



South Staffordshire Sailing Club



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE MIDLAND TOPPER TRAVELLER 1st OCTOBER 2022

1.0 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The Organising Authority implements the RYA Racing Charter. Competitors shall undertake to sail in accordance with the Charter
- 1.3 Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Exoneration Penalty, Arbitration and Advisory Hearing will be available
- 1.4 The rules and bylaws of South Staffordshire Sailing Club will apply.
- 1.5 In the event of a conflict, the Sailing Instructions take precedence over the Notice of Race.

2.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the entrance foyer

3.0 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any changes in sailing instructions will be posted no later than 15 minutes prior to the warning signal of the race or races concerned.

4.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be hoisted on the flagpole located in front of the clubhouse.

5.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The time of the start of the races will be as stated in the Notice of Race. These times may be changed by the race committee, by signals in accordance with RRS Race Signals.

6.0 CLASS SIGNALS

- 6.1 Class warning signals will be the Topper Class Flag 'T' or the "Topper" Flag (see Attachment 'A')

7.0 RACING AREA

- 7.1 The course area is Lower Pool, Gailey Lea Lane, Gailey

8.0 THE COURSE

- 8.1 The course will be notified by means of coloured number plates displayed from the starting box or committee boat. The colours on these plates will show which way each mark will be taken, i.e. a red 3 shows that No. 3 will be left to port.
- 8.2 The number of rounds to be sailed will be displayed on the board from the starting box or committee boat before the warning signal.

9.0 MARKS

- 9.1 Course marks are red & yellow buoys numbered 1 to 8 in a clockwise direction from the mark nearest the dam in the northwest corner of the pool. All odd numbered marks are red & even numbered marks are yellow.
- 9.2 All marks will be rounding marks
- 9.3 The general location of the course marks is shown in Attachment 'C'
- 9.4 Any mark boat will be advised by the Race Officer by an official notice.

10.0 OBSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1 The buoys marking the prohibited area around the island shall be considered an obstruction to sea room. Boats infringing this area should retire immediately or protest.

11.0 STARTS

11.1 Fixed line starts will be used for all races.

11.2 The starting line shall be between the mast of the starting box or committee boat and an outer distance mark.

11.3 An inner distance mark may be laid adjacent to the starting box or committee boat, which may not be on the starting line. When an inner distance mark is used, any yacht sailing into the triangle formed by this mark and the front and rear of the starting box or committee boat, after the one minute signal, is liable to disqualification without a hearing. The inner distance mark ranks as a start mark and the prohibited triangle formed by this mark and the committee boat/starting box is not an obstruction to sea room.

11.4 Anything permanently or temporarily attached to the committee boat or starting box should be considered to be part of the committee boat or starting box and is not an obstruction to sea room.

11.5 The starting procedure for races will be in accordance with RRS 26.

12.0 CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

12.1 The race committee may move a mark 20 metres in any direction without signalling the change. This amends RRS 33

12.2 When after the race has started a mark of the course is moved more than 20m, a boat will be stationed near the start of the leg affected, and will fly flag 'C' over a red or green flag indicating that the direction of that leg lies either to port or starboard respectively of its previous bearing.

13.0 FINISHING

13.1 The finishing line shall be between the committee boat and the first mark of the course from the direction of the last mark, after sailing the required number of laps. If the course is shortened RRS rule 32 shall apply. 13.2 The Race Officer may shorten course for any reason to facilitate completion of the race. This amends RRS 32. Should the Race Officer shorten course this will not be grounds for redress under RRS 62.

13.3 When a race committee vessel displays flag W (see Attachment 'B') to a boat with two sounds, that boat will be awarded a score equal to her current position in the race. The boat is no longer required to sail the remainder of the course. This changes RRS A5.

13.4 Any helm retiring must notify the Race Committee or the Beach Master within 15 minutes of returning to shore

14.0 PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 Appendix P will apply as changed by SI 14.2

14.2 RRS P2.3 will not apply and RRS P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one.

15.0 TIME LIMITS

15.1 The target time for each race is 40 minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

15.2 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing, unless SI 13.3 applies. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.

16.0 PROTESTS & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS & RYA ADVISORY & ARBITRATION HEARINGS

16.1 If practical, a boat intending to protest shall inform the Race Committee of the boat(s) being protested at the finishing line immediately after finishing. This is in addition to RRS 61.1.

16.2 Protests and requests for redress must be confirmed to the protest committee by within 15 minutes of the last boat finishing. This time limit may be extended at the Protest Committee's discretion. Protest hearings will commence as soon as possible thereafter.

16.3 Notices will be placed on the notice board to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. A written protest or request for redress must be submitted to the Protest Committee by the time of the hearing (Protest Forms will be available).

16.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

16.5 A list of boats that, under SI 14.1 have been penalized for breaking RRS 42 will be posted.

16.6 The Exoneration Penalty and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration procedures of the RYA Rules Disputes procedures shall apply. The outcome of an RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee, but an arbitration cannot be reopened or appealed.

17.0 SCORING SYSTEM

17.1 Appendix RYA A will apply.

17.2 (a) When fewer than three races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

17.2 (b) When three or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17.3 All rigs (5.3, 4.2 & 5.3 reefed) shall be scored as a single fleet, with 4.2 Sails being identified by Race officer to enable Event & 4.2 results.

18.0 SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1 Competitors shall wear a personal flotation device at all times when afloat except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Flag Y will not be displayed. This changes RRS 40.

18.2 All competitors are requested to sail conservatively and make sure conditions are well within their sailing ability both before launching and whilst on the water.

18.3 When the Race Committee considers that a boat, its equipment or crew are not adequate for the existing or anticipated conditions or that a boat or crew is in difficulty, it may instruct the boat and crew not to launch, or to retire or to sail ashore or to accept outside help. The boat and crew shall comply with such instructions without delay. The application of this rule shall not constitute grounds for a claim for redress. This is in addition to Rule 62.1.

20.0 OUTSIDE HELP

Rescue crews are permitted to assist helms who are struggling to right their boat after a capsize. The crew will stand by until it is apparent that assistance is required and then assist in righting the vessel.

Helms may then continue to race as the capsize is viewed as sufficient penalty. The rescue crew will attend and assist in the order that they see the vessels capsize. This changes RRS 41.

20.0-23.0 NOT USED

24.0 TRASH DISPOSAL

24.1 Competitors must retain trash with them and dispose of once they have returned to shore.

25.0-30.0 NOT USED

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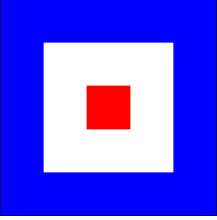
Attachment 'A' - TOPPER Code Flag "T" or



Topper Flag



Attachment 'B' - Code Flag "W"



Attachment 'C' - General Location of Course Marks

