

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS – REGATTA FLEET

Blackwater Sailing Club

1 Rules

- 1.1 Races will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024* [RRS] and the Rules of the Optimist class, except as amended in these Sailing Instructions [SI]. Where conflict exists, these Sailing Instructions shall take precedence.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the R.Y.A. will apply.

2 Notices to Competitors

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the notice board located near the main entrance to the clubhouse.

3 Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least one hour before the first race start on the day the changes will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 09:30 on the day it will take effect.

4 Declaration

- 4.1 After racing competitors must sign the Declaration Sheet within 60 minutes of the last finisher in the last race of the day to confirm compliance with the rules. **Competitors failing to make finishing declarations will be scored RAF (Retired After Finishing).**
- 4.2 The declaration sheet shall be located by the map of the river in the lower deck.

5 Signals Made Ashore

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed either from the club mast or from the race box signal area.

Note: The race box signal area can only be viewed from the river side of the clubhouse.

6 Schedule of Races

- 6.1 Dates of racing:
Date - 4th September 2021
- 6.2 Maximum Number of races 4. Tidal restrictions may result in less than 4 races being sailed.

The scheduled time of the first warning will be 10:25
- 6.3 When more than one race will be held, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable.

7 Racing Area

- 7.1 Figure 1 shows the location of the racing area. This is approximate and will depend upon wind conditions and direction on the day.

8 The Courses

- 8.1 The courses for the day will be dependent upon weather conditions and a full briefing will be provided.
- 8.2 Courses shall either use the existing club racing marks, or shall use yellow pin marker buoys which shall be laid to form a windward leeward sausage style course.
- 8.3 If a committee boat start is used, then marks of the course will as shown in Appendix 1.

9 Marks

- 9.1 Marks of the course will either be existing club marks or yellow pin buoys dependant upon weather conditions.
- 9.2 A map of the clubs racing marks can be found [here](#)
- 9.3 If club marks are used, a lead boat will be provided.

10 The Start

- 10.1 Races will be started use an a 3, minute 2 minute 1 minute starting sequence. The committee Rib will also display starting battons. This maybe accompanys by verbal signals. This will be covered during race briefing.
- 10.2 The starting line will be either using the club start line or will be from a rib and a marker buoy. This will be covered during the race briefing based upon conditions on the day.
- 10.3 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start **[change to RRS A4.1]**.

11 The Finish

- 11.1.a. The Committee Rib will display Flag S and make two sound signals as the lead boat approaches Mark 3. Boats will round Mark 3 normally and then finish at the Finish Line between the mast of the COMMITTEE RIB at the starboard end and the Finish ODM at the port end
- 12.1.b The race will be finished after approx. 25 mins for the lead boat depending on the spread of the fleet.
- 12.1.c Boats that have finished the race shall keep clear on the finishing line and proceed to the holding area as shown in Attachment 1.

12 Time Limits

- 12.1 If no boat has rounded Mark 1 10 minutes after the start of a race, the race may be abandoned.
- 12.2 Boats failing to finish within 150% of the elapsed time for the first boat in their class to sail the course and finish will be scored DNF (Did Not Finish) **[change to RRS 35 and RRS A4]**.

13 Protests and Requests for Redress

- 13.1 The Exoneration Penalty of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. See the official notice board for details.
- 13.2 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 13.3 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race.
- 13.4 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the race office at times posted with the protest notices.
- 13.5 On the last day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
 - (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day; no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.
 - (b) **[change to RRS 66]**.

14 Scoring

- 14.1 The low point scoring system of [RRS Appendix A] will apply.
- 14.2 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 14.3 (a) When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
(b) When four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

15 Safety Regulations

- 15.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 15.2 Buoyancy Aids will be worn at all times whilst crews are afloat.

16 Replacement of Crew or Equipment

- 16.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed.
- 16.2 Substitution of damaged equipment will not be allowed without prior written consent of the race committee.

17 Disclaimer of Liability

- 17.1 A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.

18 Insurance

- 18.1 It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By launching or going to sea the boat confirms she is fit for those conditions and her crew is competent to sail and compete in them.
- 18.2 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 racing. The Organisers encompasses everyone helping to run the race and the event, and includes the organising authority, the race committee, the race officer, patrol boats, and beachmasters.
- 18.3 The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities.
- 18.4 All entrants are required to hold third party indemnity insurance with a minimum indemnity of five million pounds sterling or equivalent for the total period of the event and affirm such cover to the Organising Authority. Entrants not from the UK need to have the accepted Normal Minimum level of liability insurance for their country (this level needs to be displayed to all other competitors).

19 Radio Communication

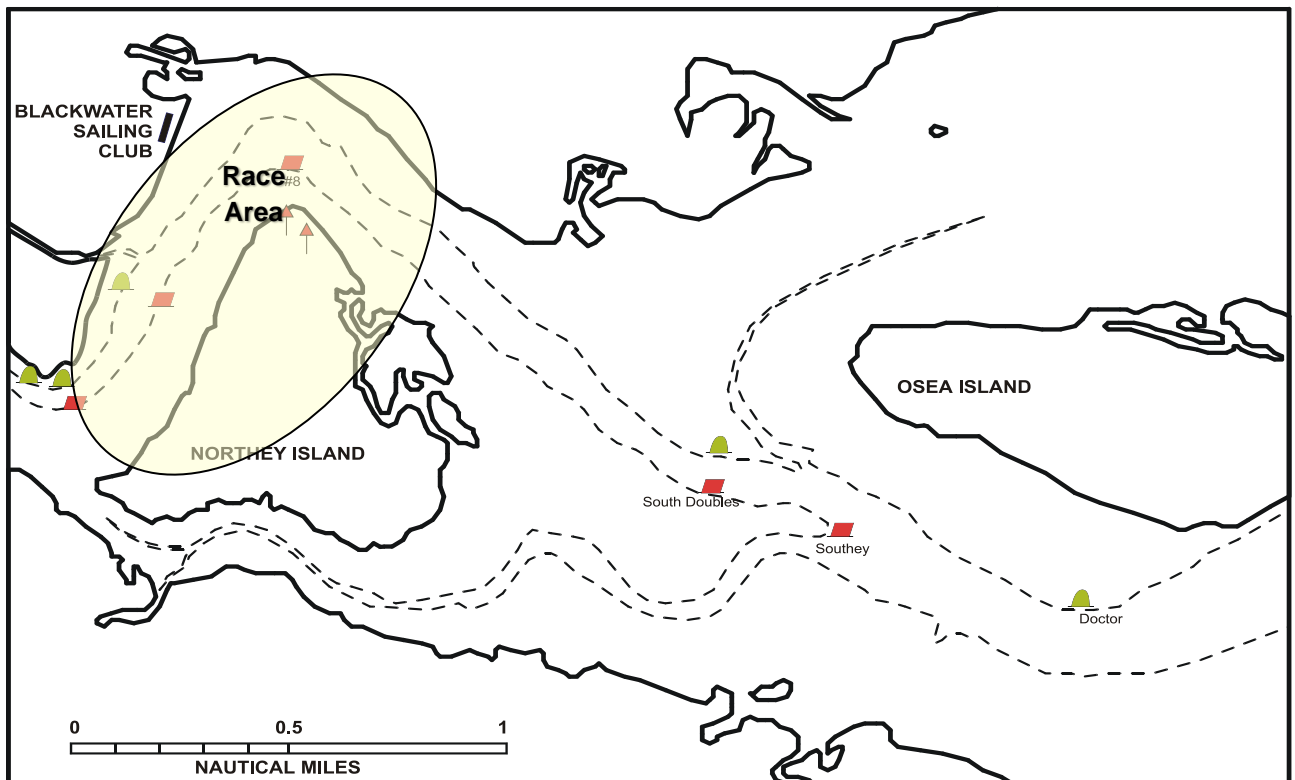
- 19.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones.

Figure 1

The aim is to give the lead boat a race time of 25-30 minutes, wind and tide conditions allowing.

Tidal Information

<i>Date</i>	<i>Published Time of High Water</i>
Saturday 4 th September 2021	11.49



Appendix 1

The course:
All marks left to Port
Course will be 1,2,3 and repeat
until Committee Rib sounds 2
signals and fly's S Flag to signify
shortened course.

