



The Datchet Flyer 2021

11th – 12th December 2021

The Organising authority: RestartSailing and Datchet Water Sailing Club.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 Competitors shall sail in accordance with the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Racing Charter.
- 1.3 Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Exoneration Penalty and Arbitration will be available.
- 1.4 The notation '[DP]' in a rule in this document means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.
- 1.5 The Racing Rules will be changed as follows:
 - 1.5.1 RRS 40 is changed so that competitors shall wear a personal flotation device at all times whilst afloat, on the pontoons or near the water's edge, except briefly while adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Flag Y will not be displayed. (DWSC By-law). [DP]
 - 1.5.2 Competitors shall wear a Full body wetsuit or dry-suit at all times whilst afloat. These do not constitute a personal flotation device (DWSC By-law). [DP]
 - 1.5.3 RRS 63.7 is changed so that in the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Notice board situated in the ground floor wet bar area.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than 45 minutes before the warning signal of the first race affected, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 18:00 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole located at the south end of the clubhouse.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signals AP.

5 SCHEDULE

5.1 The times below in bold are fixed (subject to RRS procedures), the remaining entries are for guidance only and may vary considerably, including sailing races on different days. Deviation will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a):

5.2 **A Competitors briefing will be held online on Friday 10th December at 19:00hrs.**

	Sat 7th	Sun 8th	Location
Registration	09:00 – 10:30		Downstairs wet bar
Warning Signal for first Handicap Race	11:55		
2 additional Handicap Races back to back	ASAP		
Warning Signal for 100 minute pursuit race		10:55	
Finish of pursuit race		12:35	
Last Permitted Warning Signal		14:00	
Prize Giving	THURSDAY 16TH DECEMBER (1900HRS)		Online

6 RACE FORMAT

6.1 The event will consist of a handicap series and a pursuit race.

6.2 For the handicap series, all boats will race on a single course and be scored together but starts may be split depending on numbers. If split, slower fleets will start first.

6.3 Fleets and Class flags will be displayed on the Official Notice Board and may depend on entries.

6.4 For the Pursuit Race boats will be split into 2 fleets (fast and slow, this may be the same fleets as in the handicap races). The slowest boat in each class will start at the same time at the start of pursuit race, all subsequent boats in that fleet will start at their relevant time compared to the first boat. There will be separate results for each fleet in the pursuit race.

7 RACING AREAS

7.1 The racing area is the Queen Mother Reservoir.

8 THE COURSES

8.1 The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which the mark is to be left.

8.2 During both the Handicap races and the Pursuit race boats shall pass through the "Gate" in the direction shown. No boat shall pass through the "Gate" in the opposite direction.

8.3 The number of laps is not predetermined.

9 MARKS

9.1 Course marks will be either tall orange and/or yellow cylindrical marks

9.2 The "Gate" marks will be a committee vessel displaying an orange flag and a short blue dumpy mark.

9.3 The starting marks will be a committee vessel displaying an orange flag and a staff mark displaying an orange flag.

9.4 The finishing marks will be a committee vessel displaying a blue flag and a short blue dumpy mark.

10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

10.1 Boats shall not pass under the pier. This is an obstruction as defined in the RRS.

11 THE START

- 11.1 The starting line will be between masts displaying orange flags on the starting marks.
- 11.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. The starting area includes the extensions of the start line. [DP].
- 11.3 The orange starting line flag will be displayed with one long sound at least **two** minutes before the first warning signal in a sequence of starts is made.
- 11.4 The starting procedure for all races will use the same sequence as Rule 26 with the following changes to the times. This changes Rule 26.

Mins to Start	Signal	Notes
4	Answering Pennant (AP) removed	Orange Flag Displayed (first start in sequence only)
3	Warning	Class Flag Displayed
2	Preparatory	P, I, Black, U Displayed
1	Preparatory Removed	Rule 30 applies
0	Start	Class Flag Removed, and next class hoisted if more than one start

- 11.5 A boat that does not start within four minutes after her starting signal may be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 11.6 There will be at least one minute between a start signal and a subsequent warning signal.
- 11.7 Pursuit Race**
 - 11.7.1 The committee vessel will display number boards indicating the number of minutes since the start of the race.
 - 11.7.2 Boats shall start when their class start time is displayed on the number boards.
 - 11.7.3 Class start times will be displayed on the Official Notice Board

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 After a mark has been rounded by any boat it will not be moved for the remainder of that race.

13 THE FINISH

13.1 Handicap Races

- 13.1.1 The finishing line will be between the mast displaying a blue flag on the committee boat and the course side of the blue inflatable dumpy mark (the gate).
- 13.1.2 Shortly before the finish, Flag (shape) S will be displayed on the committee boat accompanied by two sound signals. All boats will finish when they next pass through the gate / finish line at the end of their current lap, regardless of the number of laps that they have completed.
- 13.1.3 After crossing the finish line all boats must sail off the racing area and not return until the last boat has finished the race [DP]
- 13.1.4 Boats not crossing a finish line within a reasonable time after a race has finished may be awarded a place based on their position on the water. This reasonable time will be decided by the race committee. This changes RRS rules 35 and RRS appendices A4 & A5.

13.2 Pursuit Race

- 13.2.1 The pursuit race will last for a duration of 100 minutes from the first start, at the expiration of which a long sound signal will be made. Each boat will thereafter finish at the next finish line. After the end of the 100 minute race, but before boats have crossed a finish line, all boats must make every attempt to hold their positions in the fleet. i.e. no overtaking.
- 13.2.2 The finishing line will be either a moving finishing rib displaying a blue flag. Or a committee boat / rib displaying a blue flag and the adjacent mark of the course.
- 13.2.3 After finishing, no boat shall cross any other finish line, if this is unavoidable they must inform the second 'finish line' that they crossed that they had already finished. [DP]
- 13.2.4 Boats having finished must sail clear of the race area by the shortest route avoiding other finishing lines before returning to the beach. [DP]

13.2.5 Trackers will be used to assist in calculating boat positions at the exact finish time of the race.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 Appendix P will not apply.

15 TARGET TIMES

15.1 The target times are as follows:

	Duration
Handicap Races	45 minutes (Target)
Pursuit Race	100 minutes (Absolute)

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1 Protest forms are available at the club office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

16.2 The protest time limit is 40 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

16.3 Notices will be posted no later than 20 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room.

17 SCORING

17.1 Handicap races will be scored on average corrected lap times.

17.2 Corrected times and pursuit start times will be calculated using the Great Lakes Handicap System See <http://greatlakes.org.uk>

17.3 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

17.4 The low point scoring system Points System of RRS Appendix A will apply.

17.5 A boats series score will be the sum of her scores in the handicap series - excluding the worst score if 3 handicap races are sailed - plus double her score in the pursuit race, which cannot be excluded.

18 SAFETY AND TRACKING [DP]

18.1 Competitors will be issued with a tracking device (1 per boat), which must be carried at all times when afloat. Competitors must return the tracking device on coming ashore after the final race of each day by the end of protest time.

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT [DP]

19.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

19.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

20 MEASUREMENT [DP]

20.1 Each boat shall be fully equipped with sufficient buoyancy to enable it to float and to support its crew if capsized or holed (DWSC By-law).

21 ADVERTISING [DP]

21.1 Boats may be required to display advertising in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.

22 OFFICIAL BOATS

- 22.1 All boats assisting with the management or safety of the event will be considered official boats.

23 SUPPORT BOATS [DP]

- 23.1 Support Boats will not be permitted.

24 LITTER [DP]

- 24.1 Litter may be placed aboard support or official boats and shall not be disposed of in the water.

25 BERTHING [DP]

- 25.1 Boats and trailers may be parked on the gravel of the south side of the clubhouse keeping the south launching slipway clear for club keel boats.
- 25.2 All cars will be asked to park down on the lower level unless otherwise instructed by DWSC Officials.

26 NOT USED

27 RADIO COMMUNICATION [DP]

- 27.1 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.
- 27.2 Boats may be required to carry GPS trackers provided by the organising authority.

28 PRIZES

- 28.1 Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the organising authority
- 28.2 **Due to the current Covid 19 situation, the prize giving will be held online.**

29 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 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 vessels, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol vessel 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 briefing held at the venue;

30 INSURANCE

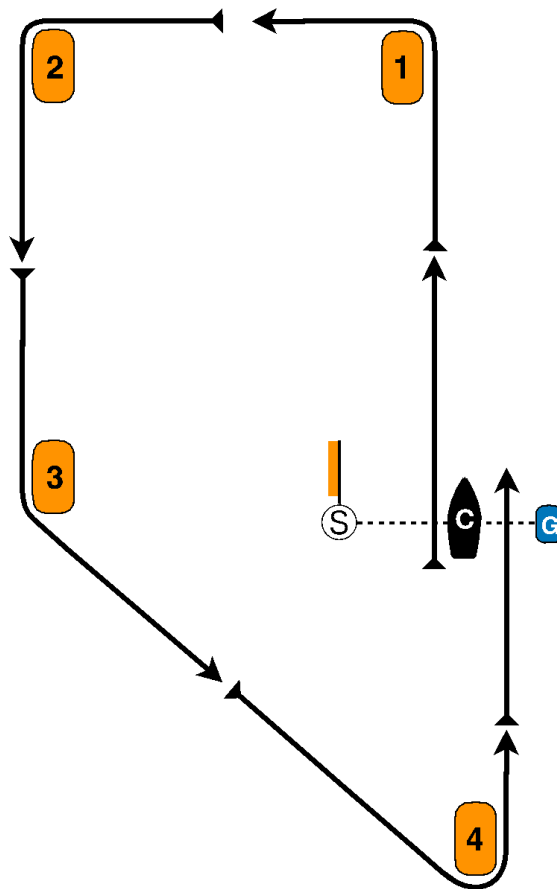
Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

Attachment A - Courses

Handicap Course

Mark Rounding Order

Start – 1p – 2p – 3p – 4p – Cp/Gs



Pursuit Course

Mark Rounding Order

Start – 1p – 2p – 3s – 4s – 5p – 6p – 7p – 8p – Gp/Cs

