

Starcross Yacht Club

Topper/RS Tera Open Meeting

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Saturday 11th June 2022

Tides:

HW 16:44 - 3.3m

Please read these Sailing Instructions in conjunction with the Notice of Race for this event.

1. Changes to the Sailing Instructions

Any change to the Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be posted no less than one hour before the scheduled start time of the race or races concerned, except that any change to the planned schedule of races will be posted by 2200 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

Changes in the Sailing Instructions will be signalled by displaying flag "L" from the Starcross YC flagpole. Flag "L" will be lowered after the relevant racing has commenced.

2. Signals Made Ashore

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Starcross YC flagpole.

When flag AP is displayed ashore '1 minute', in 'Race Signals' is replaced with 'not less than 15 minutes'. This changes the meaning of AP in RRS Race Signals.

3. Schedule of Races / Racing Area

The race schedule and racing area is defined in the Notice of Race.

All racing will be started using a Committee Boat. The Committee Boat shall be a yacht displaying an orange flag when on station..

On completion of the first and third races, competitors shall return to the Committee Boat area ready for the second or fourth races, which will be started as soon as practicable.

4. Class Flags

The Class flags for each fleet will be as follows:

Topper - Numeral Pennant 1

Tera - Numeral Pennant 2

5. Courses

The courses to be used will be briefed on the day of the event by the Race Committee.

Compass bearings to the course marks will not be displayed.

6. Marks

The marks will be orange cylindrical inflatable buoys. Any changes to the mark descriptions will be briefed on the day of the event by the Race Committee.

7. The Start

The start will be between the Committee Boat mast and an orange inflatable buoy

All races will be started in accordance with RRS rule 26 (5 - 4 -1 - Start). If more than one fleet is racing the start signal for the first start will be the preparatory signal for the next start - and so on.

In the event of a general recall, the fleet will be restarted in sequence, with the Topper start proceeding before the Tera start. A new preparatory signal for the recalled fleet will be made as soon as practicable.

In the event of a general recall, it is likely that the PRO will use a Black Flag start for subsequent starts in accordance with Rule 30.4.

A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored 'Did Not Start' without a hearing. This is a change to RRS A5.2.

8. Change of the Next leg of the Course

The race committee may move any mark up to 100m without signalling the change. This changes rule 33.

For more significant course changes Flag C will be flown from the Committee Boat and safety boats will advise competitors verbally at the preceding mark of the course.

9. The Finish and Shortening Course

The finish will be between the Committee Boat mast and a spherical red buoy.

The race may be shortened from the committee boat using Flag S. All boats will be finished the next time they cross the finish line after flag S is displayed.

10. Time Limits

The target finish time for the first boat is 40 minutes.

The time limit for the first boat to finish in each fleet shall be 60 minutes.

When one or more boats have sailed the course and have finished, a race committee vessel displaying flag W may notify a boat still racing that she will be scored in a place corresponding to her position on the water.

11. Protest and Redress Hearings

Post Race Penalties

A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing or rule 31 may, after finishing the race concerned and before the start of any related protest hearing, notify the race committee that it accepts a Post-Race Penalty. Such a penalty shall be a 30% scoring penalty (SCP) calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c), except that the minimum penalty is three places and the boat shall not be scored worse than the number of boats that came to the starting area. However, if the boat caused injury or serious damage or, despite taking a penalty, gained a significant advantage in the race or series by its breach, its penalty shall be to retire.

When a Post-Race Penalty is accepted: (a) neither the boat nor a protest committee may then revoke or remove the penalty. (b) the boat shall not be penalised further in a protest hearing when the protest committee decides that it was appropriate to the facts found and the applicable rules.

Protests

Protest forms may be obtained from the race office at Starcross YC.

The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day, on that course. This time limit may be extended by the Race Committee if appropriate.

Notices will be posted no later than 15 minutes after the expiry of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties to, or named as, witnesses.

RYA Arbitration

After a protest is lodged, the race committee will offer RYA Arbitration. If the parties and the protest committee agree that RYA Arbitration is suitable, an arbitrator (who may be a member of the protest committee) will call an arbitration. When it is the arbitrator's opinion that a boat that is

a party to the arbitration has broken a rule for which the Post-Race Penalty is available, the party will be invited to accept that penalty and, if all such penalties are accepted, the protesting boat will be allowed to withdraw the protest, changing rule 63.1.

When any of the following conditions apply; (1) a party to the protest does not agree to RYA Arbitration, (2) the arbitrator's opinion is that the Post-Race Penalty is not applicable to the incident, (3) a boat may be entitled to redress, (4) a boat does not accept an offered Post-Race penalty, (5) the protest is not withdrawn, there will be a protest committee hearing.

RRS 66 and 70 (reopening and appeal, respectively) do not apply to an RYA Arbitration since this is not a protest committee decision or procedure.