

WIGAN SAILING CLUB

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2009-2012 RULES

1. Rules

1.1 All races will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the racing rules of sailing and prescriptions of the RYA and Class rules (except as any of these may be altered by these sailing instructions) and by these sailing instructions.

1.2 Under rule 86.1(b), in the definition **Zone the distance is changed to two hull lengths**

2. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be displayed on or adjacent to the course board.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 15 minutes before the start of any race affected by such change.

4. Signals made ashore

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the club flagstaff.

5. Schedule of Races

For Open meetings the first race is scheduled to start at 11:00 am. The start time of each subsequent race will be displayed on the course board.

6. Class Flags

The appropriate Class Flag will be displayed as a warning signal. Where the class flag is not known International Code flag 'M' will be flown as a warning signal.

7. Racing Area

The racing area is shown on the course board

8. The Courses

The course will be displayed on the course board no later than 15 minute before the start of the race. The board will also show the starting time and the number of laps to be sailed.

9. The Marks

9.1 Course Marks - The marks will be in the approximate positions indicated on the course board. Any additional marks will be described by the race officer and indicated on the course board.

9.2 Starting and Finishing Marks - The Starting and Finishing Marks are as described in "Starting Line and "Finishing Line" below

10 The Start

10.1 The Start - The start will be in accordance with racing rule 26 with classes starting at 5-minute intervals. Classes with the lower PY rating will start first. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed (with one sound) for at least four minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

10.2 The Start Line - The start line will be a line through the flagstaff of the committee boat and the outer limit mark. The inner limit mark will indicate the end of the start line, but will not necessarily be on the line. One red and one green buoy will indicate the limits of the start line.

11 The Finish

11.1 The Finish Line - The normal Finish Line will be a line between the Club Flag Staff and the buoy in position '8'. The buoys in positions '8' and 'F'; indicate the outer and inner limits between which boats must sail to finish. Alternate finish lines will be as in Rule 32.2 or displayed on the course board

11.2 Shortening course – Option 1 - As Rule 32.2

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11.3 Shortening course – Option 2 Flag 'S' and the Class flag (when required) will be displayed with two sounds as the lead boat approaches the mark at which the course is to be shortened. All boats must round the mark in the direction indicated for the original course then sail directly to the finish line crossing the finish line from the direction of this last mark. The race committee will endeavour to attach a buoy in the colours and design of Flag 'S' to the last mark to help following boats. This attachment will become part of the rounding mark.

12 Penalty System

Rule 44.2 applies.

13 Time Limit

Boats finishing more than 30 minutes after the leading boat will be deemed to have retired. For handicap events the above to read 30 minutes corrected time after the leading boats

14 Declaration

The general declaration (signing off) must be signed in the correct column within 30 minutes of the finish of each race. Competitors failing to sign off will be deemed to have retired.

15.1 Protests and Requests for Redress – Open Meetings

Protests and Requests for Redress shall be written on forms available from the race committee and lodged with the race committee within 35 minutes after the time of the last boat's finish.

Protests will be heard as soon as possible.

15.2 Protests and Requests for Redress – Club Racing

Competitors may opt for an Advisory Hearing with a Club Rules adviser or a hearing using RYA Arbitration Procedure under which the Exoneration Penalty will be no greater than 30% of the competitor's score or a minimum of two places.

Full details of these Procedures are available from the club rules advisor(s)

16 Scoring

The low point scoring system Appendix 'A' of the Racing Rules will apply.

When four races are sailed, three results to count.

When three races are sailed, two results to count.

When less than three races are sailed all results will count

In the event of a tie on total points the tie will be broken as in A.8

17 Safety Regulations

Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.

Personal flotation devices must be worn at all times by all persons afloat (subject to the previous exception) on Wigan Sailing Club water.

Personal flotation devices must be worn at all times by all persons on the floating jetty.

If of the inflatable type the personal flotation devices must be adequately inflated. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices.

Breach of this rule by competitors will result in disqualification

Wet suits must be worn between November 1 and March 31

18 Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in racing at Wigan Sailing Club entirely at their own risk. See Racing Rules of Sailing Rule 4 Decision to Race.

The organising authority including Wigan Sailing Club will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after a race meeting.

Helms are reminded of their responsibility to ensure the safety of themselves and their crew at all times by using adequate clothing and buoyancy, maintaining their boat in a seaworthy condition and being aware of the weather conditions and the limitations of their own ability.

19 Insurance

All boats shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £1,000,000 per event or the equivalent.