

**Topper Southern Traveller Series** **2019**

**OXFORD SAILING CLUB**

7th September 2019

**Sailing Instructions**

Welcome to Oxford Sailing Club. While you are sailing here you are an honorary member of The Club and are bound by its rules. You should take particular note of the following as contravention risks disqualification from the entire event.

**CLUB RULES**

* No animals are allowed on site. There is a walk around the base of the reservoir from the public car park.
* Vehicles and road trailers must be parked in the designated car park. Unloading near the clubhouse/Reservoir should be limited to 10 minutes when the vehicles and road trailers must be removed to the car park.
* No one may stay overnight on the site and therefore camping and caravans are not permitted. Vehicles may not be left on site overnight.
* Paddling and swimming in the reservoir are not allowed.
* Boats shall keep clear of all Thames Water fixtures and installations, and must remain at least 20 metres from fishermen and fishing boats which may be regarded as obstructions to sea room.

 We wish you good luck and hope you enjoy your sailing at Oxford Sailing Club.

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

# RULES

## Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing(RRS); the prescriptions of the RYA; these sailing instructions; the appropriate class rules (except as altered by these sailing instructions); Oxford Sailing Club (OSC) Rules, regulations and bylaws and any temporary regulations introduced by OSC or Thames Water. All races will be designated Category C.

# ENTRIES

##  **Liability**

### The safety of a boat and her entire management including insurance shall be the responsibility of the owner/competitor racing the boat. The establishment of these sailing instructions in no way limits or reduces the complete responsibility of the owner/competitor for his crew and boat, and the management thereof. Moreover, every owner/competitor warrants the suitability of his yacht and crew for the event.

### The race organisers shall not be liable for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/competitor, his skipper, crew, or guests.

##  **Identification on Sails**

###  Rule 77 governing class insignia, national letters and numbers on sails is amended to the effect that, under exceptional circumstances, the Race Committee may permit a boat to use sails carrying a distinguishing number other than that required.

## **Compliance with Class Rules; Certificates**

###  Boats may be measured before or after any race at the discretion of the Race Committee. This includes the testing of buoyancy.

## **Eligibility**

### All boats shall have insurance cover with a minimum of £2,000,000 third party indemnity.

## **Entry**

### Competitors who have pre registered on the ITCA website must bring the signed declaration form that will be emailed prior to the event. If a competitor has not pre-registered for this event you will be required to complete a OSC Open Meetings declaration

# SAFETY

##  **Personal equipment**

### Adequate personal buoyancy shall be worn at all times when afloat or past the concrete wave walls. Dry or wet suits alone do not constitute personal buoyancy. Flag Y will not be flown.

# COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

## **Notices to competitors**

Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Racing Notice Board found inside the Club House near the doors to the changing rooms.

## **Changes to sailing instructions**

### Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 1.5 hours before the scheduled start of the race and attention drawn to them by displaying IC Flag "L" on the club Flag Mast before the briefing on the day they will take effect.

## **Signals made ashore**

### Signals made ashore will be displayed on the mast situated between the clubhouse and the reservoir.

## **Briefing**

Before the first race a briefing will be held inside, or in front of, the Club House at 1030am

## **Class signals**

### The class flags for the event will be:

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| 5.3 Fleet | Flag T Image result for tango flag |
| 4.2 Fleet | Numeral Pennant 4 =. Image result for numeral pennant 4 |

#  SCHEDULE OF RACES

## The race series are scheduled as in the published NoR and SI’s and any subsequent amendments displayed on the Race Notice Board.

## Four races of 30 minutes are scheduled.

## The scheduled time of the first warning signals will be 11am

## The second race and any subsequent race will be started as soon as possible after the finish of the preceding race.

# RACING AREAS

## The racing area will be on Farmoor Reservoir 2, the larger body of water, directly to the front of the Club House.

# COURSE INSTRUCTIONS

## **Courses**

### The course will be a modified version of the course used for the series. Alternative courses may be advised at the briefing and posted on the official notice board.

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| Course signal |  Course  |
| 1 | 1(P), 2(P), 3(P), 5(P), Finish  |
| 2 | 1(P), 2(P), 3(P), 2(P), 3(P), 5(P), Finish  |
| 3 | 1(P), 2(P), 3(P), 2(P), 3(P), 2(P), 3(P), 5(P), Finish  |
| 4 | 1(P), 2(P), 3(P), 5(P), Finish |
| 5 | 1(P), 4(P), 1(P), 2(P), 3(P), 5(P), Finish  |
| 6 | 1(P), 4(P), 1(P), 4(P), 1(P), 2(P), 3(P), 5(P), Finish |

5

1

4

3

2

Committee

Boat


# Race Course

## The Race courses shall be displayed on the race notice board. The start boat will display the course to be sailed by each fleet. A RED number will indicate the course for the 5.3 fleet. A GREEN number will indicate the course for the 4.2 fleet. The course may be changed for each race.

## **Description of Course Marks**

### Marks 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 are tall orange cylinders. Mark. Any letters on marks may not refer to that mark’s position on the course.

### The start mark will be a tall orange cylinder.

### The finishing mark will be a dan buoy.

### Additional or alternative marks may be used as described on the Official Notice Board.

## **Change of position of Marks during a Race**

### If after a race has started, there is a wind shift, the Race Committee may adjust the course by moving or substituting marks. When the course is changed by substitution of a mark, a boat will be stationed near the start of the first leg affected and will fly flag C. She will draw attention to this by making intermittent sound signals. In alteration of rule 33, the compass bearing of the new mark will not be displayed.

# THE START

## **Starting line**

### The starting line is defined as the line between the forward mast of the Start Boat, and the start mark.

## Races will be started in accordance with rule 26.

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| **Title** | **Minutes Before Starting Signal** | **Flag & Sound** |
| Warning | 5 minutes | Class Flag ;Displayed 1 sound signal |
| Preparatory | 4 minutes | Either Flag P, I, U or Black Flag ;Displayed1 sound signal |
| 1 minute period | 1 minute | Either Flag P, I, U, or Black Removed and one long soundsignal |
| Starting | 0 minute | Class Flag Removed ; 1 sound signal |

P Flag  I Flag  Black Flag  U Flag

## The start for one class may be at the same time as the warning signal for the subsequent class. If there is a General Recall, then the subsequent classes’ start will be delayed in order to maintain the start sequence.

## Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep at least 50m clear of the starting area.

## A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.1.

# THE FINISH

## **Finishing Lines**

### The finishing line will be between the mast displaying a blue flag aboard the finish boat and the dan buoy.

## **Time Limit**

### The time limit for the leader in each race will be 30 Minutes. Any boat not finishing within 20minutes of the leading boat or within the time limit, whichever is earlier will be scored ‘Did not finish. The Race Officer may extend this time limit at his discretion. The end of the finishing period will be signalled by the lowering of the blue flag with one sound signal.

##  Alternative Finishing Line

###  In addition to the procedure for shortening course in RRS 32, the race committee may also award a finishing position to a boat that is still racing by displaying to her from a committee vessel (which may be in motion) flag W with one sound signal. A boat so notified is no longer required to sail the course (changing RRS 28.1), shall stop racing and shall return to the starting area, or return ashore if there is no more racing. A boat’s finishing position under this sailing instruction will be the position she would have received had she sailed the course and finished within any time limit, without gaining or losing



# PROTESTS

## Protests shall be written on the forms available from reception and lodged there within 30 minutes of the last boat’s coming ashore. When races are sailed without a break, this may be after the last race of the day.

## The Protest Committee will meet as soon as possible after the day’s racing.

# SCORING SYSTEM

## A discard will be allowed if three or more races are sailed.