

# RWYC SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

## Royal Windermere Yacht Club

### Club Annual Racing Programme

*The notification (DP) in a rule in the SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification*

#### 1. RULES

1.1 Club racing will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (RRS)*.

2.1 These SI's are for RWYC Club Racing only.

3.1 All breaches of Class Rules (DP)

Under RRS 87, Rules 15.3 and 16.1 of the Flying Fifteen Class are changed as follows:

- a. Rule 15.3 an anchor and line do not need to be carried.
- b. Rule 16.1 There may be three persons on board only if two of them are under 14yrs of age.

Under RRS 87, Rule 16 of the GP14 Class is changed as follows

- c. Rule 16 There may be a crew of three only if two of them are under 14yrs of age.

4.1 Under RRS rule 42.3 (i) of RRS: When safety demands, in particular to avoid the Ferry, the crew may paddle in an adverse direction and shall not incur disqualification thereby.

#### 2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the notice board in the club before 09.00 on the day it will take effect.

#### 3. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

3.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the club flagstaff or club noticeboard.

3.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, 1 minute is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

3.3. Flag D replaces Flag L this changes RRS rule 25.2 as permitted under RRS rule 86.1 (b)

#### 4. SCHEDULE OF RACES

4.1. The Schedule of Races is defined in **Appendix A** of the **RWYC NOR** they can also be found:

- a. on the notice board in the club house
- b. on the website at <https://www.royal-windermere.co.uk/>

4.2. The warning signal for each fleet will be 5 minutes before the published start time

4.3. Where more than one race is scheduled, the second will follow as soon as practical.

4.4. The order of starts will be as defined in the Schedule of Races.

#### 5. CLASS FLAGS

See **APPENDIX C**

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|------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 5.1. | 17' Fleet             | Flag R          |
| 5.2. | F15 Fleet             | Naval Numeral 6 |
| 5.3. | Cruiser Fleet         | Flag G          |
| 5.4. | Dinghy Fleet          |                 |
| a.   | 1 <sup>st</sup> Start | Flag A          |

- b. 2<sup>nd</sup> Start      Flag D
- c. GP14            Flag A
- d. Junior Start    Pennant Number 6

## 6. RACING AREA

6.1. The racing areas will be as defined in:

- a. **Appendix A** (North Lake)
- b. **Appendix B** (South Lake)

## 7. THE COURSES

7.1. Courses will be displayed on the committee boat (or on a board ashore). Marks are to be rounded as indicated, marks to be left to port will be shown on a red background (or marked P), marks to be left to starboard on a green background (or marked S).

## 8. MARKS

8.1. Course Marks will be either:

- a. the fixed marks designated on the club maps of the lake Appendix A & B
- b. yellow dan buoys
- c. inflatable orange marks
- d. as defined on the blackboard ashore.

8.2. The starting and finishing marks will be the committee boat at the starboard end and a pink mark with an orange flag on a pole at the port end.

## 9. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

9.1. These are marked by red buoys.

## 10. THE START

- 10.1. Races will be started by using RRS rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 10.2. The starting line will be between a staff on the committee boat displaying an orange flag and a mark displaying an orange flag.
- 10.3. Boats shall avoid the immediate area of the start line until their class flag has been displayed.
- 10.4. A boat starting later than 20 minutes after her starting signal will be deemed to have retired and scored accordingly. This changes RRS rule A4.1
- 10.5. If fewer than three boats have started after 20 minutes of the start signal for that fleet, then that race will not count. This changes RRS 90.3(a)

## 11. THE FINISH

11.1. The finishing line will be either:

- a. between a staff on the committee boat displaying an orange flag and:
  - a.1 a mark displaying an orange flag on a pole.
  - a.2 a mark of the course.
- b. between the two shore marks located on the club veranda and the adjoining jetty in transit and extending to the far shore (Clubhouse Line). This changes RRS rule 32.2

11.2. For one design fleet racing (17ft, F15 & GP14) if a race is to be abandoned because of insufficient wind making it unlikely that all boats will finish within the time limit provided that:

- a. one boat has crossed the finish line.
- b. more than 50% of the race has been completed by the lead boat

A race committee boat displaying flag Q may motor from the finishing area in the reverse direction of the course recording boats still racing in order of increasing distance to sail to the finishing line. The second boat recorded will be placed one more than the first boat to be recorded. Each subsequent boat recorded will be placed one more than the previous boat. This changes RRS 32.2

## 12. TIME LIMITS

### 12.1. Time limits for each class

- a) *17ft class 3 hours (except club courses which are 4-1/2 hours)*
- b) *Cruiser Handicap Class 3 hours*
- c) *Flying Fifteen class 2-1/2 hours*
- d) *Dinghy classes 1-3/4 hours*

12.2. SINGLE RACE DAY: a boat failing to finish within 45 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS rules 35 and A4.1.

### 12.3. DOUBLE RACE DAY

- a) FIRST RACE: a boat failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS rules 35 and A4.1.
- b) SECOND RACE: a boat failing to finish within 45 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS rules 35 and A4.1.

## 13. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

The Post-Race Penalty and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules disputes procedures shall apply (for information on the procedures, go to [www.rya.org.uk/go/rulesdisputes](http://www.rya.org.uk/go/rulesdisputes)). The outcome of an RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee, but an arbitration cannot be reopened or appealed

- 13.1. Protest forms are available from the club office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 13.2. Protest time limits
  - a. For 17ft fleet, the protest time limit is 120 minutes from the time that the Race Officer arrives back at the Club jetties. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the race committee and to requests for redress. This changes RRS rules 61.3 and 62.2.
  - b. For all other classes, the protest time limit is 60 minutes from the time that the Race Officer arrives back at the Club jetties. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the race committee and to requests for redress. This changes RRS rules 61.3 and 62.2.
- 13.3. Notices of protests by the race committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS rule 61.1(b).
- 13.4. Protests shall be heard by a protest committee appointed by the Organising Authority.
- 13.5. For the purpose of RRS rule 64.3(b) the 'authority responsible' is the measurer appointed by the relevant organizing authority.

## 14. SCORING

- 14.1. A race will only count if three boats of the relevant class(es) have started. This changes RRS 90.3(a)

- 14.2. The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A as amended at SI 14.3 will apply to series except for the season's points and averages (see SI 14.7 & 14.8 below).
- 14.3. Discards will be permitted as below
- a) 1 to 3 races sailed- no discard; 4 to 7 races sailed- one discard; 8 or more races sailed two discards.
  - b) Dinghy handicap racing discards are 1 for every 4 races completed in a series
  - c) 17ft racing, Qualification at 16 finished, one discards every 2 subsequent races, up to a total of 6, i.e., single race discard at 18, 20, 22, 24, 26 race finishes, max 6.
- 14.4. Dinghy Handicap racing has a qualification of 1 for every 3 races completed in a series
- 14.5. RRS rule A4.2 shall not apply. RRS rule A9 shall apply to series other than the Season's Points and Averages.
- 14.6. The number of races in each series is as set out in the club's Racing Schedule. Only one race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

#### **14.7. Season's Points**

- a. 17ft Class
  - i. A 17ft points score will be the aggregate of all points scored in counting races.
  - ii. A 17ft points will be determined by the number of yachts entering the series.
  - iii. Each 17ft starting, finishing, not thereafter retiring, being penalised or given redress shall count 1 point for each 17ft that enters the series, less 1 point for every boat beating her in the race. Each 17ft which starts but thereafter retires or is disqualified shall count the number of starters in that race.
- b. For all other classes of boat
  - i. A boat's points' score will be the aggregate of all points scored in counting races.
  - ii. Each boat starting and finishing and not thereafter retiring, being penalised or given redress shall count 1 point plus 1 point for every boat she beats.
  - iii. Each boat which starts but thereafter retires or is disqualified shall count 1 point.
- c. Ties will not be split.

#### **14.8. Season's Averages**

- a. A boat's average shall be her points as defined at 14.7 divided by the maximum number of points available to that boat in all races which she started, and which were not abandoned, expressed as a percentage to two decimal places.
- b. The minimum number of races to qualify for the averages is 16.
- c. Ties will not be split.
- d. For the purposes of the Prince of Wales Trophy only, a boats average is determined in accordance with 14.7 a) & b) and 14.8 a) .

### **15. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 15.1. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make or receive voice or data transmissions that is not available to all boats, this includes mobile phones. (DP)

## 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 omissions;
- (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;
- (h) *[[If not covered elsewhere in the Notice of Race]* Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least [£3,000,000] against third party claims].





**APPENDIX C Class Flags**

<b>17' Fleet</b>		<b>Flag R</b>	
<b>F15 Fleet</b>		<b>Naval Numeral 6</b>	
<b>Cruiser Fleet</b>		<b>Flag G</b>	
<b>Dinghy Fleets</b>			
	<b>Slow Fleet</b>	<b>Flag A</b>	
	<b>GP14 Fleet</b>	<b>Flag A</b>	
	<b>Fast Fleet</b>	<b>Flag D</b>	
	<b>Junior Fleet</b>	<b>Pennant Number 6</b>	