



CHEDDAR ALES CHASE @ CHEDDAR
Part of the GREAT BRITISH SAILING CHALLENGE
SATURDAY 9TH & SUNDAY 10TH APRIL 2022

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. RULES:** The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, RYA Prescriptions, Class Rules and these Sailing Instructions.
- 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:** Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the entrance to the clubhouse.
- 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** Any change 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.
- 4. POLLUTION & NON-NATIVE INVASIVE SPECIES:** A disclaimer must be signed before launching for each visiting boat to state that the Check, Clean, Dry programme has been observed prior to **arriving** at Cheddar Reservoir and will be observed afterwards. This is a condition of entry. **Important: All visiting boats must be washed down at rear of club BEFORE launching on first day.**
- 5. DISTINGUISHING NUMBERS:** All boats shall compete under their registered numbers to comply with RRS rule 77. Under exceptional circumstances a boat may be permitted to carry sail numbers or letters in contravention of her class rules provided that written application, stating the circumstances, is made to the Race Committee prior to the event's online registration closing date. If such permission is granted, no further change will be permitted. If a competitor enters with the same sail number as that of another class, the Race Committee might ask to add an extra digit. This will be applied to both sides of the sail in front of the actual number for the duration of the event.
- 6. CLASS:** All competitors shall sail in the class (and version of that class) stated in their entry. Under exceptional circumstances a competitor may be permitted to change their class provided that written application, stating the circumstances, is made to the Race Committee prior to the event's online registration closing date. If such permission is granted, no further change will be permitted.
- 7. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:** Signals made ashore will be displayed on the club flagstaff.

When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes in the race signal AP'.

8. SCHEDULE OF RACES:

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| • Not before 1100 | Sat 9 th April | Race 1 warning signal |
| • Asap after Race 1 | Sat 9 th April | Race 2 warning signal |
| • Asap after Race 2 | Sat 9 th April | Race 3 warning signal |
| • Asap after Race 3 | Sat 9 th April | Race 4 warning signal |
| • 1100 | Sun 10 th April | Pursuit race datum |

There will be a briefing in front of the clubhouse at 10.00 on Saturday 9th April. As well as entering online, competitors must register at the Club before going on the water.

9. CLASS FLAGS: Class flags will be:

- Start 1: Flag Numeral One
- Start 2: Flag Numeral Two
- Start 3: Flag Numeral Three
- Pursuit race: Flag Numeral One

10. EXCLUSION AREAS: Boats are advised not to sail within about 10 metres of the shore except when launching etc. The pontoon in front of the clubhouse is for use only by official boats.

11. THE COURSES:

- Average lap races: The course will be described on the official notice board. The start / finish line will be required to be crossed at the end of each and every lap. The number of rounds is not predetermined.
- Pursuit race: The course will be displayed on the clubhouse balcony adjacent to the main flagpole.

Please note that competitors (even in the same class) may sail a different number of laps in the average lap races.

12. THE MARKS:

- Average lap races: Rounding marks will be large orange inflatable buoys
- Pursuit race: Rounding marks will be the club racing buoys (The course will be indicated on a board in front of the clubhouse and on the race balcony)

13. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS: The following areas are designated as obstructions:

- Safety boats and Committee Boats when not displaying definitive start or finish flags.
- 10 metres from both inlet and outlet towers and all parts of their structures.

14. THE START:

Saturday (Average lap races): The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag or shape on the race committee boat and a starting mark.

- For average lap races 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 rule 26.**

Sunday (Pursuit race): The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the shore or on the race committee boat and a mark.

- The pursuit race shall be started by using RRS rule 26 to signify datum except as amended below:
 - 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.
 - A sound signal will be made for each allocated start time when the appropriate is displayed on the start line reaches that start time. The starting signal for each class shall be that sound signal.
 - The Number Board which will show the minutes to datum with every sound signal before datum and will count up each minute after datum.

This changes RRS rule 26.

Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area, and of all boats whose preparatory signal has been made.

A boat that does not start within 3 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. **This changes RRS A4 and A5.**

A race may not be started if, in the opinion of the Race Officer, there is excessive, or insufficient, wind.

The attention of competitors is drawn to RRS rule 30.4 (Black flag). No signal will be made that there are boats contravening RRS rule 30.4 (Black flag) other than displaying the sail number on a board at the stern of the main committee boat where possible. A safety 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.

Competitors are reminded that RRS rule 30.4 states that “no part of a boat’s hull, crew or equipment 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 black flag is flown at the preparatory signal.

15. RECALLS: It is the intention that all races will be started using RRS rule 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 rule 29.1.**

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. The recalled classes 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 rule 29.2.**

16. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE: 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 rule 33.**

17. THE FINISH:

- Average lap races: The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag or shape on the race committee boat, and a mark. 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.
- Pursuit race: The finishing line will be either a rolling line of two RIBs displaying blue flags and/or between committee boats displaying a blue flag and an adjacent mark of the course and/or blue flags on the shore and a mark of the course.
 - The finish time will be 120 minutes after datum and will be signalled by two loud sound signals from one of the rolling RIBs and the finishing boats or station positioned near rounding marks.
 - In order to be awarded a finishing place, boats must cross a finishing line.
 - After the finish time, boats shall only sail through one finishing line. If this is unavoidable, they must inform the second ‘finishing line’ that they had already finished.

At each finish, 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.

18. TIME LIMIT: 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 rule 35 and RRS appendices A4 & A5.**

19. DECLARATIONS: There is no requirement to sign on, or off, unless declaring penalties or retirement. The declaration sheets are on the official notice board and the standard codes of RRS Appendix A11 will be used.

20. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS: Protests shall be written on forms available at the race office and delivered there within 30 minutes after the time of the last boat’s finish, except when races have been notified to competitors as being run back-to-back. In this case protests for all 'back-to-back' races must be made within 30 minutes of the time the last boat finishes the last race of that back-to-back sequence. The race committee may extend the time limit in exceptional circumstances.

- The exoneration penalty and RYA arbitration procedures of the RYA rules disputes procedures will be available. See the official notice board for details.
- The jury will hear protests in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible.
- **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 30 minutes after being informed of the decision”.

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. SCORING: All racing will be scored using a locally adjusted version of the “Great Lakes” handicap numbers, as used in all the events that are part of the “Selden Sailjuice Winter Series” – see event website for details and event noticeboard.

Anyone competing in a class where there are multiple Great Lakes handicap numbers:

- Must sail with the same configuration / handicap throughout the whole event
- Must provide sufficient information on their entry to identify which number they are sailing under. If they do not, they will be handicapped according to the lower handicap for that class.

Discards will be applied as follows:

- When 2 or fewer average lap races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 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.
- When run, the pursuit race result will always be included in a boat’s series score.

22. SAFETY REGULATIONS: 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 Rule 40.**

All persons on the water shall wear exposure proof clothing. For the purpose of this instruction ‘Exposure proof clothing’ shall mean an adequate expanded neoprene wet suit providing protection from neck to ankle or a dry suit providing watertight cover from neck to ankle.

23. SUPPORT BOATS: No support boats, other than BCYC approved boats, are permitted on the water.

24. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS: 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.

25. PRIZES: Prizes will be awarded as follows:

- Top places up to the square root of the number of entries (rounded down).
- Class prizes: Any individual class (using the same Great Lakes Handicap) or category (Junior helm: under 18; Master: aged 60+; Lady helm) with 6 or more entries will be awarded a prize, not necessarily to the first placed boat.
- Other prizes may be awarded.
- Prizes will not necessarily be awarded to those not at the prize giving.

26. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY: Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race.

The safety of a boat and her entire management, including insurance, shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/person in charge who must ensure that the boat and crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of the regatta. Neither these sailing instructions nor any inspection of the boat limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner/person in charge for the boat, the crew, and her management. Neither the race organisers nor BCYC shall accept any liability for any loss, material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. Moreover, every owner/person in charge warrants the suitability of the boat for the race or races.

27. 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.

28. RESULTS: As part of entering this event your results will be published in the public domain and may be given to the RYA for their Portsmouth Yardstick scheme and to the Class Association. While your results contain personal data, it is normal practice to expect that, when entering an event, your results will be published, and this is a condition of entry. It is therefore part of the contract to provide you with race entry and administration that we will publish the results, which may include such information such as sail number, sailing club, age and gender (if there are age and gender related results).

29. PHOTOGRAPHY: By competing in this event, competitors grant to the organisers without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any non-identifiable motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event and consent to these being published in Class, Club, sponsor and other publications and / or the Class, Club, sponsor or other websites.

30. LOCAL RULES: All sailing, including club racing, is controlled by Bristol Corinthian Yacht Club (BCYC) and may take place only when the club burgee is flying on the flagstaff in front of the clubhouse. The race committee may decide to control the open meeting solely from a committee boat when normal club sailing has been abandoned or sailing is outside normal club sailing times. In this case, the committee boat will fly the club burgee meaning that only open meeting competitors may sail.

All entrants and authorised guests will be deemed to be guests of BCYC during the period of the open meeting and, as such, will abide by all of the club rules and by-laws and may sail only the boat entered for the open meeting.

All entrants and authorised guests shall also comply with the following Water Authority Regulations. We reserve the right to disqualify any competitor without a hearing any competitor who does not comply with these local rules (**this changes RRS 63.1 and A5**):

- No parking of vehicles on any roadways, slipways or grass areas. All vehicles shall be parked in the sailing club main car park. All competitors must follow the instructions of the marshals during unloading, loading and car parking.
- Dogs, other than assistance dogs, are not allowed in the clubhouse.

All competitors must follow the Check, Clean, Dry programme before arriving at the reservoir and commit to following it having left Cheddar before their next launch. All visitors will be required to sign a disclaimer to this effect. **Important: All visiting boats must be washed down at rear of club BEFORE launching on first day.**

31. SHALLOWS: Competitors are advised to avoid the concrete 'apron'.