

**1 Rules**

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing including Appendix D, Team Racing Rules.
- 1.2 The right of appeal is denied in accordance with rule 70.5(a).
- 1.3 The protest committee may protest a boat upon receipt of a report from an umpire after a black flag has been displayed. This amends rule D2.4(a).
- 1.4 When boats are provided by the Organising Authority they shall be deemed to conform to their class rules. When class rules change rule 42, such changes shall not apply.

**2 Eligibility**

- 2.1 To become eligible a team shall register as required by the notice of race or, if not specified, on arrival at the event. The team shall provide any required damage deposit before going afloat for the first time.
- 2.2 After registration no team member may be changed without the prior permission of the race committee which will be given only in exceptional circumstances.

**3 Notices to Competitors**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the clubhouse used for the event unless a different location is specified in the appendix to these SIs.

**4 Signals made Ashore**

- 4.1 The shore signal position is the club flagpole unless a different location is specified in the appendix to these SIs.
- 4.2 When displayed ashore flag AP with two sound signals (one sound signal when lowered) means "Races not started are postponed". The warning signal for the next race will be made not less than ten minutes after flag AP is lowered. This amends race signal AP.

**5 Event Format and Schedule of Races**

- 5.1 The format of the event will be described in the notice of race or on the official notice board at the event. 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.
- 5.2 The schedule of races will be displayed on the official notice board. Any changes thereto and schedules for subsequent rounds will be displayed not less than 10 minutes before the start of that phase of the competition.
- 5.3 Every race will be assigned a race number in the race schedule.
- 5.4 Unless otherwise specified in the appendix to these SIs, the race number will be displayed on the committee boat between the preparatory signal and start signal for that race. When the race number is displayed in this way, it overrides all prior communications, schedules or instructions. The race committee may at any time remove a particular race from the published sequence of races and run it at a later time.

**6 The Course and Time Limit**

- 6.1 Unless otherwise specified in the appendix to these SIs:
  - 6.1.1 the starting line will be between the mast of a committee boat and a starting mark;
  - 6.1.2 the finishing line will be between the mast of a committee boat and a finishing mark.
- 6.2 The starting mark, finishing mark and course marks will be described on the official notice board.
- 6.3 The course configuration will be displayed on the official notice board.
- 6.4 The race committee may move marks of the course at any time. Rule 33 will not apply.
- 6.5 Unless otherwise specified in the appendix to these SIs, the time limit for each race will be 30 minutes. Boats failing to finish within ten minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored DNF. This amends rule 35.

## **7 The Start**

- 7.1 Races will be started by using the following signals. Times shall be taken from the start of each sound signal; the failure of a visual signal shall be disregarded. This amends rule 26.

| <i>Signal</i> | <i>Minutes before starting signal</i> | <i>Sound</i> | <i>Alternative visual signals</i> |            |
|---------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Warning       | 3                                     | One          | Class flag or cone shape up       | 3 battens  |
| Preparatory   | 2                                     | One          | Flag P or ball shape up           | 2 battens  |
| One-minute    | 1                                     | One          | Flag P or ball shape down         | 1 batten   |
| Starting      | 0                                     | One          | Class flag or cone shape down     | No battens |

The visual signals for the event will be described in the appendix to these SIs or on the official notice board.

- 7.2 When a boat is subject to rule 29.1 flag X need not be displayed for more than 1 minute after the starting signal; this amends rule 29.1. The race committee may hail the sail numbers or the total number of premature starters.
- 7.3 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 rule D3.1. This amends rules A4 and A5.
- 7.4 After a general recall succeeding races may be delayed for the recalled race. Attention is drawn to SI 6.4.
- 7.5 Attention may be drawn to an imminent warning signal by a series of short sound signals. If flag AP has been flown, these signals may be used in place of the standard one minute interval. This amends race signal AP.

## **8 Protests and Penalties**

- 8.1 A boat intending to request redress for an incident in the racing area shall display a red flag at the first reasonable opportunity. She shall display the red flag until it is acknowledged by the race committee or by an umpire. This amends rule 62.2.
- 8.2 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.
- 8.3 The protest committee may refuse to hear a protest or request for redress unless its outcome is relevant to progress, but not seeding, in the next round of the competition. This amends rule 63.1.
- 8.4 When rule D2.2 applies and the race umpires together with one other umpire (when available) decide that a boat has broken rule 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 rule D3.1(c). This amends rule 63.1.
- 8.5 When a competitor breaks additional rule 1.8, personal flotation device, or 1.9, wet or dry suits, in the appendix to these SIs the competitor's team shall be penalised one race win without a hearing. This amends rule 63.1.
- 8.6 When a protest committee decides that a breach of a rule has had no significant effect on the outcome of a race, it may make any arrangement it decides is equitable, which may be to order a resail or to impose no penalty. This amends rule D3.1.

## **9 When Boats are Supplied by the Organising Authority**

- 9.1 For each race the race committee will allocate boats to the participating teams.
- 9.2 Spinnakers, trapezes and the gear specifically provided for the utilisation of these shall not be used.
- 9.3 Standing rigging shall not be altered nor any gear removed without the permission of the race committee.
- 9.4 BREAKDOWNS
- 9.4.1 Competitors are responsible for inspecting their boats before racing.
- 9.4.2 Competitors shall report any defects, damage or breakdown to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 9.4.3 When to continue racing after damage a breakdown risks further damage to the boat, she shall retire immediately.
- 9.4.4 The race committee shall decide redress in accordance with rule D5.

- 9.4.5 The race committee may postpone a resail indefinitely and score each team half a race win unless the result is relevant to progress, but not seeding, in the next round.
- 9.5 CONTINUITY
- 9.5.1 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.
- 9.5.2 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.

## **11 Disclaimer of Liability, Insurance**

- 11.1 A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.
- 11.2 It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and that her crew is competent to sail and compete in them.
- 11.3 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 as required by the notice of race or, if not specified, in the sum of at least the UK market norm (currently three million pounds).
- 11.4 Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the organising authority, the race committee, the race officer, umpires, patrol boats and beachmasters.
- 11.5 The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities.

## Appendix

### *Note to Race Committee*

*This appendix is to allow you to post a single copy of these Sailing Instructions on the Notice Board and hand out just this sheet to each team or competitor.*

*Completion of this sheet in clear handwriting is quite acceptable; cross out non-applicable items.*

## Event: Nottingham Snakebite 2013

### Section 1: Additional Rules

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| 1.1 Races will be umpired. Rule D2.2 applies.  | <b>YES</b> |
| 1.2 Single-Flag Protest Procedure applies as SI 1.3.   | <b>YES</b> |
| 1.3 Races with Limited Umpiring applies as rule D2.3(b).   | <b>NO</b>  |
| 1.4 Abbreviated procedure as rule D2.4(b) will apply to all protests and requests for redress.<br><i>If 'Yes' UKTRA recommend that an NJ or IJ chair the protest committee</i>   | <b>YES</b> |
| 1.5 A boat capsized after her starting signal, so that her masthead is in the water, shall retire immediately.   | <b>NO</b>  |
| 1.6 A boat capsized after her starting signal, so that both her gunwales are touching the water or her mast is stuck in the bottom of the lake or sea, shall retire immediately. | <b>YES</b> |
| 1.7 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 rule 44.1.   | <b>YES</b> |
| 1.8 An adequate personal flotation device shall be worn at all times whilst afloat.  | <b>YES</b> |
| 1.9 Wet or dry suits shall be worn at all times when afloat.   | <b>YES</b> |