



**UK Wayfarer National Championships 2020
&
#6 of the Craftinsure National Circuit and Travellers Series**

11th, 12th & 13th September

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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Dabchicks Sailing Club extends a warm welcome to all competitors and invites them to become temporary members for the duration of the event.

Please use and enjoy the club during the Regatta.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, the RYA prescriptions thereto, the current Wayfarer International Class Rules, the Notice of Race for this event and these Sailing Instructions.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the Race Office at Dabchicks Sailing Club.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09.00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the start of the first race of the day will be posted by 20.00 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flag mast at Dabchicks Sailing Club.
- 4.2** *RRS* Race Signals is amended as follows: When flag AP is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1** Races are scheduled as the Notice of Race.
- 5.2** Fleets: The championship fleet will be subdivided into Gold, Silver, and Bronze fleets, which will all race together. The UKWA Racing Secretary will determine the composition of the Gold and Silver fleets based upon the competitors previous performances. The Bronze fleet will consist of novice or cruising competitors. A novice is defined as a competitor who has never previously competed in an area, national or international regatta excluding an event at their home club. The UKWA Racing Secretary reserves the right to promote Bronze fleet competitors to the Silver or Gold fleets based on their performance during the first day of racing.

Fleet allocation guidance:

Gold: A competitor with aspirations of winning the event. Gold fleet participants will generally have a track record of winning an area championships or have a top 10 position in a UK National Championship or a top five position in an inland/circuit series or championship

Silver: An experienced dinghy sailor with aspirations of finishing in the top half of the fleet. A competitor who may have been successful in inland or area championships but has yet to finish in the positions described for the gold fleet

Bronze: A bronze fleet competitor is likely to have a track record of finishing in the bottom half of the fleet or be to be new to dinghy sailing

6 CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1** The class flags will be the Wayfarer logo on a white background.

7 RACE AREA

- 7.1** Races will be held in the waters off Mersea Island.

8 COURSES

- 8.1** The diagrams in Appendix 1 show the courses.
- 8.2** No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the course to be sailed and the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

9 MARKS

- 9.1** Marks 1, 2, 3 and 3A & 3B will be yellow inflatable buoys.
- 9.2** The starting line outer limit mark will be an orange inflatable buoy.
- 9.3** A small inner limit mark, not necessarily on the line, may be laid close to the committee boat.

10 THE START

- 10.1** Races will be started by using Rule 26 with the warning signal given five minutes before the starting signal.
- 10.2** The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Boat and the starting line limit mark.
- 10.3** *RRS A4 & A5* are amended as follows:
A boat starting later than five minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing.

11 BOATS SCORED OCS OR BFD

- 11.1** The sail numbers of boats scored either OCS or BFD may be displayed from a race committee vessel at the first windward mark of each race.

12 CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

- 12.1** A change of course after the start will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the changed mark may not yet be in the new position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the changed mark may be relocated, without further signalling, to maintain the course configuration,
- 12.2** *RRS 33* is amended as follows:
No signals will be made to indicate whether or not a leg has been shortened or lengthened.

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1** The finish line will be between the main mast of the committee boat flying an orange flag and the finish distance mark.

14 TIME LIMITS

- 14.1** The target time for each race shall be 50 minutes and the time limit shall be 90 minutes. Failure to comply with the target time shall not be grounds for redress; this changes *RRS 60.1(b)*.
- 14.2** Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat has sailed the course and finished within the time limit will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. The changes *RRS 35, A4, and A5*.
- 14.3** The Race Committee may, at its absolute discretion, allocate a finishing position to any boat that appears unlikely to finish within the time limit after the first boat has sailed the course and finished. This changes *RRS A3*.

15 PROTESTS

- 15.1** Protest forms will be available from the race office.
- 15.2** Written protests shall be delivered to the race office within the protest time limit.

- 15.3** The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 15.4** A notice will be posted within thirty minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses, together with a schedule of the times of hearings. The inclusion of a competitor on this schedule shall constitute the notice required under RRS 63.2.
- 15.5** Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 15.6** On the last day of the regatta a request for re-opening a hearing shall be delivered:
- a)** Within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day.
- b)** No later than thirty minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.
- 15.7** RRS 62.2 is amended as follows:
On the last day of the regatta a request for redress from a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than thirty minutes after the decision was posted.
- 15.8** The protest committee may award place penalties in place of disqualification.
This changes RRS 64.1

16 SCORING

- 16.1** Scoring will be as the Notice of Race

17 MEASUREMENT AND SAFETY

- 17.1** Measurement and Safety rules are in the event Notice of Race.

18 SUPPORT BOATS

- 18.1** Support boats are not permitted.

19 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 19.1** Except in an emergency, 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.

20 PRIZES & TROPHIES

- 20.1** The following prizes will be awarded by the UKWA:

Smallcraft Trophy – awarded to the helm of the winning boat

Crew's Trophy – awarded to the crew of the winning boat

Lionel Monk Trophy – awarded to the winner of the first completed points race

Aln Trophy – awarded to the winner of the second completed points race

Ian Proctor Trophy – awarded to the winner of the third completed points race

Plymouth Trophy – awarded to the winner of the fourth completed points race

Bill Hodshon Trophy – awarded to the winner of the last completed points race

Wansfell Trophy – awarded to the first lady helm

Pert Platter – awarded to the first husband and wife

Duncannon Trophy – awarded to the first helm and crew with a combined age of ≥ 100 years

Carrick Trophy – awarded to the first double generation helm and crew

Newcomer's Trophy – awarded to the first newcomer

Club Team Trophy – awarded to the club with the best placed three boats

Dick Notley Trophy – awarded to the first youth helm (youth helms must be under 21 years of age on 11th September 2020; they may be crewed by a person aged 21 years or older)

Hartley Boats Trophy – awarded to the first overseas visitor in accordance with NoR 12.2

Idler's Bucket – awarded to the winner of the Practice Race

20.2 Memento prizes will be awarded to the winners of the Gold, Silver and Bronze fleets and otherwise at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

21 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:-

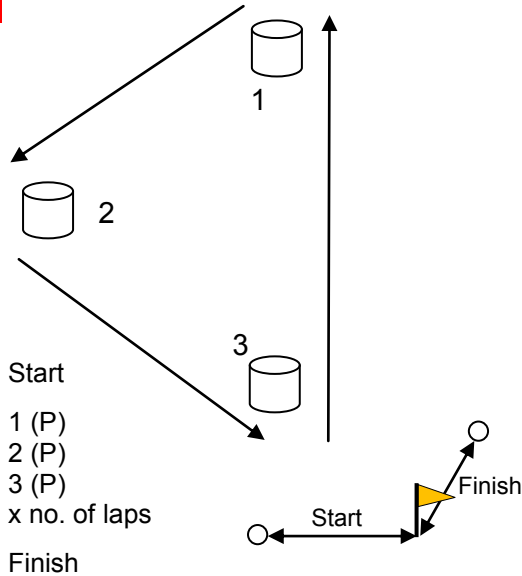
- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their boat and their other property whether 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.

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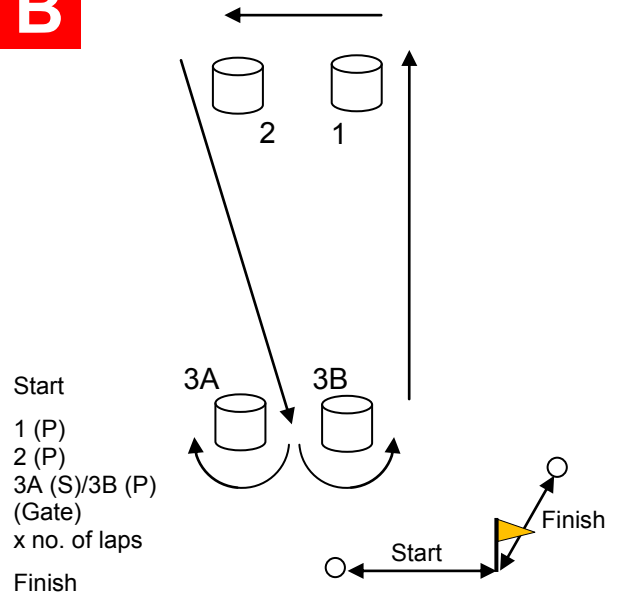


Appendix 1 – Courses and Code Letters

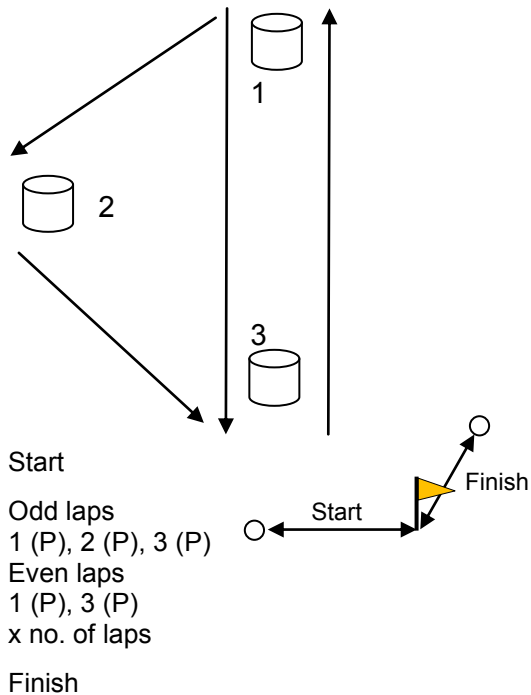
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Notes:

1. Marks 1, 2, 3A and 3B shall be inflatable race marks
2. The no. of laps to be sailed for each race shall be displayed on a course board on the committee boat no later than the warning signal
3. The course diagrams are not drawn to scale and approximate only the angles between different legs of the course; the colours of the marks are not identified

G: gate mark; P: port-hand rounding;
S: starboard-hand rounding