

# BRITISH OPEN TEAM RACING CHAMPIONSHIP

FOR THE

## WILSON TROPHY

WEST KIRBY SAILING CLUB  
6th/7th/8th May 2011



### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

#### 1. Rules

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 These Sailing Instructions amend rules 23.1 (*individual recall*), 26 (*starting system*), 29.2 (*general recall*), 32 (*abandonment*), 33 (*changing next leg of the course*), the part 4 preamble, 40 (*personal floatation devices*), 60.1(b) (*right to protest*), 62.1(a) (*redress*), 62.2 (*redress*), 63.1 (*requirement for a hearing*), A5 (*scores determined by a race committee*), D2.4(a) (*additional protest and redress rules when races are umpired*) and D5.1 (*breakdowns*).
- 1.3 Special Rules
  - a. Competitors will be provided with boats that shall not be modified, except the mainsheet may be led from centre or aft. The painter shall not be attached to the mast or boom.
  - b. While on the water, only the helmsmen shall wear team bibs issued at registration.
  - c. Teams shall sail in the order entered on the website or on registration; the first helm shall sail in the lowest numbered boat and so on.
  - d. A boat that is capsized at, or capsizes after, its starting signal shall retire immediately
  - e. When requesting room to tack at an obstruction, the hail must be unambiguous and include both the words 'room' and 'tack'
  - f. Competitors shall report boat damage or breakdown to Race Control immediately on coming ashore.
  - g. Add to rule D5.1 (*breakdowns*): If she cannot continue, she shall retire immediately.
  - h. A registered team shall change only in exceptional circumstances and with the written permission of the race committee. There will be no right to request redress concerning such changes.
  - i. Competitors shall wear an adequate personal flotation device at all times afloat; flag Y will not be displayed.
  - j. The penalty for breaking instructions 1.3(a) (*modifying kit*) and 1.3(f) (*not reporting damage*) will be the deduction of a win by the race committee.
  - k. The penalty for breaking instructions 1.3(b) (*not wearing bibs*), 1.3(c) (*helm/boat order*) and 1.3(i) (*personal flotation device*) will be a £10 fine payable to the RNLI.
  - l. Competitors are obligated to look after the supplied boats. If the race committee observes that a sailor or a team has been negligent in the care of the supplied boats, it may penalise the sailor or team appropriately with any of: a £10 fine payable to the RNLI, the deduction of a half race win without a hearing, the deduction of a race win without a hearing or by making a report to the protest committee. Negligence is defined as any act not appropriate to the careful ownership of a supplied boat. Monetary penalties for any damage incurred by the negligence will be made separately.

#### 2. Prescriptions

- 2.1 The national authority of the venue is the Royal Yachting Association (RYA).
- 2.2 The RYA has prescribed under rule 68 (*damages*): Any claim for damages arising from an incident while a boat is bound by the *Racing Rules of Sailing* shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the courts and not considered by a protest committee. A boat that takes a penalty or retires does not thereby admit liability for damages or that she has broken a rule.

### 3. Notices

The official notice board will be in the portacabin behind race control. It may be replaced for some purposes by nearby display screens or boards.

### 4. Changes to Sailing Instructions

A change will be posted at least ten minutes before the warning signal of the first of the first race to which it applies.

### 5. Signals Made Ashore

Signals ashore will be displayed on a flagpole by race control.

### 6. Format

6.1 At 20.00 on Thursday 5th May, a draw will be made in the Clubhouse for the order teams will be entered into a Swiss League-type format, details of which are in Appendix 1, for the round robin.

6.2 A new round in the round robin will not be started after 12.45 on Sunday and a new round robin race will not be started after 13.45. The best placed teams will qualify for the finals which will be a knock-out competition. Quarter finals will be (first to score two race wins) 1 v 8 (A), 2 v 7 (B), 3 v 6 (C) and 4 v 5 (D). The semi-finals will be A v D and B v C. The winner of a semi-final will be the first team to score two race wins. The final will be sailed in a flight of boats determined by the Race Committee. The winner of the final will be the first team to score three race wins. The team placed highest in the Swiss league will draw for boat colour within the flight. Teams will not swap boats. There will be at least a ten minute interval between the semi-finals and the final.

6.3 A temporary replacement boat in a set of three may not have the same coloured hull, sail or number as the boat it replaces. Any replacement boat may not match the flight in which it is a replacement, but will be obviously different from the opposing team's boats.

6.4 The race committee may change the format.

### 7. Racing Area, Course, Marks and Race Schedule

7.1 Racing will be on the West Kirby Marine Lake.

7.2 Teams will not be mustered. It is competitors' responsibility to be ready to race.

7.3 The course will be a starboard hand "S" course shown in Appendix 2.

7.4 A start boat, buoys and a finish boat will mark the course. Boats will be at the starboard end of their lines.

7.5 The race committee may move marks of the course. Rule 33 (*changing the next leg of the course*) will not apply.

7.6 Spectator boats will fly large pink flags. A spectator boat may anchor on the last leg of the course. Whether anchored or motoring, spectator boats are to be treated as obstructions.

### 8. Starts and Finishes

8.1 Rule 26 (*starting system*) and related Race Signals will not apply.

8.2 In the Start sequence, audible signals will take precedence.

8.3 The race number may be displayed on the committee boat.

8.4 Coloured shapes, representing the colours of the boats in the race, may be displayed on the start boat before the preparatory signal.

8.5 The starting sequence will be:

<i>Signal</i>	<i>Time before start</i>	<i>Sound</i>	<i>Signal</i>	<i>Time before start</i>	<i>Sound</i>
<b>Warning</b>	3 minutes	3 long		5 seconds	1 short
<b>Preparatory</b>	2 minutes	2 long		4 seconds	1 short
	1 minute	1 long		3 seconds	1 short
	30 seconds	3 short		2 seconds	1 short
	20 seconds	2 short		1 second	1 short
	10 seconds	1 short	<b>Start</b>	0 seconds	1 long
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- 8.6 The starting signal of a race will normally be the warning signal for the following race.
- 8.7 Failure to hear a signal shall not be grounds for redress.
- 8.8 The start line will be between the start boat's mast and the nearby mark.
- 8.9 A digital clock may show the time to a start. If not, battens will be displayed, three between the three- and two-minute signals, two between the two- and one-minute signals, and one between the one-minute signal and the start, with a sound at each minute and the start.
- 8.10 No boat shall start more than 2 minutes after her starting signal.
- 8.11 The individual recall signal shall be displayed until all boats are completely on the pre-start side of the line or its extensions, and no later than 1 minute after the starting signal.
- 8.12 A yellow flashing light may replace flag X in Race Signals.
- 8.13 An erroneous OCS call or the failure to hear one shall not be grounds for redress.
- 8.14 An OCS boat that has rounded the first mark shall not return to start.
- 8.15 The finish line will be between the finish boat's mast and the nearby mark.

## 9. Postponement, Recalls and Abandonment

- 9.1 Postponements will be signalled by several short sound signals with an announcement, changing Race Signals. There will not normally be an AP.
- 9.2 The race committee may abandon a race for any reason.
- 9.3 Rule 29.2 (*general recall*) will not apply.
- 9.4 The four minutes in rule 29.1 (*individual recall*) will be 1 minute.

## 10. Umpiring and protests

- 10.1 All races will be umpired, unless an announcement is made.
- 10.2 The ISAF Team Racing Call Book will apply.
- 10.3 A boat seeking redress for an incident in the race area shall display a red flag at the first reasonable opportunity until acknowledged by an Umpire, and inform the Finish Boat.
- 10.4 When the race umpires together with one other umpire decide that a boat has broken rule 14 and there is damage or injury, they may penalise her team half of a race win without a hearing. The boat will be informed as soon as is practical and may request a hearing. Any penalty after a hearing will be in accordance with rule D3.1(c).
- 10.5 The protest committee may protest a boat upon receipt of a report from an umpire after a black flag has been displayed
- 10.6 Protest time limit is ten minutes from coming ashore for competitors and one hour for the race or protest committees. Hearings will be announced.
- 10.7 A hearing may be declined if it is not relevant to progress to the next round.
- 10.8 Right of appeal is denied under rule 70.5(a) (*right of appeal*).
- 10.9 There shall be no request for redress or appeal against the decisions of the Race Committee under rule D.5 (*breakdowns when boats are supplied by the Organising Authority*).

## 11. Scoring

Rules D3 (*scoring a race*) and D4 (*scoring a series*) will apply, modified by instruction 6.1 (*Swiss League*).

## 12. Prizes

- 12.1 The winners will be awarded the Wilson Trophy.
- 12.2 The second placed team will win the Runners Up Salver
- 12.3 The best placed team which does not qualify for the knockout part of the competition will be awarded the Wilson Plate.
- 12.4 An U21 Prize presented for the first time by the Eric Twiname Trust to the best placed team with five or more members U21 on the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2011.

