

Sailing Instructions

BYS London & South East Regional Junior Championships

Datchet Water Sailing Club

26th 27th September 2020

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The British Youth Sailing (BYS) London & South East Regional Junior Championships at Datchet Water Sailing Club (DWSC)

The Organising Authority is the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) in conjunction with DWSC

1. Rules

The event will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing. The RYA Racing Charter also applies.

Competitors' attention is drawn to the local rules as detailed in the Notice of Race.

For infringements of rules other than in Parts 1 and 2 of the RRS, the protest committee may award a penalty less than disqualification. [DP]

2. Official Notice Board

Notices will be posted on the official notice board, which is situated at :-

<https://www.rya.org.uk/racing-events/2020-london-south-east-regional-junior-championships/Pages/event-overview.aspx>

The race office may be contacted by e-mailing rjc@rya.org.uk

3. Briefing

The briefing for all sailors will take place online via video. The video will be available on the Official Notice board on Tuesday 22nd September.

4. Notices to Competitors

Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Official Notice board

WhatsApp Information group

By scanning the code Below for the appropriate day, you can join the WhatsApp group for the event. This is an unofficial form of communication, but is designed to help with letting people know what is going on. By joining this group, please be aware that your number will be visible to all on the group. Please note this NOT the official notice board



5. Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board at least one hour before the advertised warning signal of the race or races concerned, and signaled by displaying flag L ashore (SI 6).

6. Signals Made Ashore




Signals made ashore will be displayed on the signals mast at the South end of the Training Centre. Signals displayed over a class flag apply to that class only.

If Flag L is displayed (A notice to competitors has been posted) it will be flown with a numeral pennant indicating the latest notice posted.



No boat shall leave the shore until Flag D over the boats class flag (SI 8) is displayed with one sound signals.

Flag AP may be displayed ashore to signify racing is postponed. Should AP be displayed with a Class Flag, the postponement will apply only to the fleets whose Class Flags are displayed.

Flag	Description
D 	Boats may not launch until Flag D is displayed over there class flag with a sound signal. The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after Flag D is displayed and not before the scheduled time, whichever is later.
AP 	When Flag AP is displayed ashore race signal AP is changed in that, Flag AP displayed without a numeral pennant means Racing is postponed indefinitely. D flag will be displayed soon after AP is removed. This changes race signal AP
G 	When G flag is displayed Support Boats may tow competitors from or to the race areas

7. Schedule of Races

Racing is scheduled as follows:

Championship Fleets

Day	Races	Time of Warning Signal
Saturday	Up to 4 Races Topper & RS Feva XL	Scheduled time of warning signal for first race 10:30
Sunday	Up to 4 Races Optimist & Tera Sport	Scheduled time of warning signal for first race 10:30

There will be a maximum of 4 races for each class.

It is intended that the races for each class be sailed back-to-back, with no opportunity for competitors to return to shore between races.





Races will start as soon as practically possible after the finish of the previous race.

To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon an orange flag will be displayed with multiple sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

No warning signal will be made after 16:00 on Saturday & Sunday.

8. Class Flags & Identification

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Class	Description	Picture
Topper	Code Flag T	T 
Optimist	Code Flag O	O 
RS Feva XL	Code Flag F	F 
RS Tera (Sports Rig)	Code Flag R	R 

9. Racing Area

Racing will take place on Queen Mother Reservoir.

10. The Courses for Championship Fleets

The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses, including the course letters, the order in which marks are to be Rounded or passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

When there is a gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark. The gate may at the discretion of the race committee be replaced by a single mark to be left to port.

To designate the course to be sailed in each race, the Race Committee shall display the class, the course letters and the number of beats to be sailed on a board at the back of the Committee Boat from no later than the warning signal until at least the starting signal for the relevant race.

11. Obstructions

A safety boat or competitor in difficulty is an obstruction.

12. Marks

Marks 1, 2s & 2p will be Yellow inflatable pillar bouys Mark 1b will be an Orange inflatable pillar bouy.

Starting marks will be a race committee boat displaying an orange flag at the starboard end and a boat or a dan-buoy displaying an orange flag at the port end:

Finishing marks will be a race committee boat displaying a blue flag and a boat or a dan-buoy displaying a blue flag.

13. The Start

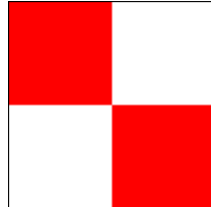
Races will be started using RRS 26 changed as follows

The Start will be an audible sound signal only, one minute after the Preparatory signal is removed. The class flag will not be removed at the start and will be removed subsequently without a sound signal. The start will be taken from the beginning of the audible signal as heard near the committee vessel, if the audible signal is not made at the start, the race will be abandoned. This changes RRS 26

Title	Minutes Before Starting Signal	Flag & Sound
Warning	5 minutes	Class Flag Displayed; 1 sound signal
Preparatory	4 minutes	Either Flag P, Flag U or Black Flag Displayed; 1 sound signal
1 minute period	1 minute	Either Flag P, Flag U or Black Flag Removed; 1 long sound signal
Starting	0 minute	1 sound signal



P Flag



U Flag



Black Flag

There will be a gap of not less than one minute after a start before the warning signal for the subsequent class. If there is a General Recall, then the subsequent classes' start will be delayed in order to maintain the start sequence.

The starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the starting marks.

Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall not sail within an area extending 50m from the start line and its marks.[DP]

A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4.1.

14. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

The race committee may move a mark (or the finishing line) up to 150m without signaling the change. No other changes will be made during racing. This changes RRS 33

15. The Finish

The Finishing line will be between a mast on the Race Committee boat displaying a Blue flag and a mast on a boat or a dan-buoy displaying a blue flag.

15.1. Alternative Finishing Line

After the first boat has finished the Race Committee may finish other boats at a mark of the course or on a leg of the course.

When a committee boat displays flag W with two sounds, boats may be finished by this Official Boat.

When a boat finishes in accordance with this instruction she shall be given a finishing place after all boats which complete more legs of the course and then finish. This changes RRS 28, 35, A4 and A5.



16. Time limit.

Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes of the first boat in their class will be scored as DNF. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

Class	Target Time	Time Limit for First boat to Finish
Dinghies	40 Minutes	75 Minutes

17. Radio Communication

Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

18. Post Race Penalty, Advisory Hearings & Arbitration Hearings.

The Post Race Penalty, Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes procedure shall apply. The outcome of an RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee, but an arbitration cannot be reopened or appealed. Notices explaining the procedures will be available on the official notice board.

19. Protests

Notices explaining the protest procedures will be available on the official notice board.

Protest forms are available from the Virtual race office,

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/RYA2/VirtualRaceOffice> . Completed protest forms and requests for an RYA Arbitration hearing shall be submitted to e-mail address ric@rya.org.uk within the protest time limit.

The end of protest time for each class will be 45 minutes after the last boat in that class finishes the last race of the day, this will also be posted on the official notice board each day.

Notices will be posted on the official notice board within 15 minutes of the end of protest time.

The purpose of the notices is to inform competitors of any hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted on the official notice board to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

On the last day of scheduled racing, a party to a hearing may ask for a re-opening no later than 30 minutes after being informed of the decision. This changes RRS 66.

Protests under sailing instruction points 22,23 & 24 maybe be brought only by the Race Committee or Protest Committee and not by a competitor.' This changes RRS 60.1.

Protests and requests for redress may be heard remotely using video conferencing software.

Competitors are requested to ensure they have internet access and a means of joining video calls.

Where this is not possible, other arrangements will be made at the discretion of the protest committee.

20. Scoring

The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.

One race is required to be completed to constitute a series for all boats.

Each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with her worst score discarded if three or more races are completed.

To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat shall complete a scoring enquiry form available from the official Notice board.

Competitors in the Topper Fleet using either the 5.3m² or 4.2m² sail will be scored as a level rated fleet (No Handicapping).

21. Safety

All competitors shall wear a personal flotation device at all times when afloat, except briefly when changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. This changes RRS 40.[DP]

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.[DP]

Boats wishing to sail ashore before the end of the day's racing shall not do so unless authorized by a safety boat. The safety boat will instruct boats in the procedure for returning ashore

Boats shall follow the instructions of the safety boats. Failure to do so will be reported to the race committee, which may protest the boat. Boats penalised under this instruction may be scored DNE, or such other penalty that the protest committee may decide. This changes RRS 64.1(a).

22. Replacement of Crew or Equipment [DP]

Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee. Requests shall be submitted in writing using forms available from the Official Notice Board.

Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be submitted in writing using forms available from the Official Notice Board. Failure to do so, the refusal of the request, or the replacement equipment not complying with the class rules, may result in the boat being penalised.

Only one sail may be registered during the event except if lost or damaged beyond repair. Toppers must nominate sail size (4.2 or 5.3) at the beginning of the Championship

23. Official Boats

Official boats will be as follows:

Race Committee Boats
Safety Boats
Media Boats
Coach Boats

24. Support Boats

Only official boats (those invited by and registered with the organisers) may launch at DWSC Slipway. There shall be no communication with competitors while afloat except by official boats. Food and drink may NOT be placed on official boats.

25. Boats and Competitors in Difficulty

When the race committee considers that a boat or competitor is in difficulty it may instruct the boat or competitor to accept outside help, retire or sail ashore.

26. Prizes

Prizes are detailed in the Notice of Race.

Note: all prizes will be sent out after the event, there will be no prize giving after racing.

27. 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 omission;
- 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;
- g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event;

28. Covid 19 Statement [DP]

By taking part in any of the events covered by this Sailing Instruction, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force at the time of the event in respect of COVID-19 and for complying with the DWSC & RYA COVID-19 procedures. Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.

29. Insurance

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

Attachment A - Courses

Windward leeward with reaching Finish L

L	COURSE: WINDWARD / LEEWARD with reaching finish
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
L2	Start - 1 - 2s/2p - 1 - 2p - Finish
L3	Start - 1 - 2s/2p - 1 - 2s/2p - 1 - 2p - Finish

Note: Mark 1b is not a mark of the course



Windward Leeward alternative WW mark with reaching finish LB

LB	COURSE: WINDWARD / LEEWARD Alternative WW Mark with reaching finish
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
LB2	Start - 1b - 2s/2p - 1b - 2p - Finish
LB3	Start - 1b - 2s/2p - 1b - 2s/2p - 1b - 2p - Finish

Note: Mark 1 is not a mark of the course

