

# **Graduate National Championships Sailing Instructions**

**26, 27, 28 August 2017**

**Bolton Sailing Club**

## **1.0 Rules**

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the "Rules" as defined in "The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020", the prescriptions of the RYA Racing Charter, the appropriate class rules and these sailing instructions.
- 1.2 These Sailing Instructions take precedence where they conflict with the Notice of Race or any other documents, this changes rule 63.7.
- 1.3 The racing rules will govern all boats on the water at all times.
- 1.4 References to the organizing authority in these SIs and the NoR shall be interpreted as Bolton Sailing Club.

## **2.0 Notices To Competitors**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located inside or outside the clubhouse, adjacent to the race office.

## **3.0 Changes To Sailing Instructions**

Any changes in the sailing instructions will be indicated by displaying International code flag "L" and two sound signals at least 20 minutes before the advertised start time.

## **4.0 Signals Made Ashore**

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole adjacent to the race office.

## **5.0 Briefing and Schedule Of Races**

- 5.1 There will be a briefing for competitors in front of the Club house at 12:00 on Saturday 26th August 2017.
- 5.2 The first warning signal for the races are scheduled as follows:
  - Practice race 12:25 Sat 26 Aug
  - Championships 1<sup>st</sup> race 14:25 Sat 26 Aug
  - Championships 2<sup>nd</sup> race 15:55 Sat 26 Aug
  - Championships 3<sup>rd</sup> race 10:55 Sun 27 Aug
  - Championships 4<sup>th</sup> race 12:25 Sun 27 Aug
  - Crews race 14:25 Sun 27 Aug
  - Ladies race 15:55 Sun 27 Aug
  - Championships 5<sup>th</sup> race 09:25 Mon 28 Aug
  - Championships 6<sup>th</sup> race 10:55 Mon 28 Aug
- 5.3 The timings of the races will be at the discretion of the Race Officer. In case of adverse weather conditions or postponements, the Race Officer, where possible in consultation with the GDA committee, may adjust race times. Any changes will be posted on the event board near the door to the OD box.
- 5.4 The first warning signal for last championships race on the Monday will not be after 11:55.

## **6.0 Entering and Signing On**

- 6.1 Competitors must submit their entry form to Maggie Murrell ([i.murrell@ntlworld.com](mailto:i.murrell@ntlworld.com)) no later than Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August.
- 6.2 Competitors must sign on before their first race. It is not necessary to sign on/off before/after every race.
- 6.3 A boat shall be helmed and crewed by the nominated helmsman and crew throughout the Championship unless under exceptional circumstances a quorum of the General Committee of the Association gives a special dispensation, except that members of the same family group may

alternate as crew provided that the crew is nominated for each day prior to the championship commencing. All points shall accrue to the helm and any award shall accrue to the owner(s) of the boat, except that in certain cases an award may accrue to a club or an individual in accordance with the terms of a Deed of Gift.

- 6.4 The organizing authority reserves the right to retain the entry fee of any boat that withdraws after 23 August 2016. After that date entry fees may only be reimbursed in exceptional circumstances.

## **7.0 Class Flags**

The class flag will be Flag "H".

## **8.0 Courses**

- 8.1 The number of rounds to be sailed will be displayed on the course board.
- 8.2 The course will be displayed on the course board adjacent to the race office at least 10 minutes before the start of the race or on the Committee boat at least 10 minutes before the start of the race.
- 8.3 When an alteration to the course is made, two sound signals will be made and International Code Flag Numeral Pennant Two flown.

## **9.0 Marks**

The normal rounding marks will be yellow. Temporary rounding marks may be used and will be red / orange.

## **10.0 The Start**

- 10.1 When a Committee boat start is used the starting line is defined as the line between the mast on the Committee boat and outer starting mark. The outer mark will be red / orange with a pole.
- 10.2 A limit mark may be laid adjacent to the Committee boat. Limit marks are marks of the course. No boat shall pass between the limit mark and any part of the vessel it guards after the preparatory signal. Disqualification will be at the discretion of the OOD.
- 10.3 When a shore-based OOD box start is used the starting line will be an extension of the line through the two transit poles. When a shore-based start is used limit marks may be laid. The starting marks will be black and white chequered buoys. All boats must pass between the starting marks when starting.

## **11.0 Changing The Next leg Of The Course**

The race committee may change a leg of the course that begins at a rounding mark by changing the position of the next mark (or the finishing line) and signaling all boats before they begin the leg. The signal shall be the display of flag "C" with further repetitive sounds. The next mark need not be in position at that time. Subsequent legs may be changed without further signaling. This changes rule 33.

## **12.0 The Finish**

- 12.1 The finishing line will be an extension of the line through the transit poles outside the race office and between the two black and white chequered finishing marks.
- 12.2 When Flag S is displayed from the race office mast the race will finish when this line is next crossed after the last mark of the course is rounded.
- 12.3 Finishing at a mark. When flag S is flown from the mast of a Committee boat not under way, the race will finish between the mast of that Committee boat and the nearby rounding mark.
- 12.4 In addition to the procedure for shortening course in rule 32, the race committee may also award a finishing score to a boat that is still racing by displaying to her from a boat, Flag "W" with one sound signal. A boat so notified is no longer required to sail the course (changing rule 28), shall stop racing and return to the shore. A finishing score under this sailing instruction will be the score she would have received had she sailed the course and finished within any time limit, without gaining or losing any place. However, when two or more boats that are overlapped are notified, they will be scored as if they were tied. The decision by the race committee to use this procedure or not to use it shall not be grounds for requesting redress, changing rule 60.1(b).

## **13.0 Time Limits**

At the discretion of the organizing authority, boats failing to finish within 25 minutes of the winning boat may be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rules 35 and A4.1.

#### **14.0 Protests And Requests For Redress**

Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within 25 minutes of the last boat finishing the race. If races are run back-to-back, protests arising during the back-to-back races should be delivered within 25 minutes of the last boat finishing the back-to-back race.

#### **15.0 Scoring**

15.1 The low point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.

15.2 If 1 to 4 championship races are completed, all races shall count. If more than 4 championship races are completed, there will be one discard.

15.3 Points for race ties will not be added and divided.

#### **16.0 Safety Regulations**

16.1 Adequate personal floatation devices shall be worn by all crew members whilst afloat. Inflatable type buoyancy must be worn inflated. Wetsuits do not constitute adequate buoyancy. This alters rule 40.

16.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

#### **17.0 Equipment And Measurement Checks**

17.1 Racing will take place in Graduate dinghies. Competitors should be able to present a valid measurement certificate to the organizing authority during the event, if requested to do so.

17.2 A boat or equipment may be inspected/measured/weighed at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On receipt of such a request competitors should comply with all reasonable instructions given by the measurer/inspector or risk a penalty up to disqualification.

#### **18.0 Official Boats**

Any patrol boat displaying the club burgee shall rank as a Committee boat.

#### **19.0 Local Variations**

19.1 The passage between the Bolton-Preston road and the island is not to be made during racing unless a specific instruction to do so is given when the course is laid.

19.2 Boats may remain on the beach or be made fast to the jetty between the preparatory and starting signals. This alters Rule 45.

#### **20.0 Disclaimer Of Liability**

20.1 Attention is drawn to Rule 4 (Decision to Race). For the purposes of this Disclaimer of Liability clause the word boat shall be the owner or person in charge of and all other persons associated with the boat. A boat is entirely responsible for its own safety, whether afloat or ashore and nothing in this Notice of Race or in the Sailing Instructions will reduce this responsibility.

20.2 It is for the boat to decide whether it is competent to sail in the prevailing or expected conditions and by launching the boat confirms that it is fit for those conditions and that its crew is competent to sail and compete in them.

20.3 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore 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 and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, 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 organizing authority 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.

- 20.4 A decision by the organizing authority to give competitors permission to launch their boats and to sail does not imply that the sailing conditions are necessarily safe for all competitors to do so.
- 20.5 The decision as to the suitability of the conditions and whether to launch and sail is the responsibility of each competitor if over the age of 18 or of the parent/guardian if the competitor is under the age of 18.
- 20.6 The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the National Championships.

#### **21.0 Insurance**

All craft sailing on the club water shall be covered by a policy of insurance including third-party and passenger liability to a minimum of £2,000,000.

#### **22.0 Prizes**

22.1 There will be prizes for the top three positioned boats. In addition, Graduate Dinghy Association trophies will be awarded as follows:

<b>Light Craft Cup</b>	To the Helm of 1st boat overall in the Championship
<b>Lumley Bowl</b>	To the Crew of 1st boat overall in the Championship
<b>Pennington Pot</b>	To the Helm of 2nd boat overall in the Championship
<b>Pennington Plate</b>	To the Crew of 2nd boat overall in the Championship
<b>Ruislip Trophy</b>	To the Helm of 3rd boat overall in the Championship
<b>Dreadnought Trophy</b>	To the Crew of 3rd boat overall in the Championship
<b>Lowton Trophy</b>	Lowest points, no discard over all races Helm:
<b>Rex Barker Trophy</b>	Lowest points, no discard over all races Crew:
<b>Capstan Trophy</b>	Winners of Race 1
<b>Argo Trophy</b>	Winners of Race 2
<b>Hollick trophy</b>	Winners of Race 3
<b>Elton Trophy</b>	Winners of Race 4
<b>Saundersfoot Cup</b>	Winners of Race 5
<b>Plymouth Cup</b>	Winners of Race 6
<b>Essex Cup</b>	Best placed Junior Helm
<b>Light Craft Trophy</b>	Best placed Junior Crew
<b>Undergraduate Trophies</b>	Best placed Junior Helm and Crew
<b>Saundersfoot Trophy</b>	Best placed Lady Helm
<b>St. Tudwalls Cup</b>	Best placed Veteran (Helm over 65)
<b>Ton-Up Trophy</b>	Best placed Helm and Crew aged 120 or over
<b>Bucket Cup</b>	Oldest Helm
<b>Half Way Up Cup</b>	Mid-fleet finisher
<b>Ruislip Paddle</b>	Highest Points, no discard
<b>Molyneux Trophy</b>	Top 3 boats from the same Club (lowest aggregate scores in the Championship)

22.2 All persons with Graduate Association trophies from 2016 must ensure they are engraved, polished and handed-in during registration.

#### **23.0 Rights to use names and likenesses and Advertising**

Competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event.