



# Sailing Instructions

King George Gallop 16th & 17th March 2019.

King George Reservoir, 3 Lea Valley Rd, London E4 7PX.

Part of the Great British Sailing Challenge.

## 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. If sponsorship promotional items come off whilst racing, competitors must obtain replacement items before the start of racing on the following day (if sufficient stocks are available) and display them in the same way.

## 2 Entries

2.1 Eligible boats may pre enter the event by completing registration on line at <https://enter.sailracer.org/events/enter-series-mobile.asp?eventid=213465>. Late entries will incur a £10 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 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 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

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.

## **5. Notices to Competitors**

5.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board situated in the ground floor wet bar area.

5.2 The competitors briefing will take place in the Clubhouse at 10:00 on the morning of Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

## **6. Changes to Sailing Instructions**

6.1 Any change(s) to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than 30 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.

7.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 20 minutes' in the RRS Race Signals AP.

## **10. Race Area**

10.1 The racing area is the King George V Reservoir.

## **11. Race Box**

11.1 The race box is situated at the top of the ramp.

## **12. Courses**

12.1 The course will be displayed on the Committee Boat or Race Box and explained at the briefing.

## **13. Buoys**

13.1 There are 14 permanent buoys numbered as per the map below and moveable marks x(blue) and y (white)

## **14. The Start**

14.1 The starting line will be between a mast displaying an orange or yellow flag and a pin end mark detailed at the briefing.

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.

## **15 Fleet Racing**

15.1 Start sequence will be 5/4/1/Go. The fleets will be split into fast and slow handicap, the split will be posted at the briefing. Fast handicap will start first, and the start of the fast handicap will be the 3-minute warning for the Slow handicap. In the event of a general recall the fleet will go to the back of the start sequence.

## **16 Pursuit Race**

16.1 Pursuit race boats shall start when their start time is shown on the start number board. The start number on the board denotes the time since the race started. After the first start 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.

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

16.3 In the event of Boats being over the Start line, flag X will stay at half-mast for 30 seconds. Boats that do not return that have started OCS will be scored DSQ.

16.4 The starting procedure for the first class of boat in will be as follows: 5/4/1/Go and fleet warning flag (X) lowered. At every minute a sound signal may be made.

## **17 Finish**

17.1 Fleet race finish will be detailed at briefing

17.2 Pursuit race finish will be either a moving safety boat displaying a blue flag or the race box/committee boat/safety boat displaying a blue flag and an adjacent mark of the course.

## **16 Protest and Requests for Redress**

16.1 Protest forms are available from the Club Office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

16.2 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The actual Time Limit will be posted on the Notice Board at the conclusion of racing.

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 the 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.

