

Nottinghamshire County Sailing Club – NCSC

TOPPER MIDLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS 8TH & 9TH JUNE 2024 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by 'the rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024.
- 1.2. The rules of Nottinghamshire County Sailing Club will apply unless changed by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.3. All competitors are required to compete in compliance with the RYA Racing Charter.
- 1.4. The event will be designated category C in accordance with ISAF Reg. 20

2. NOTICES FOR COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices will be posted on the notice board in the Club house conservatory outside the Race Office.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the notice board outside the race office no later than 1 hour before the start of scheduled racing on the day it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole near the race office.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 15 minutes' in race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. The schedule of races and number of races to qualify for a series will be published in the Notice of Race.
- 5.2. Extra races may be sailed on the first day, provided the event becomes no more than one race ahead of schedule.
- 5.3. On the last day of the event, no warning signal will be made after 12.00 hours.

6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1. Class Flag to be used will be published in the Notice of Race.

7. SAFETY

- 7.1. Adequate personal buoyancy shall be worn at all times when afloat. This amends Rule RRS40. Neither a wet suit nor a dry suit constitutes adequate personal buoyancy

8. COURSE

- 8.1. The Course will be displayed on the committee boat on a course board, which will display the number of laps, and the order and direction marks are to be rounded.
- 8.2. Letter G indicates a gate. The number on a black background indicates the number of laps.

- 8.3. The Race Officer may change the course before the warning signal by displaying flag L on the committee boat and displaying the new course.
- 8.4. All marks on the course board will be rounding marks
- 8.5. The race area includes the whole lake, with the exception of the small gap between the island and the main shore (see map between marks 6 & 7).

9. MARKS

9.1. Marks are numbered 1 to 10 clockwise around the lake, being alternately yellow (odd numbers) and orange (even numbers). Mark 1 is adjacent to the clubhouse.

9.2. Additional mark W (large orange inflatable) may be used and generally acts as the first windward mark.

9.3. Additional marks A (yellow & orange horizontal bands), X (green and white bands) and T (red white and blue horizontal colours) may be positioned at any location on the lake.

9.4. The Gate G (start line) will always be a mark of the course.

10. THE START

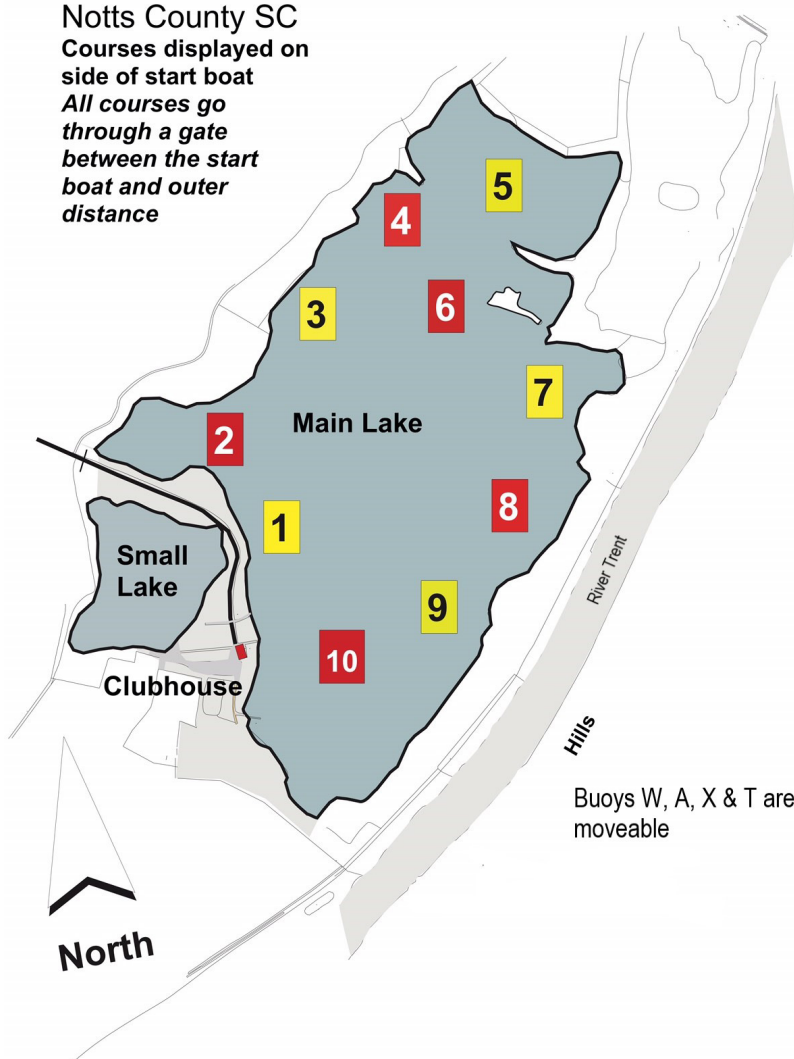
10.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange shape on the committee boat and a yellow hexagonal outer distance mark.

10.2. An inner distance mark may be used. If used, any boat passing between the inner distance mark and the committee boat will be deemed not to have started until she re-rounds either the committee boat or the outer distance mark and crosses the start line.

11. THE FINISH

11.1. The finish line will be the start line or the line between a staff on the committee boat displaying a blue flag and the nearest mark of the course or a boat displaying an S flag and the nearest mark of the course.

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Courses displayed on
side of start boat
*All courses go
through a gate
between the start
boat and outer
distance*



- 11.2. An inner distance mark may be used. If used, any boat passing between the inner distance mark and the committee boat will be deemed not to have finished until she re-rounds either the committee boat or the outer distance mark and crosses the finish line.
- 11.3. At the discretion of the race officer, any competitor unlikely to finish within a reasonable time period of the first boat finishing that race may be finished on the course by a committee boat or safety boat displaying International Code Flag W. Any competitor so finished will score the number of points in accordance to their finishing position in that race. This changes RRS 28.1.

12. TIME LIMITS

- 12.1. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) unless they or any other boats behind them are given a position under SI 11.3. This alters RRS 35.and A4.1. & A5.

13. SUPPORT

- 13.1 While racing, except in an emergency, a competing boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all competitors.
- 13.2 Subject to class rules, recording cameras and tracking devices are permitted, provided that data from such devices cannot be accessed on board when racing
- 13.3 No support teams, including all support persons and support persons' vessels, will be permitted on the water during racing.

14. SCORING

- 12.1 The low point scoring system of Appendix A will apply. Rule A5.3 will apply DNF, RET, BFD, DSQ, NSC and OCS - to score as the number of boats that came to the starting area + 1 in that race.
- 12.2 Competitors who have retired from a race should sign the declaration sheet near the official notice board located in the clubhouse conservatory.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1. Protest forms are available at the race office located just off the conservatory at the front of the clubhouse.
- 15.2. The time limit for protests is within 30 minutes of the last boat finishing the last race of the day or when the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 15.3. Protest hearing times will be posted at least 15 minutes before the time of the protest hearing to inform all parties and witnesses.
- 15.4. On the last day of racing, any request to re-open a hearing shall be made within 30 minutes of the party requesting the re-opening being informed of the protest committee decision. This changes rule 66.
- 15.5. The Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration procedures of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedure will be available. For these purposes an exoneration penalty of 20% shall apply although the final position of a penalised boat shall be no worse than if she had retired. At an informal hearing rules 61.2, 63.5, 63.6 RRS shall not apply.

16. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 16.1.** All boats shall compete under their registered sail number. Requests for substitution of sail numbers shall be made **in writing** to the Race Officer. This changes RRS 77

17. EQUIPMENT OR MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 17.1.** A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with class rules, NOR or SI's.
- 17.2.** Penalties for breaches of class rules shall be at the discretion of the protest committee and will range from no penalty to disqualification.

18. PRIZES

- 18.1.** As detailed in the Notice of Race.

19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 19.1.** Competitors compete in the racing entirely at their own risk (RRS 4). The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during or after the races.

20. INSURANCE

- 20.1.** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000.

21. RIGHTS TO USE NAMES & LIKENESSES

- 20.1** Competitors and / or their Guardians automatically grant to the organising authority (and any party to which they may delegate this right), without payment, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show (including via the internet), motion pictures, still pictures or other form of media, of the event.

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