

Yorkshire Dales Sailing Club

Brass Monkey 2023

Sailing Instructions

1.0 GOVERNANCE

1.1 The racing will be governed by the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 –2024 and these sailing instructions.

1.2 To constitute a race a minimum of 2 boats are required to intend to race at the start signal.

1.3 Competitors are required to sign on for the event at the Registration desk in the clubhouse

BOW STICKERS - See Sailing Instruction 19.2

GPS TRACKERS – See Sailing Instruction 20.0

2.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS / CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Clubhouse South-West window (facing outside)

2.2 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board not less than 30 minutes before the start of the race in which it will take effect.

3.0 PERSONAL BUOYANCY

ISAF Rule 40 [personal buoyancy] applies at all times while afloat.

4.0 CLASS FLAGS

Class Flags will be assigned to fleets A, B, and C.

These shall be rectangular flags bearing the letter A (Fleet A), B (Fleet B), C (Fleet C).

5.0 SIGNALS

5.1 Shore Based Signals

Signals will be displayed on a temporary Flag Staff system on the shore.

5.2 Water Based Signals

Signals will be displayed on the Flag Staff system on the Committee Boat.

Note: In the event of a postponement or abandonment or other reason, the appropriate flags may be displayed on a temporary flagpole in front of the clubhouse. The start sequence will commence no earlier than 15 minutes from the cancellation of any postponement indicated from a shore based signal.

6.0 COURSE INSTRUCTIONS

The course map displayed outside the clubhouse shows the location of the racing area.

The marks of the course are numbered or lettered standard buoys located approximately as indicated on the course map. Larger inflatable pillar buoys may be used in place of one or more of the standard buoys, in the same approximate location, but not numbered / lettered. A further Large Yellow inflatable buoy 'X' may be used in any location. The absence or legibility of a number or letter from any buoy shall not be grounds for redress.

7.0 COURSES

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A Course Diagram may be provided for information only – these instructions take precedence.

7.1 **Courses** will be indicated by displaying boards bearing letters or numbers corresponding to marks of the course, displayed in the order they are to be rounded. Red boards indicate a PORT rounding, and Green a STARBOARD rounding. The boards will be located at the Clubhouse and / or on the Committee Boat. In the event a course change is required, that change may only be displayed on the Committee Boat - which in all cases takes precedence.

7.2 **Laps.** The maximum number of laps will be shown on a black board with white digits.

7.3 **Change of Course**

Should the Race Officer decide to change the course or the Start Location before the STARTING SIGNAL, flag AP will be hoisted and will remain until one minute before the first WARNING signal for that race. The new course will be displayed on the Committee Boat board

8.0 **STARTING RACES .**

8.1 There will be separate starts for fleets A, B, and C. (See Official Notice Board for details of which classes are assigned to each of the fleets)

8.2 Starting sequences will commence with the warning signal for fleet A in accordance with RRS 26. (5,4,1,0).

Signals for Fleets B and C will follow immediately (i.e. the start signal for fleet A will be the warning signal for fleet B and so on)

8.3 Any flags displayed to indicate Starting Penalties (see rule 30) may be displayed from the Warning Signal; this changes RRS 26.

8.4 The race officer may implement Rule 30.4 starts (BLACK FLAG) for any start. If so implemented, the BLACK FLAG may be displayed from the warning signal. Rule 30.4 is amended so that in the event of a start being recalled the race Committee is not required to display sail numbers of boats disqualified before the next warning signal for that race.

9.0 **START LINE**

Starting will be either shore based or water based

9.1 Shore Based start lines will be between a temporary mast on the shore and the outer limit of the start line which will be indicated by a buoy as specified on the course board. An inner limit mark may be set.

9.2 The Water Based start line will be indicated on the course board and be:-

Between the flag mast of the Committee boat displaying an Orange flag, and EITHER a temporary yellow outer distance mark (small pillar buoy) OR the mast on a second committee boat.

10.0 **RECALLS**

10.1 Will be in accordance with ISAF Rule 29 unless rule 30.3 is in operation.

10.2 In the event of a **General Recall**, the fleet recalled shall start 5 minutes after the last fleet, or if they are the last fleet, the original start signal will be deemed to have been the warning signal (5 minutes) for their new start.

11.0 **FINISHING RACES**

11.1 **The Finishing line:**

The finishing line will be indicated on the course board and will be EITHER

Between the Flag Mast of the Committee Boat displaying a blue flag and a nearby finishing mark or

second committee boat, (which may not be a mark of the course except when finishing)
OR at a gate that has been passed through on every lap.

11.2 When going downwind, boats must not go through the gate that marks the end of each lap, or between the committee boat and the finishing mark

11.3 Shortening Course

Races may be shortened at the discretion of the Race Officer as per Rule 32

In addition, a race may be shortened at any time by displaying flag S at the finish line – at which time all boats shall continue to sail the course to complete the lap they are on. This alters rule 32.2

NOTE: IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DEFINITIONS, the direction of crossing the finishing line must be from the previous mark of the course

Boats having finished MUST clear the line round its ends and NOT interfere with boats still racing.

12.0 AVERAGE LAP TIMES

Average lap times will be used for handicap fleets. There will be no redress should this lead to a reversal of race positions as a consequence of boat(s) doing an extra lap or for any other reason.

13.0 TIME LIMITS

At the discretion of the race committee, any boat failing to cross the finish line within 45 minutes of the first boat to finish in the fleet in which they are racing may be deemed to have retired.

14.0 DISPUTE PROCEDURES

14.1 The Exoneration Penalty and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration Procedure of the RYA Disputes and Procedures will be available.

14.2 Protests must be lodged at the Race Office no later than 30 minutes after the finish of the last boat in the last race of the day and a £10 deposit is required (returnable if protest is judged not to be frivolous).

15.0 DECLARATIONS

Boats crossing the finishing line will be assumed to have sailed the race in accordance with the Racing Rules and will NOT be required to sign a declaration. Boats retiring MUST advise the Race Office to that effect within 15 minutes of coming ashore.

16.0 SCORING

The low points scoring system of 'APPENDIX A' will apply

17.0 DISCARDS

There will be no discards

2 races sailed 2 to count. 1 race sailed 1 to count

18.0 HANDICAPPING

Corrected times will be calculated in accordance with the current RYA Portsmouth Yardstick [PY] or [PN] scheme. Yardstick numbers will be the Great Lakes Numbers published on the Sailjuice Winter series website and at Greatlakes.org. Boats without a GLN or PY/PN may be accepted for racing, BUT will be allocated a Yardstick considered suitable by the Race Committee with no right of appeal by the boat or its crew.

19.0 IDENTIFICATION

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19.1 Class Insignia and Sail numbers

All boats must sail under their own class insignia and number as used to enter. Permission to do otherwise must be sought from, and granted by, the Race Committee PRIOR to racing or disqualification may result.

19.2 Hull Identification

Entry numbers will be allocated to all boats. Numbered stickers corresponding to the entry number will be provided and must be affixed to the boats hull on both sides of the bow (immediately below deck line, approximately 100 mm aft of bow).

No redress shall be given if a boats time is not recorded due to non-compliance with this instruction. Non-compliance with this instruction is not grounds for a protest except by the Race Committee.

19.3 Changes to declared crews must only be made with the consent of the race officer, which shall not be unduly withheld.

20.0 GPS TRACKING UNIT: Competitors will be required to carry a GPS tracking unit onboard as supplied by the Organising Authority. The tracker should be collected from the registration area before going afloat and returned there after the day's racing within the protest time. Failure to collect and carry a tracker will result in no Great British Sailing Challenge result. It may also 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 63.1 and A5. 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 63.1 and A5.