



Chew Valley Lake Sailing Club Ltd.

Sailing instructions for Club Events 2019

The Organising Authority is Chew Valley Lake Sailing Club Ltd.

1. RULES

- 1.1. Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA, the appropriate class rules (except where they are modified by these sailing instructions or refer to wind strength) and these sailing instructions.
- 1.2. When the Racing Rules of Sailing do not apply, boats shall navigate according to the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, the rules of CVLSC and the Bristol Water byelaws.
- 1.3. No boat shall go afloat until a rescue boat is manned and the CVLSC burgee is displayed on the main club flagstaff at the head of the jetty.
- 1.4. If displayed, Flag W means: *Wear a wet suit or a dry suit.*
- 1.5. **Laser dinghies competing in all club competitions will be permitted to use replica sails. The Sailing Committee reserves the right to challenge the use of inappropriate sails.**

2. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

2.1 Risk Statement

- 2.1.1. Competitors are entirely responsible for their own safety, whether afloat or ashore and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or, anywhere else reduces this responsibility.
- 2.1.2. It is for the competitors to decide whether their boat is fit to sail in the conditions in which it will find itself. By launching or going afloat, the competitors confirm that the boat is fit for those conditions and that they are competent to sail and compete in them.
- 2.1.3. Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the owners and/or competitors, nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the races and the event, and include Chew Valley Lake Sailing Club, the organising authority, the race committee, the race officer, patrol boats and beach masters.
- 2.1.4. The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities.
- 2.1.5. Each boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £2,000,000.

2.2 Entries

Club Races: A boat shall enter using the Club Signing-on Sheet before the start of the race.

2.3 Sail Numbers

The Race Committee may allow a boat to use a sail number that does not comply with RRS 77, but only in exceptional circumstances and when a request is first made to the Race Officer.

3. SAFETY

All Competitors and other sailors shall wear adequate personal buoyancy when afloat except briefly while changing or adjusting personal clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not adequate personal buoyancy. This adds to RRS 1.2 and changes RRS 40. (Flag 'Y' will not be flown).

4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 4.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board in the Signing on Room.

5. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1. Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board 30 minutes before the first scheduled race on the day it takes effect. A change to the race schedule will be posted 30 minutes before the start of a race affected.

6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 6.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Race Office Flagstaff,.

7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 7.1. Club Series races are scheduled in the CVLSC Sailing Programme unless an amendment is posted on the Official Notice Board. Classes may be started in flights as described on the Notice Board in the Signing on Room or in a Race Officer's briefing.

8. CLASS FLAGS

- 8.1. Class flags will be as stated in the rules of the class, or as described on the Official Notice Board.

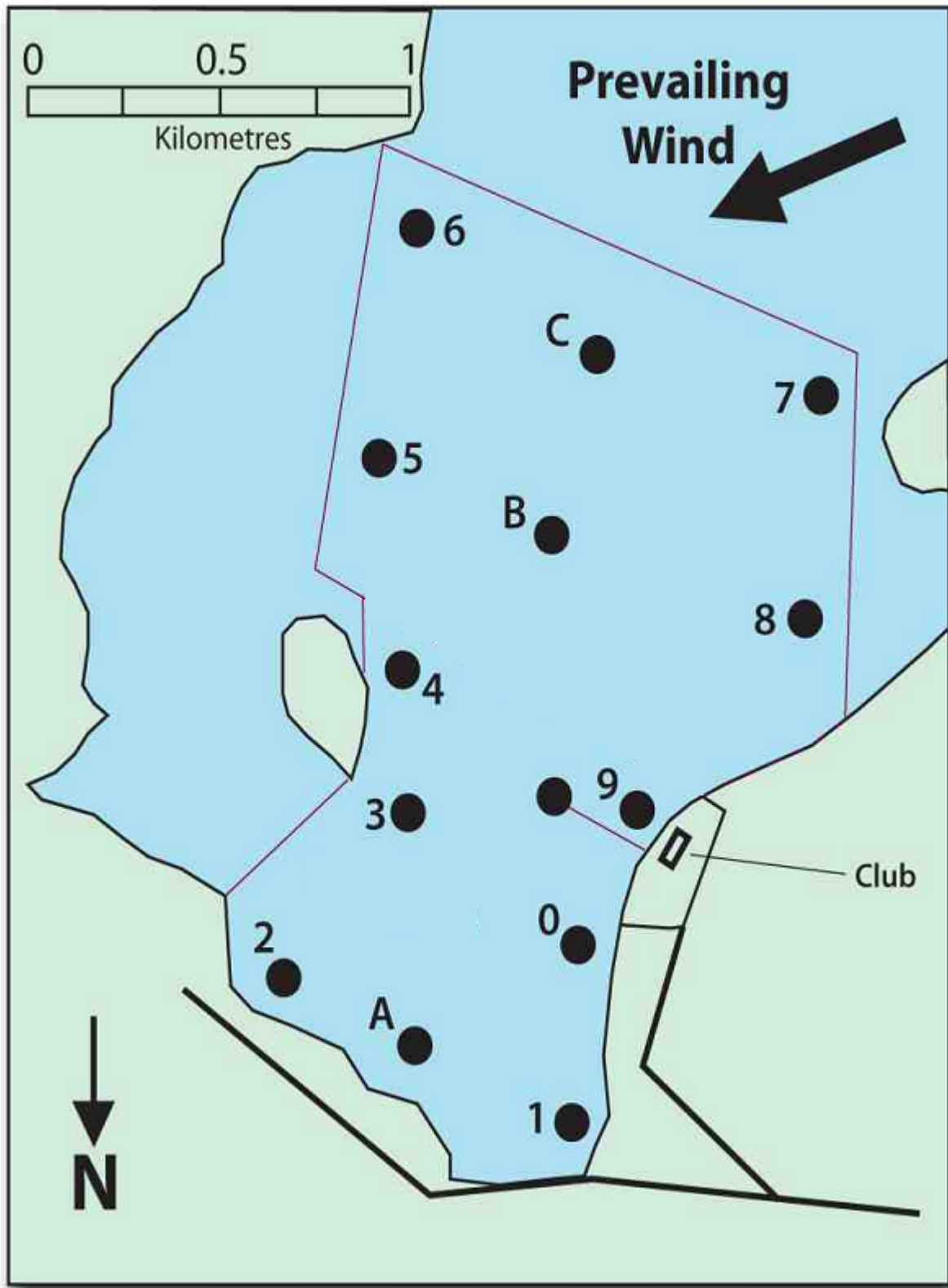
9. SAILING LIMITS

- 9.1. The sailing area is limited by lines of buoys which are continuing obstructions for RRS 19 and RRS 20. A boat shall not sail outside the sailing area at any time, except in an emergency.
- 9.2. A boat shall launch and come ashore only at the slipways and the adjacent shore, unless in an emergency.
- 9.3. A boat shall not sail within 50 metres of a fisherman on the shore, nor within 25 metres of a fishing boat. A prohibited zone created by this Sailing Instruction is an obstruction.

10. THE COURSE

- 10.1. The course will be displayed at the warning signal on the Committee Boat, if used; or on the Race Office Bridge.
- 10.2. The Course will be designated by numbers and/or letters identifying the marks in the order they are to be passed. A red background to a number or letter means: **Pass this mark to port.** A green background means: **Pass this mark to starboard.** The letter G on a white background means: **Gate.** The gate is designated by 2 buoys with blue flags or between a committee boat and buoy displaying a blue flag. A yellow board will designate which course is to be used for each start.
- 10.3. The number of rounds will be displayed with the course. When the shore finishing line is used, the laps are counted from the first time of crossing this line.

- 10.4 If the Race Officer changes a designated course prior to the Warning Signal, Flag C may be displayed with one sound signal. This adds to the meaning of Flag C.
- 10.5 RRS 33, 'Changing The Course After The Start', will not apply. At any rounding mark the Race Committee may signal a change of the direction of the next leg of the course by displaying a red or green flag on or near the mark which began the affected leg, indicating that the direction of that leg lies either to port or starboard respectively of its previous position. The next mark need not be in position when boats start the leg.
- 11. DESCRIPTION OF MARKS**
- 11.1 Marks are spherical buoys (which may have flags), or large inflatable race marks. If using the inflatable race marks, the locations of marks in the diagram at the end of the SIs do not apply.
- 12. THE START**
- 12.1 Races may be started in flights as described on the Notice Board in the Signing on Room. RRS 26 is changed - ***"the start times will be as follows – Warning signal 6 minutes before start, Preparatory signal 3 minutes before start, the R.O. may sound a whistle 1 minute before the start. When starting in flights, the Warning and Preparatory signal for a subsequent flight may be flown at the start signal of the previous flight."***
- 12.2 An orange flag flown from the Race Office Flagstaff means: ***The starting line is a projection of a line formed by the two adjacent red and white poles. Boats shall start between the buoys with blue flags which may not be exactly on the line.***
- 12.3 The Committee Boat starting line is between the mast bearing an orange flag on the Committee Boat and either a buoy with a blue flag or an adjacent course buoy or a boat displaying an orange flag.
- 12.4 A boat whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose preparatory signal has been made. This adds to RRS 24.1.
- 12.5 The second sentence of RRS 29.2, General Recall, is replaced with: ***The Starting sequence for other flights is not changed, and the warning and preparatory signal for the recalled start will be made after all other flights have started, which may be more than one minute after First Substitute is lowered.***
- 13. THE FINISH**
- 13.1 The Shore Finishing Line is the projection through two red and white poles in front of Race office. Boats shall finish between the buoys with blue flags which may not be exactly on the line
- 13.2 The Lake Finishing Line is between the mast on the Committee Boat displaying an orange flag and a nearby course buoy, or buoy bearing a blue flag or a boat displaying an orange flag.
- 14. TIME LIMITS AND SHORTENING COURSE**
- 14.1 The RRS 35 will not apply. In class races, but not in handicap races, a boat that finishes more than 30 minutes after the first boat of that class finishes will be scored Does Not Finish (DNF).
- 14.2 Flag S over Flag N, displayed with three sound signals, means: ***The Race is Terminated. The results are the race order at the end of the last completed round.***
- 15. PROTESTS**
- 15.1 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat finishes. Protest forms are available from the Race office. If back-to-back races are being sailed, the protest time limit will commence when the last boat finishes the last back-to-back race. If Arbitration or an Advisory Hearing is requested the protest time limit is extended to 30 minutes after arbitration or the advisory hearing has finished.
- 15.2 A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2, or rule 31 or 42, may, after finishing the race concerned and before the start of a related protest hearing, notify the race committee that she accepts a 20% scoring penalty as stated in rule 44.3(c), (except that the minimum penalty is two places if that does not result in a score worse than DNF). This penalty may not reverse an OCS score or a disqualification under Rule 30.3. It is not available for a breach of Rule 2, or of Class rules, or for gross misconduct under Rule 69. It is not available to a boat that caused injury or serious damage, or gained significant advantage by her actions. In these circumstances, her penalty is to retire.
- 16. SCORING**
- 16.1 The number of races to count and the number which must be sailed to qualify for a series will be stated in the Sailing Programme: when races are abandoned, the number of races to qualify for the series will be reduced as directed by the Sailing Committee. When a series lasts for more than one weekend, RRS A9 is amended to state ***"A boat that did not come to the starting area will be considered not to have entered the race and will not count a score for this race in the series."***
- 16.2 For Club series racing, points are awarded to the member helming the boat, not to the boat. A competitor wishing to race a different boat without loss of previous points shall write to the Sailing Committee requesting permission.
- 16.3 When a boat cannot race because the person helming her is doing an allocated duty, that person shall advise the Race Officer on the day and will be awarded points for the races concerned, based on the average of the points scored for the other races (including DNFs, DNSs, OCSs, RAFs and DNQs) in the series, (up to a maximum of two such occasions per series).
- 17. RETIREMENT**
- 17.1 When a boat Does Not Finish (DNF) or Retires after finishing (RAF), she shall mark her signing-on sheet accordingly within 20 minutes after the finish of the last boat in her class. If back-to-back races are being sailed, the time limit will commence when the last boat finishes the last back-to-back race.
- 18. PURSUIT RACES**
- 18.1 The starting signal for a class in a pursuit race is the removal of its pursuit number board from the frame. A boat that is not starting, shall not interfere with boats that are starting or have started.
- 18.2 The time of the finish of a pursuit race shall be signalled by a committee boat and positions on the water at that time will be recorded, boats are not required to cross a specific finishing line. Boats should endeavour to maintain their relative positions when the finish signal has been sounded in a Pursuit race until they have been acknowledged by the finishing boat.
- 19. HANDICAP RACES**
- 19.1 Handicap races will be scored using the RYA Portsmouth Yardstick (PY) Scheme (YR2) or PY Numbers as amended by the Sailing Committee. The PY numbers or any change to them will be displayed at least 30 minutes before the start of a race on the Official Notice Board. A boat without a published PY number will be allocated one by the Race Committee.
- 20. RUBBISH DISPOSAL**
- 20.1 Rubbish may be placed aboard support or safety boats. The penalty for breaking RRS 55 is at the discretion of the race management committee and may be less than disqualification.



Red line denotes limits of sailing area