

The Great North Asymmetric Challenge
Bassenthwaite SC 27th – 28th April 2013

Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

- (i) Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- (ii) All boats must display any advertising/bow stickers chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board, located in the clubhouse foyer, at least one hour prior to the race or races concerned.

3. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- (i) Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole next to the clubhouse.
- (ii) All sailors must wear a Personal Flotation Device of at least CE50 Newtons, or equivalent, at all times. International Code Flag 'Y' will not be flown. (This changes RRS40 and the preamble to Part 4)

4. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- (i) There will be a briefing for competitors on Saturday 27th April at 12:00hrs.
- (ii) The warning signal for Race 1 will not be sounded before 12:55hrs on Saturday 27th April.
- (iii) Races 2 – 8 will follow.
- (iv) No warning signal will be sounded before 10:25hrs on Sunday 28th April.

5. COURSES

- (i) The course to be sailed shall be a windward/leeward course. (See Appendix A)
- (ii) The course shall consist of a start / finish gate, a windward mark and a leeward gate.
- (iii) The start finish gate will be positioned upwind of the leeward gate.
- (iv) The windward mark shall be left to port.
- (v) At the end of each downwind leg boats shall sail through the leeward gate and either leave the port leeward mark to port, or leave the starboard leeward mark to starboard.
- (vi) Boats shall pass through the start/finish gate on each upwind leg.
- (vii) Boats are not required to pass through the start/finish gate on downwind legs.

6. MARKS

- (i) The Windward Mark shall be an orange inflatable mark.
- (ii) The Leeward Gate shall be between a Leeward Port Mark and a Leeward Starboard Mark. Both marks will be orange inflatable marks.

7. STARTING

- (i) The warning signal will be International Code Numeral 9.
- (ii) Races shall be started in accordance with RRS 26.
- (iii) The warning signal shall be 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- (iv) Races will be started from the Committee Boat stationed at the starboard end of the start/finish gate.
- (v) Starting signals shall be displayed from the mast of the Committee Boat.
- (vi) The start/finish line will be formed by bringing the mast of the Committee Boat into line with an outer limit mark, displaying International Code Flag Z.
- (vii) An inner limit mark displaying International Code Flag Y will be laid and boats passing between it and the Committee Boat at any time will be liable to disqualification, at the discretion of the Race Committee

8. MOVING MARKS

- (i) Marks of the course may be moved before or during a race at the discretion of the Race Officer.
- (ii) The Race Officer shall attempt to indicate the new position of the mark before boats round the previous mark. (This changes RRS 33).

9. LENGTH OF RACES

- (i) The target time for each race will be approximately 35 minutes.
- (ii) Each race shall continue until the course is shortened.

10. SHORTENING THE COURSE

When the course is to be shortened International Code Flag S shall be displayed accompanied by two sound signals.

11. FINISHING

- (i) When the course is shortened boats shall complete the lap they are currently sailing.
- (ii) Boats shall finish when they next pass through the start/finish gate on an upwind leg.
- (iii) The finishing line shall be between the mast of the Committee Boat displaying a blue flag and the outer limit mark, displaying International Code Flag Z.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

- (i) One and two turn penalties shall apply, in accordance with RRS 44.1 and RRS 44.2. except that:
- (ii) If a boat touches a start or finish mark, when starting or finishing, she shall complete a one turn penalty.
- (iii) Touching a mark (other than a start or finish mark) with any part of the boat or crew does not constitute an infringement. No penalty is required.
- (iv) Manhandling a mark which results in an advantage is not permitted and a boat so doing shall retire promptly.

13. TIME LIMIT

- (i) The Race Officer may terminate a race if no boat sails the course and finishes within 60 minutes.
- (ii) The Race Officer may terminate a race at any time after 30 minutes have elapsed from the leading boat sailing the course and finishing. Boats that have not finished will be scored DNF.

14. SCORING

- (i) One race must be sailed to constitute a series.
- (ii) When fewer than 4 races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores
- (iii) If 4 or more races are sailed a boat's worst score shall be discarded
- (iv) If 7 races or more are sailed a boat's two worst scores shall be discarded.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- (i) Protests must be handed to the Race Officer within forty five minutes of the last boat finishing the last race prior to coming ashore.
- (ii) Protest Forms are available from the Race Office, located in the clubhouse.
- (iii) Protest Hearings will be held in the Race Office, located in the clubhouse.
- (iv) Notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board, within 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- (v) Notice of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b)
- (vi) 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 RRS66).

16. 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"

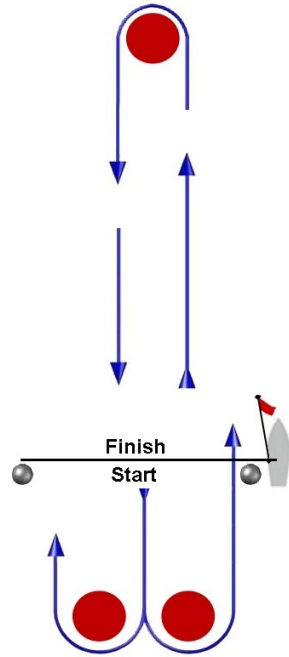
Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

17. INSURANCE

A valid Certificate of Insurance of not less than £2,000,000 must be held by all yachts.

18. MEASUREMENT

- (i) All boats shall comply with the relevant Class Association Rules. Failure to do so may result in disqualification without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.
- (ii) A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the relevant class rules.



APPENDIX A