

SHUSTOKE SAILING CLUB



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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE GAUNTLET (2017)

AUTHORITY

For the purpose of this rule the RYA is the National Authority and SHUSTOKE SAILING CLUB is the organising Authority. Under the rules of SSC the Sailing Committee is appointed as the Race Committee, but may delegate its responsibilities to a Committee for an Open Meeting.

All entrants agree to abide by the rules of Shustoke Sailing Club, including the requirements of STWA.

1. RULES

Racing will take place under the Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA, the appropriate class rules, the Notice of Race (NOR) and these Sailing Instructions (SIs). Class rules which permit pumping, rocking and ooching in certain wind conditions and/or change penalty turns (rules 44.1 and 44.2) are suspended for the purposes of this regatta (rule 87).

Starting times for races and changes to instructions will be posted near the plan of the reservoir, in or adjacent to the clubhouse.

2. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

Safety

The safety of a boat and all persons aboard and her entire management shall be the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner/person in charge of the boat. The Race Organisers shall not be liable for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/competitor, his skipper or crew as a result of their taking part in the race or races.

Moreover, every owner/competitor warrants the suitability of their boat for the race or races.

Insurance

All boats must be insured against Third Party risks for a minimum of £2,000,000 and a declaration of compliance is required from all competitors before being allowed to sail.

Measurement Certificates

All competing boats must comply with their class rules and competitors are required to make a declaration of this. Competitors may also be required to produce a valid certificate of measurement for the boat and/or sails and results or prizes achieved in the event may be withheld until produced.

Persons under the age of 16

Whilst on the Shustoke Sailing Club premises a person under the age of 16 years must at all times be under the responsibility of a parent or guardian.

Personal Wear & Buoyancy

Competitors **must** wear adequate personal buoyancy at all times when on the water. Buoyancy aids shall be of the type that requires no action on the part of the wearer upon entering the water to keep afloat.

Neither a wet-suit nor a dry-suit constitutes adequate personal buoyancy. A dry suit or wet suit must be worn between the months of November and March inclusive whilst on the water.

3. COURSE & MARKS

The course will be displayed on a board beside the OOD's box and may also be displayed on the committee boat. The marks to be used will be described at the briefing.

Numbered discs on the course board may be used to describe the order and direction the marks are to be rounded. (Green discs show the mark is to be left to starboard and Red discs to be left to port). In case of any discrepancy between the discs and the drawn course, the drawn course takes precedence.

The following priority exists: if the course is displayed on the Committee Boat then this will be the definitive course.

Should a Lead Boat be provided, it shall be for guidance only. It is the responsibility of each competitor to ensure that they sail the correct course.

Change of course

Marks on the course may be moved during a race at the discretion of the Race Officer.

Race Duration

The race duration (from the first start signal) will be displayed at the same location as the course. This will be 80 minutes unless changed by the Race Committee.

Mark Room For the purposes of Rule 18 – “Mark room”, the “zone” is **THREE** boat lengths.

4. STARTS

Starting Line

This will be defined at the briefing. When the committee boat forms part of the line the line shall pass through the staff for the on-station flag.

Starting Procedure

The start sequence shall be in accordance with RRS Rule 26.

The warning signal will be 5 minutes before the first start signal.

The first start signal shall be the start for the Mirror class, subsequent start times will be as listed.

Each class start time will be signified by a long sound signal.

No class flags will be displayed after the first start signal, it is the responsibility of each competitor to know their start time.

In order to assist competitors, for the duration of the starting sequence the committee boat will display the number of complete minutes that have elapsed since the first ("zero") start signal. Every complete minute that is not a class start time will be indicated by a short "klaxon" sound signal.

RRS Rule 30.2 will not apply.

5. FINISHING

At the completion of the race duration a long sound signal will be made. Competitors should stop racing and hold their position relative to other boats until a second long sound signal is made or they are specifically released by instruction from a Race Control boat. Competitors are asked to note the boats in front and behind at race completion in order to aid any dispute resolution.

Declarations

Declarations are only required from competitors that have retired from the race or have accepted a two turn penalty during the race. These must be signed within 30 minutes of the last boat finishing.

6. PROTESTS

Intention to lodge a protest must be notified to the O.O.D. within 15 minutes of completing the race.

Those involved should hold themselves in readiness for the hearing which will be as soon as possible after the race.

7. PENALTIES

Rules 44.1 and 44.2 will apply, however Scoring Penalties (RRS Rule 44.3) will not apply.

8. SCORING

RRS – The low point system of Appendix A shall apply with the following modification:

Retirements and non-starters will be awarded points equal to the number of entries. Boats disqualified will be awarded points equal to the number of entries plus **4**.

All results shall count towards the Gauntlet series.

9. OTHER DETAILS

Any change in these sailing instructions will be displayed in the vicinity of the course board at least 10 minutes before the first warning signal.

Lines of submerged straw bales installed at each end of the reservoir by STWA are demarked by lines of small green floats. The line of green markers shall be considered to be a continuous obstruction.

Competitors may be requested to carry GPS units as provided by the Organising Authority.