

Northampton Youth series

Round 1

Saturday 15th May 2021

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

0. COVID-19 STATEMENT: By taking part in any of the events covered by this notice of race, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force from time to time in respect of COVID-19 and for complying with the Draycote Water Sailing Club's COVID-19 procedures.

- All participants must be current club members or signed in as guests.
- 6-10 boats per slipway – adhering to social distancing at all times – please follow site marshals' directions.
- All sailors to read the site rules available [here](#) (again, subject to change).
- Results will be posted on the official event notice board
- The changing rooms will not be available, please arrive appropriately equipped for this
- The OA may cancel the event, cancel classes and reject or cancel entries in its absolute discretion, subject to RRS 76. In these cases, refunds will be issued less any costs incurred.

1. RULES: The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, RYA Prescriptions, Class Rules and these Sailing Instructions.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS: Notices to competitors will be posted on the official event website [HERE](#)

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 30 minutes before the first warning signal on the day it will take effect and shall be valid for all subsequent races in the series unless notified to the contrary.

4. POLLUTION & NON-NATIVE INVASIVE SPECIES: A verbal agreement at registration is required for each visiting boat to state that the Check, Clean, Dry programme has been observed prior to arriving at Draycote Water and will be observed afterwards. This is a condition of entry.

5. DISTINGUISHING NUMBERS: All boats shall compete under their registered numbers to comply with RRS rule 77. Under exceptional circumstances a boat may be permitted to carry sail numbers or letters in contravention of her class rules provided that written application, stating the circumstances, is made to the Race Committee prior to the race. If such permission is granted no further change will be permitted. If a competitor enters with the same sail number as that of another boat, the Race Committee might ask to add (and will provide) an extra digit. This will be applied to both sides of the sail for the duration of the event.

6. CLASS: All competitors shall sail in the class (and version of that class) stated in their entry. Under exceptional circumstances a competitor may be permitted to change their class provided that written application, stating the circumstances, is made to the Race Committee prior to the event. If such permission is granted no further change will be permitted.

7. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE: Signals made ashore will be displayed on the club flagstaff.

When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the RRS 'Race Signals'.

8. SCHEDULE:

Registration	By signing on	From:	9am	To:	10:10
Racing	Saturday 15 th May	No. of races:	3	1 st warning not before:	1:00pm
				No warning signal after:	16.30

There will be no face-to-face briefing at the event.

10. EXCLUSION AREAS: Boats shall not sail at any time within 30 metres of the shore except at the club compound. Landing in an exclusion area is allowed only in an emergency.

The pontoon and moorings in front of the clubhouse are for use only by official boats.

11. THE COURSES: The course will be as described in Appendix A. The start / finish line will be required to be crossed at the end of each and every lap. The number of rounds is not predetermined. Please note that competitors (even in the same class) may sail a different number of laps in the average lap races.

12. THE MARKS: Rounding marks will be large orange inflatable buoys.

13. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS: The following areas are designated as obstructions:

- Fishing boats, whether engaged in fishing or not. For this purpose, the area within which a fishing line extends from, or is being cast from a fishing boat, shall form a part of the fishing boat.
- Rescue boats and Committee Boats when not displaying definitive start or finish flags.
- 30 metres of the shore except at the Club compound.

14. THE START: The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag or shape on the race committee boat and a staff displaying an orange flag or shape on a danbuoy

- The start signals for each fleet will be at three-minute intervals. The warning signal shall be made 3 minutes before the starting signal and the preparatory signal shall be made 2 minutes before the starting signal. **This changes RRS rule 26.**
- The current start number will be signalled on the side of the committee boat

Signal	Time	
Attention signal	4 minutes to first start	Orange flashing light
1 st warning signal	3 minutes to first start	Blue light
	2 minutes to first start	Yellow light
	1 minutes to first start	Green light
Start 1 & (start 2 warning signal)	1 st start & (start 2 3-minute signal)	Blue light
	2 minutes to second start	Yellow light
	1 minute to second start	Green light
Start 2	2 nd start	Blue light

Sequence continues until all starts away

Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area, and of all boats whose preparatory signal has been made.

A boat that does not start within 3 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. **This changes RRS A4 and A5.**

A race may not be started if, in the opinion of the Race Officer, there is excessive or insufficient wind.

15. RECALLS: General recalls will be signalled by the flying of “first substitute” and two sound signals. The “first substitute” will remain flying for no more than 1 minute. The recalled classes will be started immediately at the end of the start sequence. The last scheduled start will be the warning signal of the recalled class. **This changes RRS rule 29.2.**

16. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE: The position of marks may be changed during a race in the event of a wind change. Such change will be made only if no boat is sailing towards the mark on that leg of the course. Flag C will not normally be flown to indicate any change, nor will “+” or “-” signs be displayed. **This changes RRS rule 33.**

17. THE FINISH: The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag or shape on the race committee boat, and a staff displaying an orange flag or shape on the line boat. Shortly before the finish, “Shorten Course” will be signalled on the main committee boat accompanied by two sound signals.

Constant blue lights accompanied by alternating yellow lights.

This is the “about to finish” signal. All boats will finish the race when they next pass through the finish line at the end of their current lap, regardless of the number of laps completed. Their finishing position shall be determined on an average lap basis. (Boats with a Great Lakes Handicap of 1200 or higher may be finished as they cross the finishing line before other boats without displaying an orange flag and Flag S if, in the opinion of the Race Officer, requiring them complete another lap will significantly delay the schedule of races.)

At each finish, boats are advised to take note of the class and boat number of the boats immediately in front of and behind them in case of any queries regarding to finishing positions.

18. TIME LIMIT: Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat of her start finishes (or the finish time for the pursuit race) will be scored “Did not finish” without a hearing. **This changes RRS rule 35 and RRS appendices A4 & A5.**

19. DECLARATIONS: There is no requirement to sign on or off unless declaring a retirement or exoneration penalty. These should be declared by e-mail to office@draycotewater.co.uk within protest time stating the day, race number and sail number.

20. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS: Protests shall be made in writing by e-mail to training@draycotewater.co.uk containing the required information (RRS 61.2) within 30 minutes after the time of the last boat’s finish, except when races have been notified to competitors as being run back-to-back. In this case protests for all 'back-to-back' races must be made within 30 minutes of the time the last boat finishes the last race of that back-to-back sequence. The protest committee may extend the time limit in exceptional circumstances.

- The exoneration penalty and RYA arbitration procedures of the RYA rules disputes procedures will be available. See Appendix B.

Challenges to a boat's finishing position in a race, as recorded in the results, should be made in writing by e-mail to office@draycotewater.co.uk. This should specify the day, race and boat number and state the specific nature of query: full details (including where you think you finished, what other boats were around you, etc – as much detail as possible for us to trace it on the video without having to watch the whole film) and your preferred outcome. These should be made within 24 hours of the results being published online.

21. SCORING: All racing will be scored using PY handicap numbers.

1.1. One race shall constitute an event

1.2. If 2 or fewer races have been completed a boats score shall be the total of her race scores

1.3. If more than 2 races have been completed a boats score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her one worst score.

22. SAFETY REGULATIONS: Adequate personal buoyancy shall be worn at all times whilst on the water. Wet suits and dry suits are not adequate personal buoyancy. **This changes Rule 40.**

During the months of November, December, January, February and March, all persons on the water shall wear exposure proof clothing. For the purpose of this instruction 'Exposure proof clothing' shall mean an adequate expanded neoprene wet suit providing protection from neck to ankle or a dry suit providing watertight cover from neck to ankle.

23. SUPPORT BOATS: No support boats are permitted on the water.

24. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS: Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

25. PRIZES: Prizes will be awarded each day as follows:

- Announced on the day

26. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY: Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race.

The safety of a boat and her entire management, including insurance, shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/person in charge who must ensure that the boat and crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of the regatta. Neither these sailing instructions nor any inspection of the boat limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner/person in charge for the boat, the crew, and her management. Neither the race organisers nor Draycote Water Sailing Club shall accept any liability for any loss, material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. Moreover, every owner/person in charge warrants the suitability of the boat for the race or races.

27. INSURANCE: 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.

28. RESULTS: As part of entering this event your results will be published in the public domain and may be given to the RYA for their Portsmouth Yardstick scheme and to the Class Association. While your results contain personal data, it is normal practice to expect that, when entering an event, your results will be published, and this is a condition of entry. It is therefore part of the contract to provide you with race entry and administration that we will publish the results, which may include such information such as sail number, sailing club, age and gender (if there are age and gender related results).

29. PHOTOGRAPHY: By competing in this event, competitors grant to the organisers without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any non-identifiable motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event and consent to these being published in Class, Club, sponsor and other publications and / or the Class, Club, sponsor or other websites.

30. LOCAL RULES: All sailing, including club racing, is controlled by Draycote Water Sailing Club and may take place only when the club burgee is flying on the flagstaff in front of the clubhouse. The race committee may decide to control the open meeting solely from a committee boat when normal club sailing has been abandoned or sailing is outside normal club sailing times. In this case, the committee boat will fly the club burgee meaning that only open meeting competitors may sail.

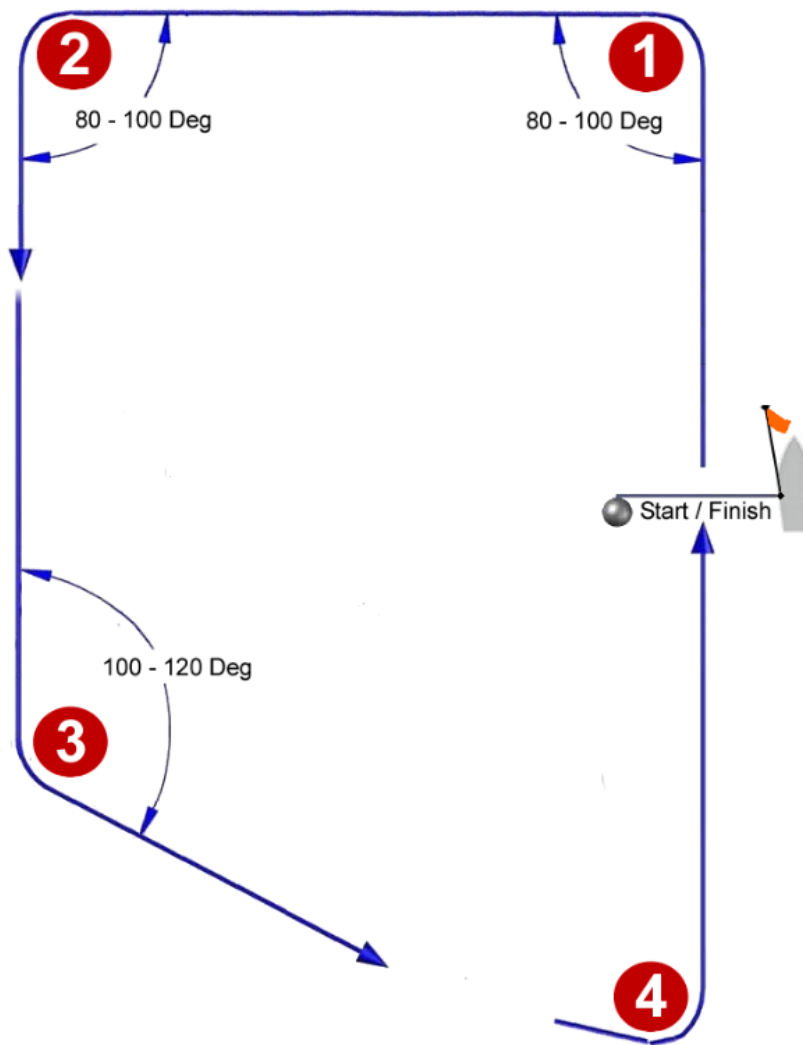
All entrants and authorised guests will be deemed to be guests of Draycote Water Sailing Club during the period of the open meeting and, as such, will abide by all of the club rules and by-laws and may sail only the boat entered for the event.

All entrants and authorised guests shall also comply with the following Water Authority Regulations. We reserve the right to disqualify any competitor without a hearing any competitor who does not comply with these local rules (**this changes RRS 63.1 and A5**):

- No parking of vehicles on any roadways, slipways or grass areas. All vehicles shall be parked in the sailing club main car park or Severn Trent pay & display car park once the trailer and boat are unloaded. All competitors must follow the instructions of the marshals during unloading, loading and car parking.
- Dogs are not allowed on the site. They may be walked in the adjacent Country Park
- All competitors must follow the Check, Clean, Dry programme before arriving at Draycote and commit to following it having left Draycote before their next launch. All visitors will be required to provide a verbal declaration to this effect.

31. SHALLOWS: Competitors are advised to check the Official Notice Board for notification of shallows.

APPENDIX A – COURSE



Course: Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – Start/Finish
Laps: Until shorten course

APPENDIX B: OPEN MEETING RYA RULES DISPUTE PROCEDURE

X. Exoneration Penalty

X.1. A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing or rule 31 or 42 may, after finishing the race concerned and before the start of any related protest hearing, notify the race committee that she accepts an Exoneration penalty – a 30% scoring penalty in accordance with rule 44.3(c), except that the minimum penalty is two places if that does not result in a score worse than DNF. However, if a boat caused injury or serious damage or gained a significant advantage by her breach her penalty shall be to retire.

X.2. When an Exoneration Penalty is accepted:

(a) Neither the boat nor a protest committee may then revoke or remove the penalty.

(b) The boat shall not be penalised further in a protest hearing when the protest committee decides that it was appropriate to the facts found and the applicable rules.

Y. Advisory Hearing

When there is an incident that will not result in the lodging of a protest or a request for redress, a boat, protest committee or race committee may request an advisory hearing with the race office, and notify any boat involved in the incident. An adviser will then call a hearing to learn what may have happened and will state whether any rule appears to have been broken, and by which boat. A boat may as a result notify the race office that she accepts an Exoneration Penalty when it applies to the incident, or choose to retire.

Z. RYA Arbitration

Z.1. When a protest or request for redress is lodged, a boat may at the same time request RYA Arbitration, or the protest committee or race committee may offer it.

Z.2. If the parties and a member of the protest or race committee agree that RYA Arbitration is suitable, an arbitrator (who may be that member of the protest committee) will call a hearing conforming to Section B of Part 5 of the Racing Rules of Sailing, except that the first sentence of rule 64.1 will not apply. Instead, when the arbitrator decides that a boat that is a party to the arbitration hearing has broken a rule for which the Exoneration Penalty is available, the party will be invited to accept that penalty, and, if it is accepted by a protested boat, the protesting boat will be allowed to withdraw the protest, changing rule 63.1.

Z.3. When there is not an agreement to use RYA Arbitration, or when, after RYA Arbitration, a protest is not withdrawn or the Exoneration Penalty is not applicable to the facts, there will be a normal protest hearing, at which the arbitrator may be a member of the protest committee. Rules 66 and 70 (reopening and appeal, respectively) do not apply to the arbitration decision since this is not a protest committee decision or procedure. A boat may still accept an Exoneration Penalty at any time before the start of a protest hearing and receive its protection from further penalisation. She may also retire.

Z.4. When redress is offered and accepted by boats at the RYA Arbitration, all parties, the protest committee or race committee may seek to have this reviewed by asking for a full hearing. When redress is offered and not accepted, or not offered at all, all parties may ask for the request to be heard before a protest committee.