



KING GEORGE

SAILING CLUB

King George Gallop 2025
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)
Saturday 18th January 2025

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

1 RULES

1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028*.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 30 minutes before the start of the race it affects.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the clubhouse. Notices may also be posted on the Selden SailJuice Website at [Selden.sailracer.org](https://www.selden.sailracer.org).

3.2 Signals ashore will be displayed from the race box.

3.3 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

4.2 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall handle any equipment and place any advertising provided by the organizing authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag mast in front of the race box.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP.
- 5.3 [DP] Boats may launch under the direction of event volunteers but shall remain tied to a pontoon until Flag 'D' is displayed.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 Three races are scheduled. It is intended that races will be run back-to-back.
- 6.2 The first and last warning signals and time of the briefing are described in the Notice of Race.
- 6.3 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least one minute before a warning signal is made.

7 CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 Fleets may be split into fast and slow handicap. Such fleet splits and their associated class flags will be described in the briefing.

8 RACING AREA

- 8.1 Racing will take place on King George Reservoir. A map of the reservoir with the mark positions may be available from the clubhouse and in front of the Race Box. There is also an image on the [website](#).

9 COURSES

- 9.1 The course will be displayed on the Committee Vessel, or at a shore based starting position. Marks displayed in red shall be left to port and marks displayed in green shall be left to starboard. The letter 'G' on a black background denotes a boat shall sail through a gate at the end of each round. This course will be displayed no later than the warning signal.

10 MARKS

- 10.1 The permanent marks are numbered 1 through to 14. 'X' and 'Y' are moveable marks and are blue and white barrels respectively.
- 10.2 Temporary moveable marks may be of any colour and their locations will vary. Additional information on any such marks used will be described in the event briefing.
- 10.3 The starting and finishing mark will be an orange mark with an orange flag.

11 OBSTRUCTIONS

- 11.1 The following are designated as obstructions:
 - Launching jetties
 - Floating powerboat islands
 - Floating water quality station

12 THE START

- 12.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made five (5) minutes before the starting signal.
- 12.2 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee vessel the staff on the starting mark or another committee vessel.
- 12.3 An alternative starting line will be a line formed by the transit of the central flag mast of the race box and the white diamond in front of it. An outer distance mark, as described in SI 10.3, will be positioned as close as possible to the start line.
- 12.4 [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 12.5 A boat that does not start within four (4) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4, A5.1 and A5.2.
- 12.6 In the event of the fleets being split, the slow handicapped boats will start first with their starting signal the same signal as the warning signal for the fast handicap fleet.
- 12.7 In the event of a general recall, subsequent starts will be delayed.

13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark or the finishing line to a new position.
- 13.2 Marks may be moved by up to 100 m or 10 ° without a signal. This changes RRS 33 and Race Signals.

14 THE FINISH

- 14.1 The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the committee vessel and the staff on the finishing mark or another committee vessel. An alternative finishing line may be used as described in SI 12.3.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1 Appendix T will apply.

16 TIME LIMITS [AND TARGET TIMES]

- 16.1 The Race Target Time, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

Target Time	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
50 Minutes	70 minutes	15 minutes

- 16.2 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points

scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

16.3 Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b).

17 HEARING REQUESTS

17.1 The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

17.2 Hearing request forms are available from the race office.

17.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. The location of any hearings to be held will be described on the notice.

18 SCORING

18.1 The scoring system is as described in Appendix A.

18.2 One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

18.3 A boat's series score is the total of her race scores.

18.4 (a) When fewer than three (3) races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores.

(b) When three (3) races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

19.1 Rule 40.1 applies at all times whilst within the reservoir bowl.

19.2 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

19.3 [DP] Competitors shall comply with all reasonable instructions given by the Race Committee or an event volunteer.

20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

20.1 [DP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.

20.2 [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorised by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

20.3 Where classes have multiple rigs available, competitors shall nominate which rig is being used before racing. Said selection shall be used for all races.

21 - 24 NOT USED

25 TRASH DISPOSAL

25.1 Trash may be placed aboard official or support person vessels.

26 BERTHING

26.1 [DP] Boats shall be kept in any assigned places while in the boat park.

27 NOT USED

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29 PRIZES

29.1 Prizes may be awarded as described in the Notice of Race.

30 RISK STATEMENT

30.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

31 INSURANCE

31.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3 million per incident or the equivalent.

32 GPS TRACKING UNITS

32.1 Competitors will be required to carry a GPS tracking unit onboard as supplied by the Organising Authority. The tracker should be collected from the clubhouse before going afloat and returned there after racing within the protest time limit. Failure to comply with these instructions will result in no Great British Sailing Challenge result. It may also result in a scoring penalty of 10% on the first race of the day sailed without a hearing, calculated in accordance with RRS 44.3(c).

32.2 Failure to return the tracker within the protest time limit may also result in a scoring penalty on the last race of the day as described in 32.1.