

WEIR WOOD SAILING CLUB

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

SUNDAY 28th March 2010

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Racing Rules

1.1. Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the prescriptions of the RYA except where any such rules are changed by these Sailing Instructions.

2. Entries

2.1. Only those helms completing a registration form as issued by WWSC will be eligible to race.

2.2. Only fully paid up members of Weir wood Sailing Club may helm, guests of members are eligible to crew.

2.3. An efficient buoyancy aid shall be worn by all competitors.

3. Notices to competitors

3.1. Notices to competitors (including changes to these Sailing Instructions) will be posted on the Regatta Notice Board situated outside the Regatta Office.

4. Schedule of races

4.1. Three races are planned; two handicap races (back to back) in the morning and one pursuit race in the afternoon. The afternoon pursuit race is not discardable; one of the two morning handicap races is discardable. Start times (see programme below) may be varied and extra briefings called at the Race Officer's discretion.

5. Racing area

5.1. A reminder from the general club rules. Competitors MUST keep at least 50 metres away from any fishermen on the banks of the reservoir. White buoys mark the beginning of the bird sanctuary at the far western end of the reservoir which is a prohibited area. There may be shallows in the area between buoys two and four; there is adequate depth outside the 50 metre zone elsewhere on the reservoir.

6. Courses

6.1. Courses will be displayed on the committee boat and all main marks are yellow spherical with odd numbered buoys 1 to 7 along the South (slipway) shore and even numbered buoys 2 to 8 along the North (opposite) shore. (Other marks may be used at the Race Officer's discretion an example of which will be shown to competitors during the pre race briefing).

6.2. The Start/finish line will form a gate which must be sailed through on the final windward leg at the completion of **each** lap.

6.3. The number of laps to be sailed will be determined by an overall time limit for each

handicap race of approximately 45 minutes for the first boat to finish
6.4. Due to the wide variation of handicap numbers, a race may be shortened for the slower boats with the faster boats sailing an extra lap.

7. Start Line/Finish line

7.1. The start line (which will also be the Finish line) will be a line between the flagstaff on the Committee Boat and an orange outer distance mark (ODM).

8. Class Flags

8.1. Class flag used for the Warning Signal will be shown to competitors at the briefing.

9. Starting Procedure

9.1. Races will be started using RRS rule 26. The duration or failure of any sound signal will bear no significance.

Mins	Title	Flags	Up/Down	Sound
5	Warning	Class flag.	Up	1 hoot
4	Preparatory	Flag P, I, Z, Z with I, or Black Flag.	Up	1 hoot
1	1 minute to go	All except Class flag.	Down	1 hoot
0	Start	Class flag.	Down	1 hoot

9.3 Individual recalls will be indicated by flying code flag 'X. Accompanied by a second sound signal. (every effort will be made to hail the boat(s) concerned, however it is the responsibility of each helm to ascertain whether they have started correctly)

9.4 A General Recall will follow the standard format of RRS rule 29.2. It will be indicated by the raising of the First Substitute flag accompanied by two sound signals.. The warning signal for the new start will be made one minute after lowering the First Substitute (one sound signal). Due to time constraints the Black flag may be flown following a general recall.

10 Shortening course

10.1 The Race Officer may shorten the course after rounding the last mark of the course, or at any other mark, two sound signals will be made on rounding and flag S displayed on the committee boat.

11 Finishing

11.1 The finishing line will be between the flagstaff on the committee boat the 'start line' ODM or a nearby mark of the course.

12 Time Limit

12.1 A time limit of approximately 45 minutes for the first boat to finish will apply to handicap races. Boats not finishing within 30 minutes of the first boat to finish will be disqualified

13 Protests

13.1 The helm of a protesting yacht shall inform the Race Officer when finishing the race. Protest forms will not be used. Protests will be heard and determined by an ad hoc protest committee either on the slipway or in the regatta office in the clubhouse immediately on coming ashore either at lunch time or after racing.

14 Scoring System

14.1 The Low Point scoring system, RRS Appendix A, will apply.

14.2 Competitors will discard the result of one of the two handicap races, the result of the pursuit race will count towards the final points tally.

RACE TIMES AND PROGRAMME

10:15	Briefing at the Race Hut
11:00	First start of two handicap races sailed back-to-back
13:30	Lunch (Approximate time)
14:15	Start of the Pursuit Race.
17:15	Prize giving in clubhouse