

STOKES BAY SAILING CLUB

Rooster Topper Southern Traveller

Saturday 13th July 2019

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the rules of the appropriate class(es) and these sailing instructions (SIs). The event is designated Category 'C'.

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board(s) located at the Clubhouse entrance lobby.

3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the SIs will be posted for 30 minutes before the advertised starting time of the race or races concerned.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be hoisted on the Clubhouse mast.
4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The schedule of races and the times of warning signals are:-

Race 1	12.25 hours
Race 2	following the end of Race 1
Race 3	following the end of Race 2
Race 4	following the end of Race 3

- 5.2 When Flag 'W' is displayed ashore no competitor may go afloat until the signal is removed. No starting signal will be given for at least 30 minutes after Flag 'W' is removed.

6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 The Class flags will be:-

Topper 4.2 – International Code Flag 'D'
Topper 5.3 – International Code Flag 'T'

7. RACING AREA

- 7.1 The course area will be within a 3 mile radius of the Clubhouse.

8. THE COURSE

- 8.1 The course configuration and the order of rounding marks will be as shown in Attachment B.
8.2 If one of two gate marks is missing and has not been replaced as described in RRS 34, then the remaining mark shall be rounded to port. This adds to RRS 34.

9. MARKS

- 9.1 Marks will be orange, yellow and blue inflatable buoys.

10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

See Attachment A.

11. STARTS

- 11.1 Races will be started by using Rule 26. Starts may be amalgamated if entries are low.

- 11.2 The Starting Line will be between a mast displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat and mark 'S' or a mast displaying an orange flag on a RIB at the port end.
- 11.3 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after the starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4 and A5.

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 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. THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between a mast displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee Boat and the blue finishing mark (F).
- 13.2 A boat flying Flag 'F' at a mark and making repeated sound signals, means 'after rounding this mark, boats should proceed directly to the finish line'. The Committee Boat on station at the finish will display flag 'S' with two sounds. This adds to RRS 32.2.

14. TIME LIMITS

- 14.1 The time limit for each race will be 1 hour. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat finishes or within the time limit, whichever is sooner, may be scored Did Not Finish. At the discretion of the race officer, boats may be finished at any time by a hail from a patrol boat and will receive points according to their position on the race course at that time. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

15. PROTESTS & REDRESS

- 15.1 Protest forms will be available from the Race Office situated on the top floor of the Clubhouse. They must be lodged in writing with the Race Office within one hour of the last boat finishing the last race of the day.
- 15.2 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties to a hearing or named as witnesses. It shall be the responsibility of competitors to check the notice board for such notices.

16. SCORING

- 16.1 The low point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.
- 16.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.3 When four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 A tally system will be in operation. Your tally (a yellow wristband) must be collected from the tally board and worn at all times whilst afloat. On completion of (or retirement from) the race, or races where they are held back to back, you must return directly to Stokes Bay SC and replace your tally on the tally board in its correct position. The location of the tally board will be indicated on the Official Notice Board.
- 17.2 DECLARATIONS
Declarations are not required except for boats retiring. This is to be declared on the sheets on the Official Notice Board.
- 17.3 All non-competing vessels (small or large) are to be accorded their rights under the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS). In particular, IRPCAS 9(b) states:

*A vessel of less than 20 metres in length or a sailing vessel** shall not impede the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway.*

**** That means you!**

The racing area may cross or go near a channel, and all commercial shipping is to be treated as being in a narrow channel or fairway.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

18.1 GENERAL

A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility. It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail the conditions in which she will find herself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and her crew is competent to sail and compete in them. The boat

is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £3,000,000 (or its equivalent in any other currency) and such insurance shall be valid for the helmsperson who will be racing her. Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the organising authority, the race committee, the race officer, patrol boats and beachmasters. The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities.

18.2 INSURANCE

No boat shall race unless the boat is currently insured for third party risks to the minimum sum of £3,000,000 (or its equivalent in any other currency) and such insurance shall be valid for the helmsperson who will be racing her.

ATTACHMENT A

Stokes Bay Sailing Club Sailing Instructions

11. SHORELINE PROHIBITED AREA

11.1 No boat shall sail:

- within 50 metres of the Gosport shoreline or
- 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)

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

11.2 The prohibited area is an obstruction for the purpose of RRS Rule 18 and 19.

11.3 The Race Team will monitor the prohibited area and will disqualify any boat seen infringing this Instruction without a hearing (although any boat disqualified may seek redress under rule 60.1).

11.4 The Race Officer may direct a patrol boat to monitor the 50m rule if he deems it necessary

11.5 A boat infringing the prohibited area may also be liable to other penalties under RRS Rule 69 -Gross Misconduct).

11.6 This is a variation to the Racing Rules of Sailing as the Race Officer does not have to raise a protest against a boat seen infringing this rule, in order to disqualify them from the results of that race.