

Sailing Instructions

BYS Midlands

Regional Junior Championships

Draycote Water SC

Saturday 26th September 2020

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The British Youth Sailing (BYS) Midlands Regional Junior Championships at Draycote Water SC (DWSC)

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

1. Rules

The Racing will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing. Special attention is drawn to the RYA Racing Charter.

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

https://www.rya.org.uk/racing-events/2020_midlands_regional_junior_championships/Pages/event-overview.aspx

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

3. Briefing

The briefing for Championship Fleet 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 – see link above



By scanning the code above, 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.

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 Draycote Water SC.


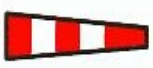

Signals displayed over a class flag apply to that class only.

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 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 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 "1 minute" is replaced by 'not less than 30 minutes'. This changes race signal AP.
G 	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 & Optimist	Scheduled time of warning signal for first race 10.55

Competitors should be prepared to do all of the day's races as soon as practically possible after the finish of the previous race.

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

8. Class Flags & Identification

Dinghy

Class	Description	Picture
Topper	Topper Class flag	
Optimist	Optimist Class flag	

9. Racing Area

Racing will take place at Draycote Water, this designation is subject to change dependent on fleet sizes and weather conditions.

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 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.

Dinghies- The dinghy Race Committees 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.

11. Obstructions

A safety boat or competitor in difficulty is an obstruction.

Fishing boats, whether engaged in fishing or not. For this purpose, the area within which a fishing line extends from, or is being cast from a fishing boat, shall form a part of the fishing boat.

12. Marks

Marks 1, 2, 3s, 3p, 4s, 4p, 5 will be orange inflatable dumpy buoys.

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.

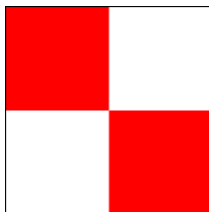
13. The Start

Races will be started in accordance with 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	Class Flag Removed ; 1 sound signal



P Flag



U Flag



Black Flag

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

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 100m 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	50 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 procedures 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. Boats intending to lodge a protest shall inform the race committee finishing vessel upon finishing the race. Note that an Advisory Hearing does not require a sailor to inform the race committee boat at the finish of the race and await acknowledgement.

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 & 23 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 regatta 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, drink and rubbish 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 Statement

By taking part in the event 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 Draycote Water SC and 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.

Parents and guardians should, as far as possible, restrict their numbers to equal those of the competitors they are accompanying

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.

30. Local information

SHALLOWS: Competitors are advised to check the Notice Board for notification of shallows. Shallows are marked with large yellow round buoys

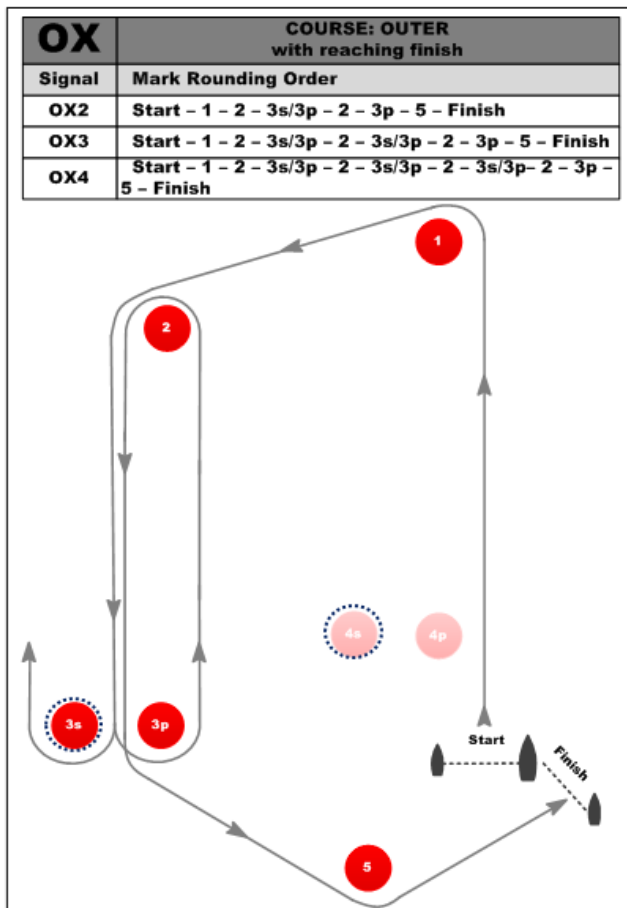
All entrants and authorised guests will be deemed to be guests of Draycote Water Sailing Club during the period of the open meeting and, as such, will abide by all of the club rules and by-laws and may sail only the boat entered for the open meeting.

All entrants and authorised guests shall also comply with the following Water Authority Regulations. We reserve the right to disqualify any competitor without a hearing any competitor who does not comply with these local rules (this changes RRS 63.1 and A5):

- No parking of vehicles on any roadways, slipways or grass areas. All vehicles shall be parked in the sailing club main car park or Severn Trent pay & display car park once the trailer and boat are unloaded. All competitors must follow the instructions of the marshals during unloading, loading and car parking.
- Dogs are not allowed on the site. They may be walked in the adjacent Country Park
- All competitors must follow the Check, Clean, Dry programme before arriving at Draycote and commit to following it having left Draycote before their next launch. All visitors will be required to sign a disclaimer to this effect.

Attachment A - Courses

Course OX Outer Loop



Course IX Inner Loop & Gate

