	<p>Datchet Water Sailing Club Club Championship (incorporating "Bart's Bash") 17th September, 2017 Sailing Instructions</p>
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1.0 Rules

Racing will take place under the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Prescriptions of the RYA, the Notice of Race, and these Sailing Instructions. If there is conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, then these Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

2.0 Notices to competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice boards or on the white board located in the wet bar.

3.0 Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1300 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 0945 on the day it will take effect.

4.0 Signals made ashore

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag staff located at the South end of the clubhouse.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced by not less than '20 minutes'.

5.0 Schedule of races

5.1. 4 races are scheduled, of which 2 must be completed to constitute a series. It is the intention that 2 single start handicap races will be sailed back to back in the morning and 2 single start handicap races will be sailed back to back in the afternoon, but the Race Committee may in its absolute discretion sail fewer or more races on the day.

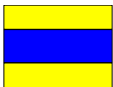
5.2. Race 1 will be designated as the "Bart's Bash" race.

5.3. The warning signal for Race 1 will not be before 10.25 hrs on Sunday 17th September 2017.

5.4. The time of the Warning Signal for Race 3 will be announced at the competitors' briefing at 9.30 am. Race 4 will be sailed immediately after Race 3. No warning signal will be sounded after 16:00 hrs.

6.0 Starts/Class/Start Flags/Number of Laps

6.1 There will be a single start for each race using Flag D as the warning.



7.0 The courses

7.1 Appendix 1 describes the courses.

7.2 On all courses competitors must not pass through the start/finish/gate line on a downwind leg of the course.

8.0 Marks

8.1 Course marks 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be orange or blue cylindrical buoys as indicated in the course diagrams.

8.2 The outer start and finishing marks will be upright bright orange pillar buoys without a flag.

8.3 The approximate positions of the marks and the start/finishing lines are illustrated in appendix 1.

9.0 Spare

10.0 The start

- 10.1 Races will be started by using rule 26.
- 10.2 The starting line will be between a staff bearing an orange flag on the starting vessel and the outer starting line mark.
- 10.3 A boat starting later than five minutes after her starting signal may be scored "Did Not Start" without a hearing. This changes rules A4 & A5.

11.0 Change of the next leg of the course

- 11.1 To change the legs of the course, the race committee may move the original marks (or the finishing line) to a new position.

12.0 The finish

- 12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag aboard the finishing vessel and the outer finishing mark.
- 12.2 The leeward rounding mark shall be a mark of the course on all laps including the last lap before finishing.
- 12.3 Average lap time scoring will be used so the number of laps may vary between competitors.
- 12.4 Each race is intended to last about 45 minutes.
- 12.5 When the race committee decides to finish it will indicate an about to finish signal by hoisting Flag S or the flag S symbol. Once this is hoisted all boats will be finished as they cross the gate/finishing line.

13.0 Penalty system

- 13.1 As provided in rule 67, the protest committee may, without a hearing, penalise a boat that has broken rule 42.

14.0 Time limits

- 14.1 If no boat of a start has passed Mark 1 within 30 minutes of its starting signal the race for that start may be abandoned.

15.0 Protests and requests for redress

- 15.1 Protest forms are available from the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 15.2 For the handicap races, the protest time limit is 45 minutes after the last boat has finished (i) the last race. The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee and protest committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress.
- 15.3 Notices will be posted within 15 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or names as witnesses.
- 15.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 15.5 Breaches of instructions 10.6, 17, and 21, will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 61(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 15.6 With the agreement of the parties, a mediation hearing may be conducted for all protests lodged in accordance with rule 61 which allege an infringement of a rule of Part 2 or 4. Such hearings will be held after the protest has been lodged and prior to the protest hearing. Mediation when used shall be conducted in accordance with Appendix 4.

16.0 Scoring

- 16.1. 2 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.2. The Low Points Scoring System set out in RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 16.3. The following discards will apply:
 - If 2 or less races (including the pursuit race) are sailed, no discard will apply;

- If 3 or 4 races are sailed, 1 discard will apply.
- 16.4. An Average Lap Time system will be used to score the finishes as prescribe by the RYA.
- 16.6. Points for race ties will not be divided. This changes Appendix A7.
- 16.7. The RYA Portsmouth Yardstick Scheme and Portsmouth Numbers as set out in the current YR2 will normally be used.
- 6.8. For catamarans, the ISAF Small Catamaran Handicap Rating System (SCHRS) will be used except that the penalty for the use of carbon masts will not apply. The values will normally be as published on the ISAF SCHRS web site (www.schrs.com). For scoring purposes the SCHRS values will be converted to PY numbers using the multiplier currently recommended on www.schrs.com.
- 16 9. The race committee may, in their absolute discretion:
- _ Vary any handicap rating;
 - _ Allocate a rating to any class not listed in YR2 or SCHR system.

17.0 Safety regulations

- 17.1 All boats shall give way to patrol boats and race management craft at all times.
- 17.2 A boat shall not interfere with nor try to pass between a patrol boat and a boat that is capsized or otherwise needing assistance or persons in the water. Sailors racing and contravening this requirement may be disqualified without a hearing. This changes rule 63.1.
- 17.3 All competitors must wear adequate personal buoyancy at all times while racing. Neither a wetsuit nor a drysuit constitute adequate personal buoyancy. In addition wetsuits or drysuits shall be worn by all competitors while racing between 1st November and 30th April. This changes Rule 40.
- 17.4 Competitors shall at all times comply with the safety regulations which are the same as those for all sailors, are posted permanently on the club sailing notice board and are deemed to be incorporated herein.

18.0 Spare

19.0 Equipment or measurement checks

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

20.0 Official boats

Official boats will not be marked.

21.0 Radio communication

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones.

22.0 Prizes

Prizes will be awarded as set out in the Notice of Race.

23. RISK STATEMENT

Rule 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:

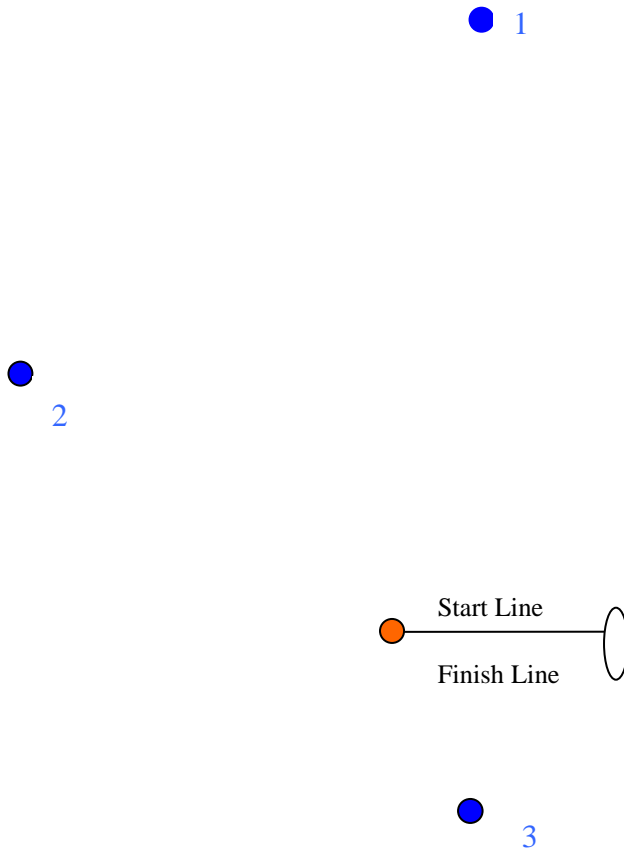
- (a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other 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.

Sailing Instructions Appendix 1

Race 1 Course

Unless indicated on the official notice board, the course configuration and order of rounding marks will be as shown below.



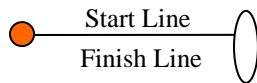
Approximate Positions of Start & Finish Lines

Lap 1 Lap 2 Lap 3
Start, 1p,2p,3p, Gate 1p,2p,3p, Gate 1p,2p,3p, Gate, and all subsequent laps until the
finish is signalled. The race will be finished when the Shorten Course Symbol is flown.

Boats must not pass through the start/finish/gate line on a downwind leg of the course.

Race 2 Course

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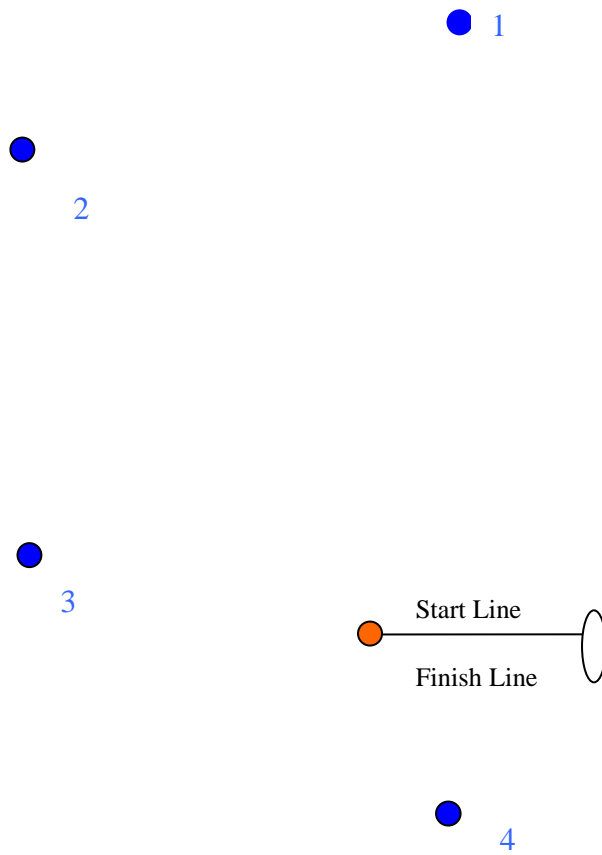
Approximate Positions of Marks and Start & Finish Lines

Lap 1 Lap 2 Lap3 Lap 4
Start, 1p,2p, Gate, 1p,2p, Gate, 1p,2p, Gate, 1p,2p, and all subsequent laps until the
finish is signalled. The race will be finished when the Shorten Course Symbol is flown.

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Race 3 Course

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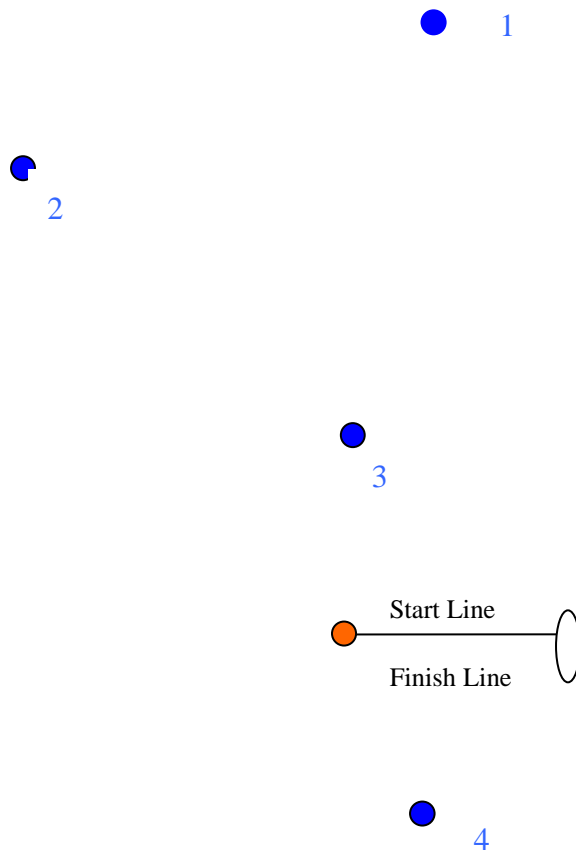
Approximate Positions of Start & Finish Lines

Lap 1 Lap 2 Lap 3
Start, 1p,2p,3p,4p, Gate 1p,2p,3p,4p, Gate 1p,2p,3p,4p, Gate, and all subsequent laps
until the finish is signalled. The race will be finished when the Shorten Course Symbol is flown.

Boats must not pass through the start/finish/gate line on a downwind leg of the course.

Race 4 Course

Unless indicated on the official notice board, the course configuration and order of rounding marks will be as shown below.



Approximate Positions of Start & Finish Lines

	Lap 1	Lap 2	Lap 3
Start,	1p,2p,3s,4p, Gate	1p,2p,3s,4p, Gate	1p,2p,3s,4p, Gate, and all subsequent laps until the finish is signalled. The race will be finished when the Shorten Course Symbol is flown.

Boats must not pass through the start/finish/gate line on a downwind leg of the course.