

Stokes Bay Sailing Club

Sailing Instructions

Rooster Southern Topper Traveller

16th June 2024

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. RRS 40 is changed as follows: While afloat, each competitor shall wear a personal flotation device except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- 1.3. RRS 41 is changed as follows: In addition to the exceptions of RRS 41 (outside help), vessels nominated by the Race Committee may provide verbal instructions (coaching) to any competitor near or at the back of the fleet, or any competitor who would likely have been near or at the back of the fleet had they not been provided with help.
- 1.4. Rule A4 and RRS 28.1 are changed so, at the Race Committee's discretion and after the first boat has finished, boats may be awarded points according to:
 - their observed position on the course or
 - their recorded position at a previous mark rounding

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0930 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

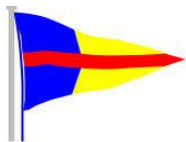
- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the ground floor of the club house.
- 3.2. The race office is located on the top floor of the clubhouse.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- 4.2. [DP] Competitors will behave in accordance with the [RYA Racing Charter](#).

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the clubhouse mast.
- 5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP.



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6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1.



Race no.	Date/Time
Race 1	16th June 2024 (Warning signal 10h55)
Race 2	Shortly after the finish of Race 1
Race 3	Shortly after the finish of Race 2
Race 4	Shortly after the finish of Race 3

6.2. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least one minute before a warning signal is made.

6.3. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 16h00.

7. CLASS FLAGS

7.1. The Class flags are as follows:

Class	Description	Image
Topper 5.3	White flag with Topper logo and red "5"	
Topper 4.2	White flag with Topper logo and blue "4"	

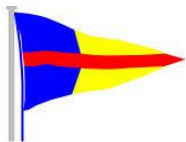
8. RACING AREA

8.1. The racing area is within a 3 nautical mile radius of the Stokes Bay Sailing Club clubhouse.

9. COURSES

9.1. The diagram in SI Addendum A shows the course, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9.2. No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the number of beats of the course. For the Topper 5.3 fleet, the course, "O" for Outer-loop trapezoid course, or "W" for Windward-leeward course, will also be displayed. The Topper 4.2 fleet, the course, "I" for Inner-loop trapezoid course, or "W" for Windward-leeward course, will be displayed.



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10. MARKS

- 10.1. Rounding mark(s) are large yellow or orange inflatable buoys.
- 10.2. The port end starting mark will be either a yellow/orange inflatable buoy or an orange flag aboard a RIB.
- 10.3. The finishing mark F will be a blue inflatable cylindrical buoy.

11. OBSTRUCTIONS

- 11.1. The following areas are designated as obstructions and are prohibited areas:
 - within 50 metres of the Gosport shoreline
 - to the landward side of the line parallel to the shoreline which joins any yellow Prohibited Area buoys (including the yellow buoy off the local inshore rescue service slipway), or its extensions (whether more or less than 50 metres from the shoreline)
- 11.2. No boat shall sail in the prohibited except:
 - if a boat is capsized or disabled or requires attention ashore or is helping those in danger
 - if a boat is sailing to or from the slipway area off the Club

12. THE START

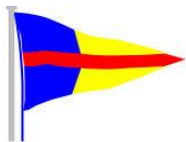
- 12.1. The Topper 5.3 and Topper 4.2 fleets will start separately.
- 12.2. The starting line is between the staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark P.
- 12.3. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 12.4. A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 13.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark or the finishing line to a new position.
- 13.2. Marks may be moved by up to 100m without signaling to the boats. This changes RRS 33.

14. THE FINISH

- 14.1. The finishing line is between the staff displaying a blue flag on the signal vessel at the leeward end and the finishing mark F.



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15. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

15.1. The Mark 1 Time Limit, Target Time, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window for the first boat, are shown in the table below.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Target Time	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
20 minutes	30 minutes	45 minutes	10 minutes

15.2. If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.

15.3. The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes.

16. HEARING REQUESTS

16.1. For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat in that class finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official notice board.

16.2. Hearing request forms are available from the race office, located in the top floor of the clubhouse

16.3. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located in the clubhouse, beginning at the time posted.

17. SCORING

17.1. The Topper 5.3 and 4.2 fleets will be scored separately.

17.2. One race must be completed to constitute a series.

17.3. When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

17.4. When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

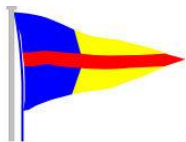
18.1. Competitors will be allocated tally numbers (these will be displayed on the official noticeboard). Competitors are required to take their tally band before they go afloat, wear the tally at all times afloat, and to return the tally promptly on their return to shore. The tally board will be located near the sea-side entrance of the club compound.

18.2. Competitors shall not go afloat until the tallies have been released to competitors

18.3. The race committee may apply a standard penalty without a hearing to competitors failing to tally out or in. Competitors will be invited to make a £20 donation to the Gosport and Fareham Inshore Rescue Service (GAFIRS) as a standard penalty for each infringement. This changes RRS 63.1.

19. [DP] SUPPORT TEAMS

19.1. Support teams, including all support persons and support person vessels, will only be allowed with prior approval of Stokes Bay Sailing Club.



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19.2. Unless in an emergency or instructed by the Race Committee, team leaders, coaches and other support persons shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

20. PRIZES

20.1. Prizes will be awarded dependent on the number of entries after the conclusion of the last race.

21. RISK STATEMENT

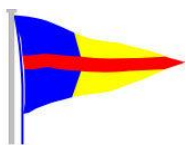
Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.'

Sailing is by its nature 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 organizer 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 and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event;

22. INSURANCE

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



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SI ADDENDUM A - COURSE

Indicated no. of beats	"O" Course (Outer-loop trapezoid)	"I" Course (Inner-loop trapezoid)	"W" (Windward-leeward)
1	1, 2, 3, Finish	1, 2, 3, Finish	1, 4, Finish
2	1, 2, 3, 2, 3 Finish	1, 4, 1, 2, 3 Finish	1, 4, 1, 4, Finish
3	1, 2, 3, 2, 3, 2, 3, Finish	1, 4, 1, 4, 1, 2, 3, Finish	1, 4, 1, 4, 1, 4, Finish

Lengths of legs are not to scale

