



CHEW VALLEY LAKE
SAILING CLUB



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

**Topper Open Meeting
Sunday 6th October
Chew Valley Lake Sailing Club**

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(a).

The notation '[DP]' means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 In the case of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the SI's will take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0930 on the day of the event.

3 CODE OF CONDUCT

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

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagstaff adjacent to the race office.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 See Notice of Race 6.
- 5.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed for at least two minutes and may be accompanied by a sound signal, before a warning signal is made.
- 5.5 No warning signal will be made after 15:30.
- 5.6 There will be separate starts for 5.3m, 4.2m and coached fleets.

6 CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 5.3 fleet will use Numeral 1 as the class flag
- 4.2 fleet will use Numeral 2 as the class flag
- Coached fleet will use Numeral 3 as the class flag

7 RACING AREA

- 7.1 The racing area will be confirmed at the briefing.
- 7.2 The sailing area is limited by lines of white buoys which are continuing obstructions for RRS 18 and RRS 19. A boat shall not sail outside this sailing area except in an emergency.
- 7.3 A boat shall launch and come ashore only at the slipways and the adjacent shore unless in an emergency.

8 COURSES

- 8.1 The diagram in Addendum A shows the course, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left for each lap of the course.
- 8.2 Courses may be shortened in accordance with RRS 32.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 The course will be defined by inflatable orange marks.

10 OBSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1 [NP] Competitors should leave a minimum distance of 25m from fishing boats and 50m from shore based fishing. A prohibited zone created by this sailing instruction is an obstruction.

11 THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and an orange flag on the starting mark.
- 11.3 It is the intention to start the 5.3 fleet first. Followed by the 4.2 and then coached fleet. In the event of a postponement or general recall it would normally be the intention to restart the same fleet but competitors should check the class flags in each start sequence.
- 11.4 A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 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 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the committee boat and a blue flag on a buoy.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 RRS 44.1 will apply requiring a two turn penalty.

15 TIME LIMITS

- 15.1 The Mark 1 Time Limit will be 30 minutes.
- 15.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 time limit. The race will be abandoned and can be sailed again.
- 15.3 The time limit will be 60 minutes and the target time is 40 minutes.
- 15.4 Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored according to their observed position on the course, which may be the position at the last mark rounded. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5. See also instruction 13.2.

16 HEARING REQUESTS

- 16.1 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat in that class finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 16.2 Hearing request forms are available from the race office.
- 16.3 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. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at ground floor level at the southern end of the clubhouse.
- 16.4 The right of appeal from a protest committee decision is denied as provided in rule 70.5[(a)][(b)][(c)].

17 SCORING

- 17.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.2 When 4 races are sailed a boat may discard their worst score. This is a change to RRS A.2.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

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

19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 19.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.

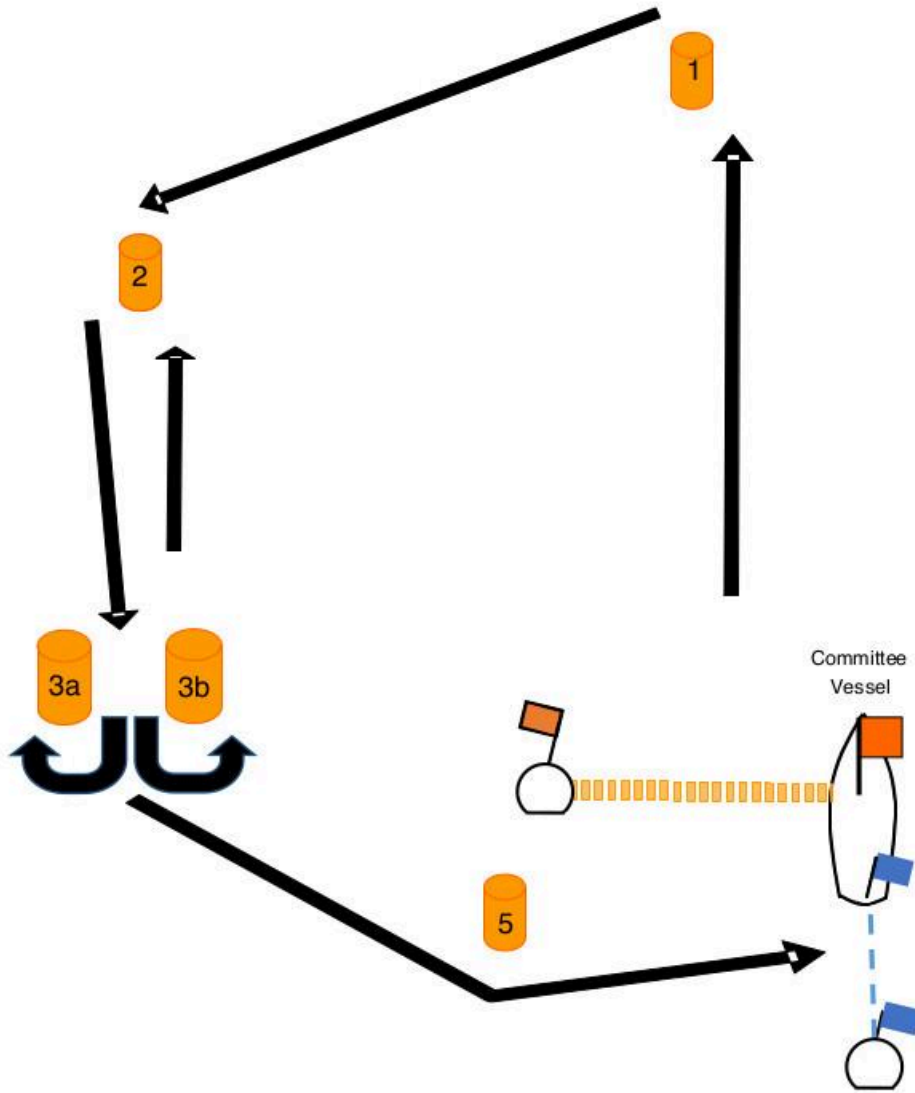
20 RISK STATEMENT

- 20.1 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 water, 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.

21 INSURANCE

- 21.1 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.

ADDENDUM A



Course signal	Course
O1	1(P), 2(P), 3a/b(Gate), 5(P), Finish
O2	1(P), 2(P), 3a/b(Gate), 2(P), 3a/b(Gate), 5(P), Finish
O3	1(P), 2(P), 3a/b(Gate), 2(P), 3a/b(Gate), 2(P), 3a/b(Gate), 5(P), Finish
O4	1(P), 2(P), 3a/b(Gate), 2(P), 3a/b(Gate), 2(P), 3a/b(Gate), 2(P), 3a/b(Gate), 5(P), Finish

If either of gate marks 3a or 3b are missing, then the mark that is laid will be left to port. This changes RRS 34.