Bolton Sailing Club Supernova Open Meeting
Sailing Instructions
Saturday 26th April 2025

1.0 Rules

1.1 The event will be governed by the "Rules" as defined in "The Racing Rules of Sailing", the prescriptions of the RYA, The RYA Racing Charter, the appropriate class rules and these sailing instructions.

1.2 The racing rules will govern all boats on the water at all times.

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 Schedule of Races

5.1. The briefing will be at 10:30.

5.2. The warning signal for the first race will start at 11:00am.

5.3. The warning signals for the second and third races will be announced by the PRO.

6.0 Signing on

Competitors must enter and pay before the first race. It is not necessary to sign on/off before/after every race.

7.0 Class Flags

Class flag will be flag F (unless a Supernova Class flag is provided)

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 20 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 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26 Starting Races.

10.2 When a Committee boat start is used the starting line is defined as the line between the mast on the Committee Boat and an outer start mark. The outer start mark will be red / orange with a pole.

10.3 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.

10.4 When a shore-based start is used, the start line will be an extension of the line through the transit poles outside the race office and between the two limit marks. The limit marks will be black and white chequered buoys.

10.5 In the event of a general recall the preparatory signal for the recalled class shall be made one minute after the First Substitute is removed. This changes RRS 29.2 General Recall.

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 signalling all boats before they begin the leg. The signal shall be the display of flag C with repetitive sounds. The next mark need not be in position at that time. Subsequent legs may be changed without further signalling. 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 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 28.1), 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 Target Time & Time Limits

The target for each race is 50 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes of the leading boat in their fleet will be scored Did Not Finish.

14.0 Protests and Requests for Redress

Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests shall be submitted within 25 minutes of the last boat finishing the race.

15.0 Scoring

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

15.2 The number of races to count shall be one less than the number of races completed. If less than 3 races are completed, all races shall count.

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

16.0 Safety Regulations

16.1 Adequate personal flotation 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

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.

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 Rule 45 is hereby varied. Boats may remain on the beach or be made fast to the jetty between the preparatory and starting signals.

20.0 Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. 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 regatta.

21.0 Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.