

ALTON WATER RS FEVA/200 OPEN 2017 6th May 2017

Organizing Authority: Alton Water Sports Centre in conjunction with the RS Class Association UK and RS Feva Class Association UK

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1.0 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020* and the International RS Class Rules, see the Notice of Race.

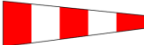

2.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the foyer.

3.0 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day that they will take effect, except that changes to the schedule of races will be posted before 1600 on the day before it will take effect.

4.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the signal mast on the club start line.
- 4.2 When flag AP  is displayed ashore, the first warning signal will be made not less than 45 minutes after the flag is lowered.
- 4.3 Competitors shall wear personal buoyancy at all times afloat, except briefly while adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Flag Y  will not be displayed. This changes RRS 40.

5.0 REGISTRATION

- 5.1 Competitors shall complete all registration requirements before racing.

6.0 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 The event will consist of 4 races. The intention is that there will be no more than 4 races a day.
- 6.2 No warning signal will be made after 1530.
- 6.3 At the Race Officer's Discretion it is possible that all races during a day will be sailed without time to go ashore between races.

7.0 FLEET FLAGS

- 7.1 Fleet flags will be shown to competitors at the competitors' briefing.

8.0 RACING AREAS

- 8.1 Permitted racing areas will be described at the competitors' briefing.


9.0 COURSES

- 9.1 The OOD will describe at the competitors' briefing, the courses to be sailed for each fleet, the order in which the marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.

10.0 MARKS

- 10.1 The colour and shape of all course marks will be confirmed at the competitors' briefing at and also posted on the official notice board.
- 10.2 Starting marks will be the race committee signal boat flying an orange flag at the starboard end and a boat or buoy at the port end.
- 10.3 Finishing marks will be the race committee signal boat flying a blue flag at the starboard end, and a boat or buoy at the port end.

11.0 THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26. (5, 4, 1, GO).
- 11.2 An orange attention signal will be displayed at least than 5 (FIVE) minutes before the warning signal (10 minutes before start).
- 11.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 11.4 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS (Did Not Start) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 11.5 The 200 fleet will start first, followed by the Feva fleet. The starting signal for the starting fleet will be the attention signal for the fleet with the next start.
- 11.6 If there is a general recall for a fleet, that fleet will get a new warning signal 1 minute after flag 1st substitute  is lowered. All starts will be reset and starts will continue in the order: 200, Feva.

12.0 MINIMUM WIND STRENGTH

- 12.1 Races will not be started unless the Race Officer is satisfied that the wind strength over the whole of the course is in excess of an average of four knots.


13.0 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 finishing line) to a new position, or lay a new mark (of a different colour) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.

14.0 THE FINISH

- 14.1 Finishing marks will be a race committee signal boat flying a blue flag at the starboard end, and a boat or buoy with an orange flag at the port end.
- 14.2 Scoring other boats:
 - 14.2.1 After the first boat has sailed the course and finished, the race committee may score other boats based on their relative positions at a mark of the course or on a leg of the course.
 - 14.2.2 When a race committee boat displays flag W with two sounds, boats still racing may be scored by this race committee boat.
 - 14.2.3 When a boat is scored in accordance with this instruction, she shall be given a score for a place after all boats that have sailed the course and finished.
- 14.3 SI 14.2 change RRS 35, A4 and A5.

15.0 SHORTENING COURSE

- 15.1 If the course is shortened for one fleet only, the fleet flag will be flown below flag S  to indicate which fleet flag S refers to. If flag S is flown without any fleet flag, the course is shortened for all fleets.

16.0 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 16.1 Boats may touch a mark other than the starting or finishing mark. A boat shall not manhandle a mark when it results in an advantage. This changes RRS 31.

17.0 TIME LIMITS

- 17.1 The time limit and target time in minutes is as follows:

<i>Time limit</i>	<i>Target time</i>
1 hour	45 minutes

- 17.2 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored according to their observed position on the course, which may be the position at the last mark rounded. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5. See also instruction 14.2.

18.0 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 18.1 A system for exoneration penalties, advisory hearings and arbitrations will be available. The exoneration penalty will be 30% of the number of boats (rounding 0.5 upwards) entered in the relevant fleet. See SI Attachment B for details.
- 18.2 Protest forms are available at the centre office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit. Protests attract a donation to the RNLI of £5.
- 18.3 For each fleet, the protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat has returned to shore after the last race of the day or 30 minutes after flag AP over A is displayed ashore.
- 18.4 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.
- 18.5 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 18.6 Breaches of instructions 4.3, 4.5, 5.1, 6, 11.4, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22 will not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches (and for breaches of class rules) may be less than DSQ (disqualification) if the jury so decide.
- 18.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day or no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.
- 18.8 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

19.0 SCORING

- 19.1 2 race(s) shall be completed to constitute a series.
- 19.2 (a) When 3 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
(b) When 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores except her worst score.

20.0 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 20.1 Personal flotation devices shall be worn at all times whilst afloat. This changes RRS 40 and the preamble to Part 4.
- 20.2 When the race committee considers that a boat or competitor is in difficulty it may instruct the boat or competitor to accept outside help, retire or sail ashore.
- 20.3 In accordance with RRS 43.1 and ISAF Case 89, no clothing or equipment may be worn on the body of helm or crew to carry liquid of any description, even if for the purpose of re-hydration; this includes camelbacks, water bottles and cans of drink.

21.0 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 21.1 For the series of races comprising an event only the helm or helm and crew team named on the entry form will be eligible. If a different helm outside the helm and crew named on entry form completes a race in the same boat then they will be considered a separate entry and their results cannot be combined with another helm's results.
- 21.2 Crews may only be changed during the series of races comprising an event from the person named on entry form with written permission in advance from the Race Committee or Class Representative. If it is known at the start of the event that there will have to be a change crew during the event then both crews should be registered on entry form along with which day(s) they will be sailing.
- 21.3 Where event results are combined to form a circuit then only the results scored by the same helm or helm and crew team will count, results from a different helm shall not be combined, even when helming the same boat.

22.0 DISTINGUISHING NUMBERS

- 22.1 Under exceptional circumstances, the Race Committee may permit a boat to use sails carrying a distinguishing number other than that required by RRS 77 and RRS Appendix G. Such permission is only valid if sought in writing before use.

23.0 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 23.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.
- 23.2 Class Conformity: Every boat shall comply with the current relevant class rules. Failure to do so may result in disqualification without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.
- 23.3 RS200 only - the use of a pole to control the clew of the spinnaker is not permitted and the spinnaker may not be flown in a goose-winged fashion on the opposite side to the mainsail. The pole may be carried but not used.
- 23.4 A camera may be attached to the boat and used during racing, providing no modification is made to the hull, spars or sails to mount the camera. This amends clause 1.3 of the RS Class Rules, as a permitted addition. However, this remains subject to clause 25 of the 2015 RS Sailing Instructions concerning communications.

24.0 TRASH DISPOSAL

- 24.1 As sailors, we seek to protect and restore our oceans and coastal waters. Boats shall not intentionally put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and officials boats. The penalty for breaking RRS 55 is at the discretion of the Race Management Team and may be less than disqualification.

25.0 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 25.1 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.

26.0 INSURANCE

- 26.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2 million per event or the equivalent.

27.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 27.1 RRS 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 inherently 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 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 event 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) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £2,000,000 against third party claims;