

STREAKER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2021 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

Racing will take place under the Racing Rules of Sailing 2020-2024 (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA, these sailing instructions and the appropriate Class Rules. In the event of conflict, these Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, within the clubhouse, adjacent to the reservoir plan and communicated to competitors through the official WhatsApp Group.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted at least fifteen minutes before the advertised starting time of the race or races concerned and will be indicated by displaying the international Code Flag "L". When no further changes have been made, the flag will be lowered after the start of the last race of that day.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be hoisted on the Race Control Box flag gantry.

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

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The schedule of races, and the starting times are indicated in the Notice of Race.
- 5.2 When more than one race will be held on the same day, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that another race or sequence of races will begin soon, the postponement signal will be displayed for at least four minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

6 CLASS FLAGS

The class flags shall be the Streaker Class flag.

7 RACING AREA

The racing area is as shown on the Reservoir Plan (Note the limits of Sailing).

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The order of rounding marks shall be displayed on the notice board or on the Race Committee Signal Boat using coloured number / letter boards. A red background signifies a mark to be rounded to port, whilst a green background signifies a mark to be rounded to starboard. A diagram of the course may also be drawn.
- 8.2 The number of laps to be sailed shall be displayed on grey background boards on the Race Committee Signal Boat or on the notice board.
- 8.3 When there is a gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark.
- 8.4 Where a discretionary lead vessel is used, it shall fly flag 'L' and motor ahead of the fleet in the direction of the next mark. The race committee reserves the right to remove the provision of a lead boat at any time. Provision of a lead boat does not infringe Rule 41 and Rule 28.1 still applies.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 Fixed course marks are coloured cylinders numbered 1 to 12. There are 4 further cylindrical marks identified as D (Dam), M (Middle) C (Creek) and F (Farm) plus an orange spherical mark identified as W, which may be positioned as required by the race committee.
- 9.2 Occasional marks used for Inner and Outer distance marks or Outer Starting and Finishing marks, as the race committee may wish to use, will be orange buoys.
- 9.3 The starting and finishing marks will be the race committee signal boat and a buoy, which may or may not be a mark of the course.

10 STARTS

- 10.1 Races will be started by using rule 26.
- 10.2 **Committee Boat Start:** The starting line is defined as the line between the mast bearing the orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and an Outer starting line mark, that may be a rounding mark of the course or an orange buoy, which may not be a designated rounding mark of the course.
- 10.3 **Race Control Box Start:** The starting line shall be an extension of the line between the transit markers on the race control box. The length of the line shall be limited by an outer distance mark, inside which all boats shall pass. There may also be an inner distance mark, outside which all boats shall pass.
- 10.4 A boat starting later than 3 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.

11 CHANGE OF THE POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK

- 11.1 To change the position of the next mark, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position. The change will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the mark may not yet be in the new position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the moved mark may be relocated without further signalling to maintain the course configuration.

12 THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finishing line will be between the mast displaying the blue flag aboard the finishing boat and the finishing mark, which may be a mark of the course or an orange buoy, or, for a shortened course, the nearby rounding mark.
- 12.2 Where the race is finished at the Race Control Box the finishing line shall be an extension of the line between the transit markers on the Race Control Box. The length of the line shall be limited by an outer distance mark, inside which all boats shall pass. There may also be an inner distance mark, outside of which all boats shall pass. Alternatively, the finishing line may be the extension of the line between the transit markers on the Race Control Box and a nearby rounding mark of the course.
- 12.3 When the course is shortened at a gate, a race committee boat near the gate will display flag S and boats shall finish by sailing through the gate from the direction of the previous mark. The finishing line will be between the gate marks. This changes race signal S.
- 12.4 The race committee may also award a finishing position to a boat that is still racing and likely to not finish within the time limit, by displaying to her from a committee vessel (which may be in motion) flag W with one sound signal. A boat so notified is no longer required to sail the course (changing RRS 28.1), shall stop racing and shall return to the starting area, or return ashore if there is no more racing. A boat's finishing position under this sailing instruction will be the position she would have received had she sailed the course and finished within any time limit, without gaining or losing any place. However, when two or more boats that are overlapped are notified, they will be scored as if they were tied.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under rules 31.2 or 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the race office within the protest time limit.
- 13.2 Appendix P will apply.

14 TIME LIMITS

- 14.1 If no boat has passed the first mark of the course within 30 minutes, the race shall be abandoned.
- 14.2 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rules 35, A5.1 and A5.2.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Protest forms are available at the Race Office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 15.2 The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day.
- 15.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitions of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the race office.
- 15.4 Notices of protest by the race committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b)
- 15.5 A list of boats that under instruction 13.2 have acknowledged breaking rule 42 or have been disqualified by the protest committee (or Jury) will be posted before the protest time limit.
- 15.6 For the purpose of rule 64.3(b) the authority responsible is the measurer appointed by the organising authority.
- 15.7 Breaches of instructions 10.3, 13.1, 17, 18.2 and 21 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 15.8 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
 - (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day,
 - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.This changes rule 66.
- 15.9 Decisions of the protest committee (or jury) will be final as provided in rule 70.4.

16 SCORING

- 16.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.
- 16.2 However, DNF and RET will score the number of starters plus one. This changes Appendix A
- 16.3 The Notice of Race contains the number of races that are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.4 Discards will depend on the number of races sailed and are declared in the NOR.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 All boats shall be "checked in" to all races at the time of registration.
- 17.2 Competitors shall not go afloat if the red flag is flying from either the main flag staff in front of the clubhouse, the flag gantry in front of the race control box or the race committee signal boat.
- 17.3 All boats shall immediately come off the water when the red flag is flown from the main flag staff in front of the club house, the gantry in front of the race control box or the race committee signal boat. Attention will be drawn to the flag by sounding four blasts of the klaxon repeated every 20 seconds.

- 17.4 As defined in the SHSC Constitution and Rules, all competitors are advised of the conditions of our lease. ***"No boat shall be sailed within 5 boat lengths on the bank except along the bank immediately in front of the club's dinghy park".***

18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 18.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 18.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the race committee. Requests for substitution will be made to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

20 OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will be marked as belonging to SHSC.

21 SUPPORT BOATS

Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where the boats are racing from the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall, or abandonment.

22 RADIO COMMUNICATION

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

23 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded as indicated in the Notice of Race and/or at the discretion of the Race Committee.

24 RISK STATEMENT

Rule 3 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." By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they have read and accept the Risk Statement in the Notice of Race.

25 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 (two million pounds) per event or the equivalent.

26 COVID 19

- 26.1 The event will be run in line with the UK Governments regulations and RYA guidance in affect at the time of the event.
- 26.2 Guidance will be published on the club website and online notice board.
- 26.3 [DP] Competitors shall adhere to all guidance and signage from the OA.