee (RC) communications whilst ashore. Failure to receive WhatsApp messages shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1. (DP) Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole located by the slipway to the east of the front of the club.

5.2. When AP is displayed ashore, 1 minute is replaced with not less than 20 minutes in Race Signals AP.

5.3. (DP) D flag with one sound means Boats shall not launch until this signal is made. The warning signal will not be made before the scheduled time or less than 20 minutes after flag D is displayed.

6. REGISTRATION AND SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1. Registration will take place in the clubhouse 16:30 to 18:30 on Friday 7th November from 16.30 to 18.30 and on Saturday 8th November from 08.30 to 09.15.

6.2. There will be a competitors' briefing at 09:15 on Saturday 8th November 2025.

6.3. Dates and Number of Races:

Date	Event	Time	Number of Races
Friday 7 th November	Registration	16.30 - 18.30	
Saturday 8 th November	Registration Competitors Briefing First warning signal not before	08.30 – 09.15 09.30 10.55	3 (Maximum of 4)
Sunday 9 th November	Competitor briefing First Warning Signal not before No Warning Signal after	09.15 10.25 15:00	3 (Maximum of 4)

6.4. It is intended to run 7 races over the two days, with up to 4 races on any one day, depending upon prevailing and forecast weather, conditions and sea state.

6.5. On Sunday 9th November, no warning signal will be made after 15:00 hours.

7. CLASS FLAGS

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Firefly Fleet		Fast Handicap Fleet	
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ILCA Handicap Fleet		Slow Handicap Fleet	
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8. RACING AREA

8.1 Racing may be on any part of Derwent Reservoir excluding the nature reserve.

9. THE COURSES

9.1. The courses to be sailed, including the order in which the marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left, are as set out in Addendum 1.

9.2. The number of beats to be sailed will be displayed on a board on the race committee signal vessel from no later than the warning signal until at least the starting signal for each start. The race committee signal vessel may also display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

9.3. If one of the two gate marks is missing the remaining mark shall be rounded to Port.

9.4. If a course is shortened such that the finish is at the leeward end of the course, then the finish line will be that defined in paragraph 14 below. This changes RRS 32.

10. MARKS

10.1. Course marks will be yellow inflatable buoys, except for mark 5 which will be a pink inflatable buoy.

10.2 The start mark will be a Race Committee vessel with a mast displaying an Orange flag and a Danbuoy displaying an Orange flag.

10.3. The finish mark will be a Danbuoy displaying a Blue flag.

11. OBSTRUCTIONS & EXCLUDED AREAS

11.1. Obstructions include:

11.1.1 A submerged wall, which protrudes from the south shoreline, close to club mark H (Hunter) and is marked by a buoy. This must be passed to the north.

11.2 Excluded areas include:

11.2.1 The nature reserve to the west of club mark R (Ruffside)

11.2.2 The swimming area to the east of the jetty.

12. THE START

12.1. The starting line will be between the mast on the Race Committee vessel displaying an orange flag at the Starboard end and the start mark at the Port end.

12.2. To alert boats that a race will soon begin, the orange starting line flags will be displayed with one sound not less than 5 minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

12.3. (DP) Boats for which the warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.

12.4. Races will not be started until the Race Officer (RO) is satisfied that the wind strength across the course is 4 knots or greater.

12.5. A boat that does not start within 4 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 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark, or the gate, or the finishing line, to its new position.

13.2 The requirement to signal a change of course in accordance with RRS 33 does not apply if the race committee changes the angle of the next leg of the course by no more than plus or minus 20 degrees and/or extends or shortens its length by no more than 150 metres. This changes RRS 33.

14. THE FINISH

14.1. The Finish Line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee vessel and the finish mark.

14.2. If a course is shortened such that the finish is at the leeward end of the course, then the finish line will be that defined in 14.1. This changes RRS 32.2

14.3. Alternative Finishing Line / W Flag. In the Firefly Class only, the Race Committee may give a finishing place to any boat that is still racing by displaying W Flag to her from an official vessel (which may be in motion) with two sounds. A boat's finishing place in these circumstances will be the place she would have received had she sailed the course and finished within any time limit, without gaining or losing any place. If boats are overlapped on the same leg, they will be given the same finishing position. Boats that are finished in this way shall return to the starting area immediately. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

14.3. In the Handicap Classes any boat failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in their class that sails the course, and finishes will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

15.1 Penalties will be in accordance with RRS 44 excluding 44.3. This changes RRS 44.

16. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

16.1. There are no time limits.

16.2. The target time for the first boat to finish will be 45 minutes.

16.3. Failure to meet a target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).

17. HEARING REQUESTS

17.1. RRS Appendix T will be used for arbitration. This changes NoR 2.4 and 14.1.

17.2. The Protest Time Limit is 45 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or, the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is the later. The time will be posted on the official notice board.

17.3. Hearing request forms are available from the race office.

17.4. 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 take place in a Protest Room located at Derwent Reservoir Sailing Club Clubhouse, beginning at the time posted.

18. SCORING

18.1 See NoR 15.

19. SAFETY REGULATIONS (DP)(NP)

19.1. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee or a support vessel as soon as

possible.

20. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT (DP)(NP)

20.1. Substitution of competitors is not allowed without the prior written approval of the Organising Authority, see NoR 5.8.

20.2. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed without the written approval of the race committee. Requests shall be made in writing and submitted to the race office at the first reasonable opportunity.

21. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS (DP)(NP)

21.1. See NoR 9.

22. SUPPLIED BOATS

22.1 See NoR 12.

23. OFFICIAL VESSELS (NP)

23.1. Not applicable.

24. SUPPORT TEAMS (DP)(NP)

24.1. Support person vessels will not be allowed.

25. TRASH DISPOSAL (DP)(NP)

25.1. Trash may be placed aboard official vessels or brought back to shore and disposed of.

26. BERTHING (DP)(NP)

26.1. Boats and trailers shall be parked as directed by club volunteers.

27. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Does not apply

28. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOL

Does not apply

29. PRIZES

29.1. See NoR 21.

30. RISK STATEMENT

30.1. See NoR 19.

31. INSURANCE

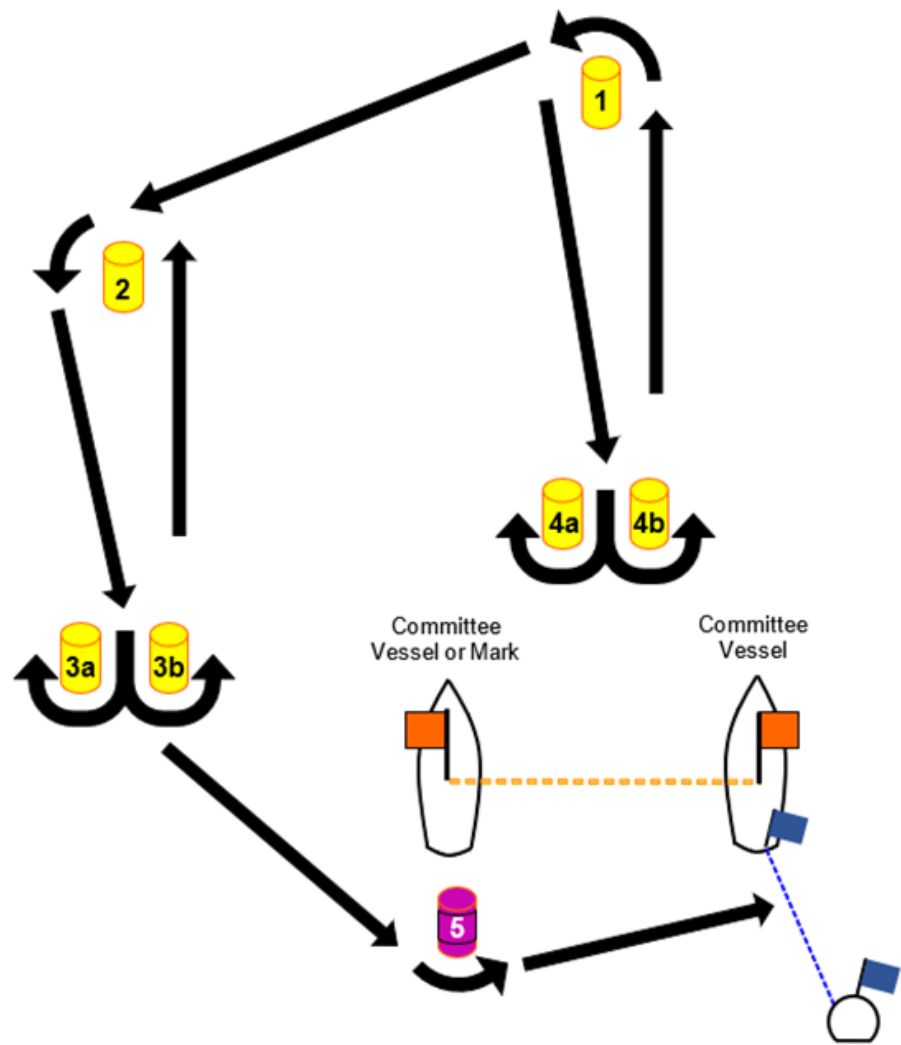
31.1. See NoR 20.

Course Card “A”

COURSE A – Outer and Inner Loop Trapezoids with Leeward Gate				
Course signal	1	2	3	4
Number of beats	1 beat	2 beats	3 beats	4 beats
1 st Start (OL)	1, 2, 3a/b, 5, Finish	1, 2, 3a/b, 2, 3a/b, 5, Finish	1, 2, 3a/b, 2, 3a/b, 2, 3a/b, 5, Finish	1, 2, 3a/b, 2, 3a/b, 2, 3a/b, 2, 3a/b, 5, Finish
2 nd Start (IL)	1, 2, 3a/b, 5, Finish	1, 4a/b, 1, 2, 3a/b, 5, Finish	1, 4a/b, 1, 4a/b, 1, 2, 3a/b, 5, Finish	1, 4a/b, 1, 4a/b, 1, 4a/b, 1, 2, 3a/b, 5, Finish

And so on...

All individual marks are to be left to port. Marks 3a/3b and 4a/4b are gates.



Course Card “B”

COURSE B – Outer and Inner Loop Trapezoids (No Gate)				
Course signal	1	2	3	4
Number of beats	1 beat	2 beats	3 beats	4 beats
1 st Start (OL)	1, 2, 3a/b, 5, Finish	1, 2, 3, 2, 3, 5, Finish	1, 2, 3, 2, 3, 2, 3, 5, Finish	1, 2, 3, 2, 3, 2, 3, 2, 3, 5, Finish
2 nd Start (IL)	1, 2, 3, 5, Finish	1, 4, 1, 2, 3, 5, Finish	1, 4, 1, 4, 1, 2, 3, 5, Finish	1, 4, 1, 4, 1, 4, 1, 2, 3, 5, Finish

And so on...

All individual marks are to be left to port.

