



BCYC Topper Class Open Meeting 9th July 2023

**Bristol Corinthian Yacht Club at Cheddar Watersports,
Cheddar Reservoir. BS26 2DL**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

All races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA, the rules of the International Topper Class Association, except as any of these are changed by these sailing instructions. The Organising Authority shall be Bristol Corinthian Yacht Club (BCYC).

2 CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- 2.1 Entries. Each eligible boat must enter by using the form provided and submitted with the appropriate fee to the Reception Team before racing.
- 2.2 During the event a substitute crew will only be permitted in exceptional circumstances and with the prior permission of the Race Committee.
- 2.3 Eligibility Each competitor must be a member of the appropriate class association.
- 2.4 Sail Numbers All boats must display their distinguishing numbers and Class emblems as required by RRS 77. Any competitor wishing to sail under numbers other than the registered number of the yacht must obtain the prior permission of the Race Committee.
- 2.5 Personal Buoyancy Adequate personal buoyancy must be worn at all times by all persons going afloat. RRS 40 applies (IC flag Y is not required). Wet or dry suits alone do not constitute adequate buoyancy.
- 2.6 Advertising World Sailing Regulation 20, Advertising Code, applies.
- 2.7 Interference Competitors are reminded that other classes may be taking part in races and are requested to accord all boats their proper rights and courtesies. Attention is drawn to RRS 23 "Interfering with another Boat".

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located inside the main entrance on the right hand side.

4 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Any change to the instructions will be posted not later than 60 minutes before the start of the next race, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 19.00 on the day before it will take effect. It is the responsibility of competitors to check for all changes that have been posted correctly.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpoles on the balcony in front of the club.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP. This changes race signals AP.

6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Four races are scheduled.

7 CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 The Class Flag will be Flag T.

8 THE COURSE

- 8.1 Addendum A shows the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be passed.
- 8.2 The number of laps to be sailed by the 5.3 fleet will be shown on the port side of the Committee Boat. The 4.2 fleet are to sail one lap less than the 5.3 fleet.
- 8.3 The courses to be sailed will be indicated by boards on the side of the Committee Boat.
- 8.4 Shortening Courses on Triangle Sausage Course only (special case) - When the Committee Boat is anchored in its normal position and displays Flag S with two sound signals, the meaning of flag S is changed to: 'The course is changed, and the leeward mark on that lap is the last mark of the course. Pass the mark to port and proceed to the defined finish line to finish'.

9 MARKS

Marks 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be orange pillar buoys. The start and finish marks will be orange dumpy buoys.

10 THE START

- 10.1 The start line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Boat and the starting mark.
- 10.2 There will be a single start for 5.3s and 4.2s.

11 THE FINISH

11.1 The finishing line will be between the mast of the committee boat flying a blue flag and the finishing mark.

11.2 The race committee may give a finishing place to any boat as follows:

- a) The race committee may award a finishing place to a boat by pointing flag W at her with a sound signal. The signalled boat shall be deemed to have finished, and the score awarded shall be the position she occupied at the time of the signal. This changes RRS 28.1 and RRS A5,
- b) Boats finished this way will not have grounds for redress.

12 TIME LIMIT

12.1 Boats not finishing within 30 minutes of the leading boat in their class will be scored DNF.

13 PROTESTS

13.1 Protests shall be written on forms available at the reception desk and delivered there within 45 minutes of the time of the last boat's finish of the day or when racing was abandoned for the day.

14 DECLARATIONS

14.1 Any helmsman who does not finish a race (DNF), or who subsequently retires after finishing (RET) shall sign the form of declaration within 30 minutes of coming ashore. The form will be posted on the notice board inside the Clubhouse. If the form of declaration is not available, then the race officer should be informed. (NB. The signing of a declaration is not required if a boat completes a race correctly)

15 SCORING

15.1 Scoring will be in accordance with RRS Appendix A. Other scores are to be: -

DNF, RET, NSC Number of starters in that race plus 1

OCS Number of starters in that race plus 2

DNC & DSQ Number of starters in the series plus 2

15.2 The number of races to count will be as follows: Three races or less no discard Four races, one discard

16 RISK STATEMENT

16.1 RRS 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone".

Sailing by its nature is an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- (a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;

- (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- (g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules or information produced for the venue or event and to attend any competitors briefing held for the event.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 Buoyancy aids or lifejackets must be worn when on the water.
- 17.2 All visiting boats must be washed down at the rear of the club before going in the water.
- 17.3 Please be aware that the side slopes in front of the club house are steep and can be very slippery when wet. The slopes are less steep and easier to launch from beyond the steel posts either side of the club house.

18 INSURANCE

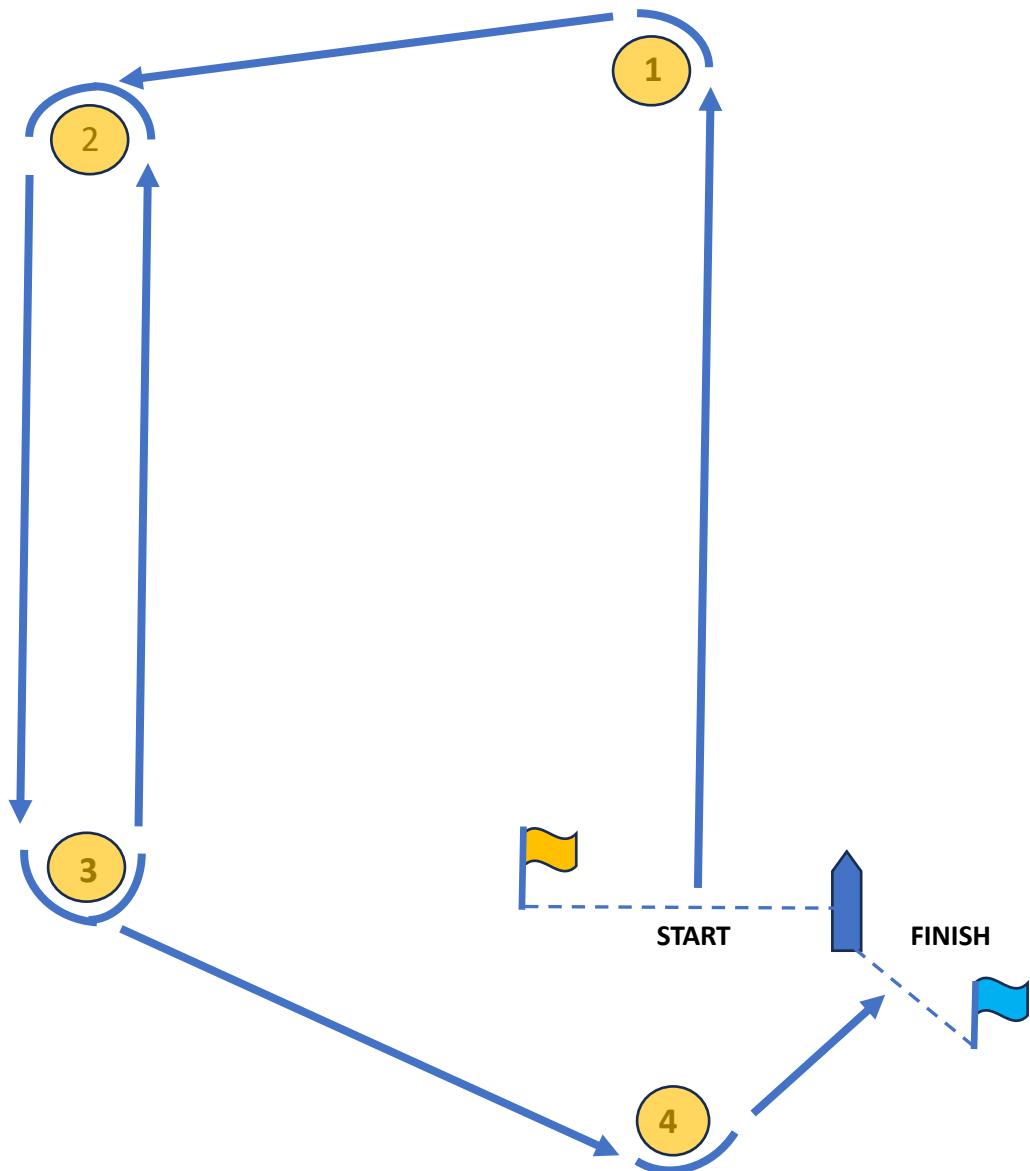
- 18.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 Pounds Sterling per incident or the equivalent.

19 PRIZES

- 19.1 Prizes may be awarded, dependant on entries and at the discretion of the Race Committee, in each class as follows:
First, Second and Third

ADDENDUM A – Courses

Course	OT Trapezoid – Outer Loop
Laps Displayed	Mark Rounding Order
1	1p, 2p, 3p, 4p, Finish
2	1p, 2p, 3p, 2p, 3p, 4p, Finish
3	1p, 2p, 3p, 2p, 3p, 2p, 3p 4p, Finish



Course	TS Triangle Sausage
Laps Displayed	Mark Rounding Order
2	1, 2, 3, 1, 3, Finish
3	1, 2, 3, 1, 3, 1, 2, 3, Finish

