

**FERNHURST BOOKS DRAYCOTE DASH
PART OF THE SELDEN SAILJUICE WINTER SERIES
SATURDAY 4th & SUNDAY 5th JANUARY 2025**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

0. BRIEFING

- 0.1. The competitor briefing will be posted online at least a week before the event on the DWSC and Selden SailJuice Winter Series websites. No briefing will be given at the event.

1. RULES

- 1.1. This event is governed by the rules as defined in the [Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028¹](#).
1.2. Competitors shall sail in accordance with the [RYA Racing Charter](#).
1.3. All competitors are required to wear personal flotation devices while afloat, except while briefly adjusting clothing or personal equipment. **Flag Y will not be displayed.**

2. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 30 minutes before the first warning signal on the day it will take effect and shall be valid for all subsequent races in the series unless notified to the contrary.
2.2. Changes to the schedule of races will be posted by 20.00hrs on the day before it takes effect.

3. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. The official notice board will be [online](#).
3.2. The race office will be the waterside reception and can also be contacted via the [official noticeboard](#).

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1. Competitors and support persons shall comply with all reasonable requests from race officials, club volunteers, marshals and staff.
4.2. All competitors and support persons must abide by the Draycote Water Sailing Club's and Water Authority Regulations. Failing to comply may result in disqualification without a hearing. **This changes RRS 63.**

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be made on the Club flagpole located on the patio in front of the Clubhouse.
5.2. When AP is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the RRS 'Race Signals'. **This changes RRS 'Race Signals'**.
5.3. Competitors should note, signals may be flown from the flagpole in connection to club racing. These will be flown under a club flag.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

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| 6.1. | Not before 1100 | Sat 4 th January | Race 1 warning signal |
| | Asap after Race 1 | Sat 4 th January | Race 2 warning signal |
| | Asap after Race 2 | Sat 4 th January | Race 3 warning signal |

¹ World Sailing RRS 2025-2028

<https://d7qh6ksdplczd.cloudfront.net/sailing/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/23114336/2025-2028-RRS-with-Changes-and-Corrections.pdf>

Asap after Race 3 Sat 4th January Race 4 warning signal
1100 Sun 5th January Pursuit race datum

6.2. 4 races are planned on Saturday 4th January, but fewer may be sailed at the discretion of the race officer.

7. CLASS FLAGS

7.1. Class flags for Saturday 4th January will be:

Start 1: Flag Numeral One
Start 2: Flag Numeral Two
Start 3: Flag Numeral Three

7.2. The class flag for Sunday 5th January will be Flag Numeral One.

8. RACING AREA

8.1. The racing area is Draycote Water.

8.2. Competitors should note club racing may also be taking place on the water.

9. COURSES

9.1. Saturday 4th January: The diagram in 'SI Addendum 1' shows the course, including approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks to be passed and the side each mark is to be left.

9.1.1. The start / finish line will be required to be crossed at the end of each and every lap.

9.1.2. The number of rounds is not predetermined. Competitors (even in the same class) may sail a different number of laps.

9.2. Sunday 5th January: The course will be displayed on the Clubhouse balcony adjacent to the main flagpole.

10. ROUNDING MARKS

10.1. Saturday 4th January: Rounding marks will be large orange inflatable buoys.

10.2.1 Sunday 5th January: Rounding marks will be the club racing buoys (paper maps will be available to competitors for free, waterproof plastic maps will be available for sale for £3.00), a large orange inflatable buoy and other marks as defined on the official notice board.

10.2.2 Where present, boats shall sail between the rounding mark and a boat displaying an orange flag acting as a gate.

11. OBSTRUCTIONS & EXCLUSION AREAS

11.1. Obstructions include:

11.1.2. Within 30 meters of the shore except in front of the club compound.

11.1.3. Fishing boats, whether engaged in fishing or not; this includes the area the line extends from or being cast in.

11.1.4. Rescue boats or committee boats when not displaying defined start or finish signals.

11.1.5 The yellow buoyed area in the South West of the lake.

11.2. Exclusion areas include:

11.2.1. Boats shall not sail at any time within 30 meters of the shore except in an emergency or in front of the club compound.

11.2.2. The pontoon and moorings in front of the clubhouse are only for use by official boats.

11.2.3 Boats may not sail within the yellow buoyed area in the South West corner of the lake (close to marks A and M).

12. THE START

12.1. Saturday 4th January: The start line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag or shape on the race committee boat and a staff displaying an orange flag or shape on the line boat.

12.1.2. Boats who's warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and the triangle formed by the windward mark and the ends of the starting line.

- 12.1.3. The start signals for each fleet will be at three-minute intervals. The warning signal shall be made 3 minutes before the starting signal and the preparatory signal shall be made 2 minutes before the starting signal. **This changes RRS 26.**
- 12.1.4. Boats failing to start within 3 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. **This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.**
- 12.1.5. A race may not be started if, in the opinion of the race officer, there is excessive or insufficient wind.
- 12.1.6. If there is a general recall, the recalled start will be started immediately at the end of the start sequence. The last scheduled start will be the warning signal of the recalled class. If the recalled class is the last class to start, the warning signal for a new start shall be made 1 minute after the first substitute is removed (one sound signal). **This changes RRS 29.2.**
- 12.2. Sunday 5th January: The start line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag or shape on the race committee boat and a staff with an orange flag on a pin end boat or a spherical shaped buoy with an orange flag.
- 12.3. The pursuit race shall be started by using **RRS rule 26** to signify datum except as amended below:
 - 12.3.1. The race is a pursuit race with classes starting according to start times allocated to each class which indicate the minutes from datum that they start – the start time indicates that the class starts that many minutes after datum. The start numbers allocated to classes will be displayed on the official notice board.
 - 12.3.2. A sound signal will be made for each allocated start time when the clock display on the Committee Boat reaches that start time. The starting signal for each class shall be that sound signal.
 - 12.3.3. If the clock display on the Committee Boat breaks down, it will be replaced by an Emergency Number Board which will show the minutes after datum.
 - 12.3.4. A display of the start signals and times may play on the TV screen in the Wet Bar (downstairs) but should only be treated as advisory.
This changes RRS 26.
 - 12.3.5. Boats may not enter the starting area until after the starting signal of the previous start.

13. RECALLS & U / BLACK FLAG

- 13.1. It is the intention that all races will be started using either **RRS 30.3 (U flag) or 30.4 (Black flag)** and therefore no individual recalls will take place. Should flag P be used instead of the black flag then individual recalls will be signalled in accordance with **RRS rule 29.1** except that flag X will be flown for no longer than 30 seconds. **This changes RRS 29.1.**
- 13.2. The attention of competitors is drawn to **RRS 30.3 and 30.4**. No signal will be made that there are boats contravening **RRS 30.3 or 30.4** other than displaying the sail number (last 4 digits) on a board at the stern of the main committee boat where possible. Patrol boats may inform such competitors subject to prevailing conditions at the time but the onus remains with the competitor to retire immediately from that race and not impede boats which have started correctly.
- 13.3. Competitors are reminded that **RRS 30.3 and 30.4** states that “no part of a boat’s hull shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal.” This applies to both the average lap and pursuit race starts where the U or black flag is flown at the preparatory signal.
- 13.4. General recalls will be signalled by the flying of “first substitute” and two sound signals. The “first substitute” will remain flying for no more than 1 minute. **This changes RRS 29.2.**

14. CHANGES TO THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 14.1. The position of marks may be changed during a race in the event of a wind change. Such change will be made only if no boat is sailing towards the mark on that leg of the course. Flag C will not normally be flown to indicate any change, nor will “+” or “-” signs be displayed. **This changes RRS 33.**

15. THE FINISH

- 15.1. Saturday 4th January: The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag or shape on the race committee boat, and a staff displaying an orange flag or shape on the line boat.

- 15.1.2. Shortly before the finish, Flag S will be displayed on the main committee boat accompanied by two sound signals. This is the “about to finish” signal. All boats will finish the race when they next pass through the finish line at the end of their current lap, regardless of the number of laps completed. Their finishing position shall be determined on an average lap basis. (Boats with a Great Lakes Handicap of 1200 or higher may be finished as they cross the finishing line before other boats without displaying a blue flag and Flag S if, in the opinion of the Race Officer, requiring them to complete another lap will significantly delay the schedule of races.)
- 15.2. Sunday 5th January: The finish line will be either a rolling line of two RIBs displaying blue flags **and/or** between (a) committee boat(s) displaying a blue flag and an adjacent mark of the course **and/or** a blue flag on the shore and a mark of the course.
- 15.2.1. The race duration will be 120 minutes after datum and will be signalled by one loud sound signal from one of the rolling RIBs and/or the finish boats on station positioned near rounding marks. This signals the start of the finishing period.
- 15.2.2. In order to be awarded a finishing place, boats must cross a finish line after the finish time and during the finishing period and should continue racing until they have crossed a finishing line.
- 15.2.3. After the finish time, and during the finishing period, boats shall only sail through one finish line. If this is unavoidable, they must inform the second ‘finish line’ that they had already finished. Boats failing to inform may be demoted to the lower finishing position without recourse. **This changes RRS 61.4 (b) (1).**
- 15.2.4. At each finishing position, boats are advised to take note of the class and boat number of the boats immediately in front of and behind them in case of any queries regarding to finishing positions.
- 15.2.5 Trackers may be used to assist in calculating boat positions at the exact finish time of the race.

16. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 16.1. The post-race penalty and RYA arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. The post-race penalty will be 30%.

17. TIME LIMIT

- 17.1. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat of her start finishes (or the finish time for the pursuit race) will be scored “Did not finish” without a hearing. **This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.**

18. HEARING REQUESTS

- 18.1. The Protest time limit will be 30 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or ‘no more racing today’ is signalled by the race committee, whichever is later.
- 18.2. The protest time will be displayed on the official notice board.
- 18.3. Hearing request forms are submitted to the race office.

24. SCORING

- 24.1. One race shall constitute an event.
- 24.2. When 2 or fewer average lap races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 24.3. When 3 or more average lap races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst average lap score.
- 24.4. When run, the pursuit race result will always be included in a boat’s series score.

20. CHALLENGING FINISH POSITION

- 20.1. Challenges to a boat’s finishing position in a race, as recorded in the results, should be made on a Results Query Form, available on the official noticeboard. For the Average lap races these should be handed in to the office no later than datum of the Pursuit race. For the Pursuit race, these should be handed in within 10 minutes of the prizegiving.

21. GPS TRACKING UNIT

- 21.1. Competitors will be required to carry a GPS tracking unit onboard as supplied by the Organising Authority.
- 21.2. Failure to collect and carry a tracker may result in a scoring penalty without a hearing of 10% on the first race of the day sailed calculated as stated in **RRS 44.3(c)**. **This changes RRS 63 and A5.**
- 21.3. Failure to return the tracker within the protest time may also result in a scoring penalty without a hearing of 10% on the last race of the day sailed calculated as stated in **RRS 44.3(c)**. **This changes RRS 63 and A5.**

22. TRASH DISPOSAL

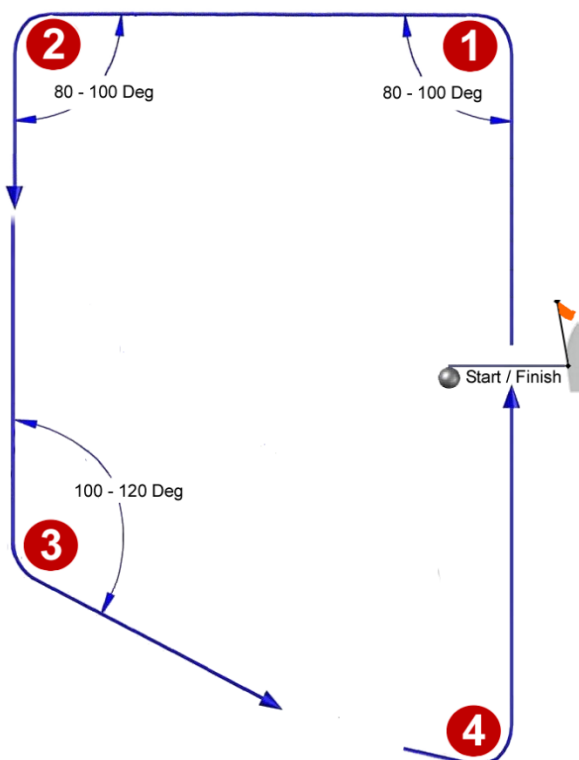
22.1. Trash must not be placed on support vessels and must be carried by competitors until returning to shore.

23. SHALLOWS

23.1. Competitors are advised to check the map under the balcony of the Clubhouse for notification of shallows.

SI ADDENDUM 1

DRAYCOTE DASH COURSE – SATURDAY



Course

Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – Start/Finish

Laps

Until shorten course