

# Sailing Instructions

## King George Gallop

6<sup>th</sup> January 2018

### 1 Rules

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA, and the appropriate class rules, except as any of these changed by these sailing instructions.

1.2 When provided at registration, competitors shall make every reasonable effort to display event sponsors promotional items and bow numbers on their boat as directed in the Event Registration Pack.

### 2. Entries

2.1 Eligible boats may pre enter the event by completing registration on line at [www.sailjuiceseries.com](http://www.sailjuiceseries.com) and paying the appropriate fee (£20.00 single handed, and double handed). For late entries there will be a surcharge.

2.2 Eligibility requirements for boats are that they comply with their current class association rules. Eligibility requirements for competitors are that they are members of an RYA affiliated organization.

2.3 Insurance – all boats shall have a valid certificate of Insurance covering third party risks providing the minimum cover specified in the declaration of insurance (currently set at £2,000,000 for any one incident) which must be signed by all competitors before they go afloat.

### 3. Safety

3.1 Personal Buoyance – adequate personal buoyancy shall be worn at all times whilst on the water. Wet suits and dry suits are not adequate personal buoyancy. This changes RRS rule 40.

3.2 Exposure Proof Clothing – between 1st Nov and 31st April, all persons on the water shall wear exposure proof clothing. For the purpose of this instruction 'exposure proof clothing' shall mean adequate expanded neoprene wet suit or dry suit.

3.3 Competitors are entirely responsible for their own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing reduces this responsibility. It is for competitors to decide whether their boat and its helm and crew are fit to sail in the conditions that they might find. By launching competitors confirm their boat is fit for those conditions and that they are competent to sail and compete in them. Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the owners and/or competitors, nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the event and include the organising authority, race committee, race officer, safety officer, patrol boat personnel and beach masters. The provision of patrol boats does not relieve owners and competitors of their responsibilities.

### 4 Boat Identification

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4.1 All boats shall compete under their registered numbers to comply with RRS rule 77. Exceptions as described in Appendix G3 do not apply for this event.

4.2 Advertising – no restrictions, but all advertising must comply with ISAF regulation 20.

4.3 If provided, bow numbers must be displayed as instructed in the event registration pack and SI 1.2 above.

### 5. Notices to Competitors

5.1 Notices to competitors will be posted in the race box.

5.2 The competitors briefing will take place in the Clubhouse at 10:30 on the morning of Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January we plan to have a recording of a briefing running on a loop in the galley.

### 6. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1 Any change(s) to the sailing instructions will be posted in the race box not less than 45 minutes before the first start on the day.

### 7. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

7.1 Signals ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located at the Race box on top of the Reservoir.

8. SCHEDULE OF RACES It is the intention to run a Pursuit Race on Saturday starting at 12.00 with the first warning signal at 11.55hrs.

9. Class Splits / Flags / Classes will start together as per their Handicap. There will be a 5 minute warning Signal using FLAG Z at 11.55 hrs.

10. Race Area. The racing area is the King George V Reservoir.

11. Race Box is situated at the top of the ramp.

12. Courses. The course will be displayed on the Race Box and explained at the briefing.

### 13. MARKS

13.1 Course marks will be Xp Ys 2s 4s 7p etc. Mark layout will be displayed at the race box. X is a blue barrel Y is an inflatable orange buoy.

### 14 THE START

14.1 The starting line will be between the mast displaying an orange or yellow flag on the Committee boat and a pin end mark displaying an orange or yellow flag

14.2 After the first warning signal has been made; boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting line. After the first start (Toppers) boards with numbers will be displayed from the committee letting competitors know their start time. It is the competitor's responsibility to start on the correct number. Boats shall start when their start time is shown on the start number board on the committee boat. The start number on the board denotes the time since the race started. It should be noted that boats starting an hour after the first starter will be displayed as 1 0 0 on the start board – this denotes 1 hour and 00 minutes.

14.3 The starting procedure for the first class of boat will be as follows:

5 minutes to first start: single sound signal and fleet warning flag Z raised

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4 minutes to first start: single sound signal and flag "P" flown

1 minute to first start: single sound signal and flag "P" lowered

0 minutes: single sound signal and number 00 displayed on the start board.

At every minute a sound signal may be made.

14.4 The fleets and starting numbers will be posted on the official notice board after all entries have been received.

14.5 In the event of Boats being over the Start line, flag Z will be raised to half-mast for 30 seconds. All efforts will be made to inform the OCS boat but if they do not return they will be scored DSQ.

14.6 General recall - in the event of a general recall the 1<sup>st</sup> Substitute will be raised and that start will take place 1 minute after the original start time

### 15 FINISH

15.1 The finish will be sounded by a horn from the race box and a safety boat with a blue flag will drive backwards through the fleet recording positions; all boats must make every attempt to hold their positions in the fleet. i.e. no overtaking.

### 16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS.

16.1 Protest forms are available from the Principal Race Officer. Protests shall be handed to the PRO within the protest time limit.

16.2 The protest time limit is 40 minutes after the last boat has finish sound.

16.3 Notices will be posted within 10 minutes of the expiry of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be heard by the jury in a designated protest room. Parties to each protest are requested to remain in the vicinity.

16.4 Protests will be heard as soon as possible, in approximately the order of receipt. It is the responsibility of the Protestor, Protestee and Witnesses to make themselves available for the hearing.

16.5 RRS rule 66 is changed by adding this sentence; 'On the last day of racing, a party to a hearing may ask for a reopening no later than 10 minutes after being informed of the decision'.

17 SCORING The "Great Lakes SWS" PY numbers will be used in scoring (Starting Times for the event).

### 18 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

18.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

### 19. TRACKERS

19.1 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. Competitors failing to comply with these requirements will receive a scoring penalty for those races effected.

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