



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR OPTIMIST OPEN MEETING **17th September 2016**

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 including the RYA Charter, the appropriate class rules and these sailing instructions. 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 Buoyancy

Competitors must wear adequate personal buoyancy at all times when on the water or floating pontoons. 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 constitute adequate personal buoyancy.

This changes RRS 40

A dry suit or wet suit must be worn whilst on the water between the months of December and March.

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 an indication of buoy location 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.

Number of Rounds

The number of rounds to be sailed will be displayed at the same location as the course. Unless specified differently as part of the course, this will be counted from the first mark of the course.

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 yellow line on the side of the cabin.

Starting Procedure

The starting procedure will be in accordance with RRS Rule 26. When starts are required for more than one class the procedure will be described at the event briefing.

RRS Rule 30.2 will not apply.

5. FINISHING

Unless specified differently as part of the course, this will be the line between the first mark of the course and the staff bearing the on station flag of the committee boat. In the event of a course being shortened, a race may be finished at any mark of the course.

Shortened Course

The race may be terminated at any mark of the course and will be signalled by the flying of Flag "S", accompanied by two sound signals.

Time limit

There shall be no time limit for any race. However, RRS Rule 35 will not apply, and boats not finishing within 30 minutes of the first boat to finish will be scored DNF.

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. Where races are sailed back to back this limit applies from the finish of the later race.

6. PROTESTS

Intention to lodge a protest must be notified to the O.O.D. on the water prior to returning to the shore and 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. If races have to be sailed back to back then protests for both races should be advised on the water within 15 minutes of the end of the later race.

Advisory hearings and RYA Arbitration are not available for this event.

7. PENALTIES

Scoring Penalties (RRS Rule 44.3) will not apply.

8. SCORING

RRS A4 – (low point system) shall apply with the following modification:

Boats scored DNC, DNS, DNF, OCS or RET will be awarded points equal to the number of entries plus 1. Boats disqualified will be awarded points equal to the number of entries plus 4.

When 1 or 2 races are sailed, all results shall count.

When 3-5 races are sailed, one result shall be discarded

Should 6 or more races be sailed, two results shall be discarded

9. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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.

10. OTHER DETAILS

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 and its extension shall be considered to be a continuous obstruction.