RS Aero UK Inland Championship

19th & 20th October 24

Organising Authority (OA) is Draycote Water Sailing Club in conjunction with UK RS Aero class association.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

1.1. This event is governed by the rules as defined in *the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024.*

1.2. Competitors shall sail in accordance with the *RYA Racing Charter*.

1.3. Appendix P is changed by SI.17.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTION

2.1. Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted by 08:30 on the day it will take effect and shall be valid for all subsequent races in the series.

2.2. Changes to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it takes effect.

3. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

3.1. The official notice board will be the event page online.

3.2. The race office will be the shop, can also be contacted via the online form.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with all reasonable requests from race officials, club volunteers, marshals and staff.

4.2. [DP] All Competitors and support person must abide by Draycote water sailing club rules and water authority regulations, failing to comply may result in disqualification without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1. Signals made ashore will be made on the club flag pole located on the patio

5.2. When AP is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes in race signals AP.

5.3. Signals ashore made under a class flag only apply to that class

5.4. Competitors should note, signals may be flown from the flagpole in connection to club racing, these will be flown under a club flag.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1.

Date	Activity	Time
19th October	Race 1 warning signal	11:25
	Race 2,3,4	ASAP after race 1,2 or 3
20th October	Race 5 warning signal	09:55
	Race 6,7	ASAP after race 5 or 6

6.2. 4 races on Saturday and 3 on Sunday are planned but more or less may be sailed each day at the discretion of the race officer up to a maximum of 4 per day.

6.3. On the last day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15:00.

6.4. To alert boats that a race will begin shortly, the orange start line flag will be raised with one sound signal 2 minutes before the warning signal.

7. CLASS FLAGS

7.1. Class flag

RS Aero 5	Black numeral 5 with blue background.
RS Aero 6	Black numeral 6 with a purple background.
RS Aero 7	Black numeral 7 with a yellow background.
RS Aero 9	Black numeral 9 with a pink background.

8. RACING AREA

8.1. The racing area is Draycote Water.

8.2. Competitors should note club racing may also be taking place on the water.

9. COURSES

9.1. The diagrams in 'SI addendum 1' should the course, including approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks to be passed and the side each mark is to be left

9.2. No later than the warning signal the race committee shall display the course letter and number of laps on the back of the committee boat.

10. MARKS

10.1. All Rounding marks will be orange dumpy race marks

10.2. The starting mark will be a boat or danbuoy displaying an orange flag

10.3. The finishing mark will be a boat or danbuoy displaying a blue flag.

11. OBSTRUCTIONS

11.1. Boats shall not sail at any time within 30 meters of the shore except in an emergency or in front of the club compound

11.2. Fishing boats whether engaged in fishing or not, this includes the area the line extends from or being cast in.

11.3. Rescue boats or committee boats when not displaying defined start or finish signals.
11.4. Areas that are considered shallow are marked by yellow round marks.
11.5. The Section in the vicinity of A and M marked by the Yellow Buoys (building site).

12. THE START

12.1. The start line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee vessel and the start mark
12.2. [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.
12.3. Boats failing to start with 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
12.4. A race may not be started if, in the opinion of the racer officer there is excessive or insufficient wind.
12.5. The intended starting order will be announced at briefing and displayed on the back of the committee boat.
12.6. The warning signal for each subsequent start will be asap after the preceding start.
12.7. If there is a general recall the starting order will be maintained with the recalled fleeting getting a new start not less than 1 minute after removal of '1st substitute'.

13. CHANGES TO THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

13.1. The position of marks may be changed by less than 50m during a race, such a change will only be made if no boat is sailing towards the mark. Flag C will not be flown to indicate this change, nor will "+" or "-". This changes RRS 33.
13.2. If a change of more than 50m in any direction is required this will be signalled in line with RRS 33.

14. THE FINISH

14.1. The finish line will be between the flag pole on the committee vessel and the finish mark.
14.2. At the discretion of the race officer, any competitor failing to finish within a reasonable time period of the first boat finishing that race may be finished on the course by a committee boat or safety boat displaying International Code Flag W.
14.3. Any competitor so finished will score the number of points in accordance to their finishing position in that race. This changes RRS 28.1.

15. TIME LIMITS

15.1.

Mark 1-time limit	Race Target Time	Finishing Window	Max Race Time
20 minutes	45 minutes	20minutes	70 minutes

15.2. If no boat passes mark 1 within the mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned
15.3. Failure to meet the race target time will not be grounds for redress, this changes RRS 62.1(A)
15.4. Boats failing to finish within the finishing window after the 1st boat to sail the course and finish or within the time limit, whichever is later will be scored "Did not finish". **This changes RRS 35.**

16.HEARING REQUESTS

16.1. The Protest time limit will be 30 minutes after the last boat in her class finishes the last race of the day or 'no more racing today' is signalled by the race committee, whichever is later.

16.2. The protest time will be displayed on the official notice board (see SI 3.1).

16.3. Hearing request forms are submitted online. Or to the race office.

17. PENALTY SYSTEM

17.1. RRS Appendix P applies with P2.1 and P2.2 changed and P2.3 deleted as follows:

P2.1 First and Second Penalty
When a boat is penalized under rule P2.1 for the first or second penalty during the event, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty under rule 44.2. If she fails to take the penalty she shall be disqualified without a hearing.

P2.2 Third and Subsequent Penalties
When a boat is penalised a third or subsequent time during the event, she shall promptly retire. If she fails to do so she shall be disqualified without a hearing and her score shall not be excluded.

P2.3 is deleted.

18.SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1. A boat retiring from a race shall inform the race committee or safety boat before returning to shore.

18.2. 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.

19.REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUPIMENT

19.1. [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorised by the race committee in writing. The request must be at the first reasonable opportunity, this may be after the race.

20.EQUIPMENT MEASURES AND CHECKS

20.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with class rules, NOR or SI.

21.SUPPORT TEAMS

21.1. Support teams and vessels will not be allowed on the water.

22.TRASH DISPOSAL

22.1. Trash must not be placed on support vessels and must be carried by competitors until returning to shore.

23.BERTHING

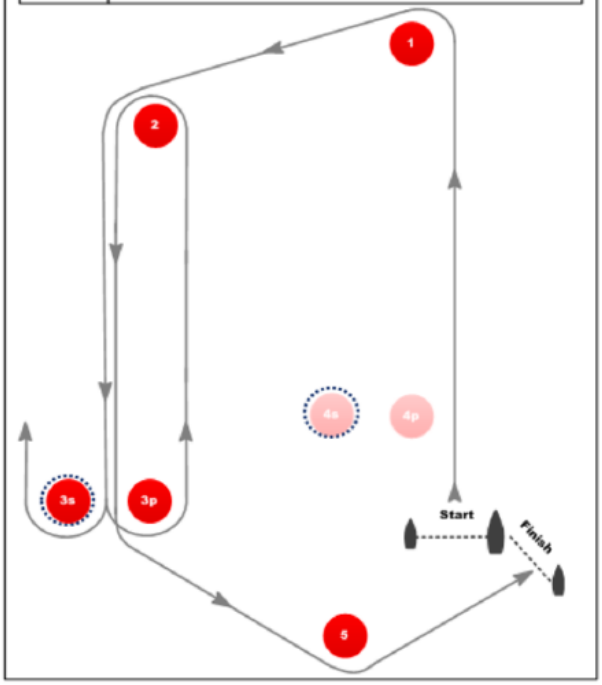
23.1.[DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the dinghy park for the duration of the regatta unless instructed otherwise.

24.INSURANCE

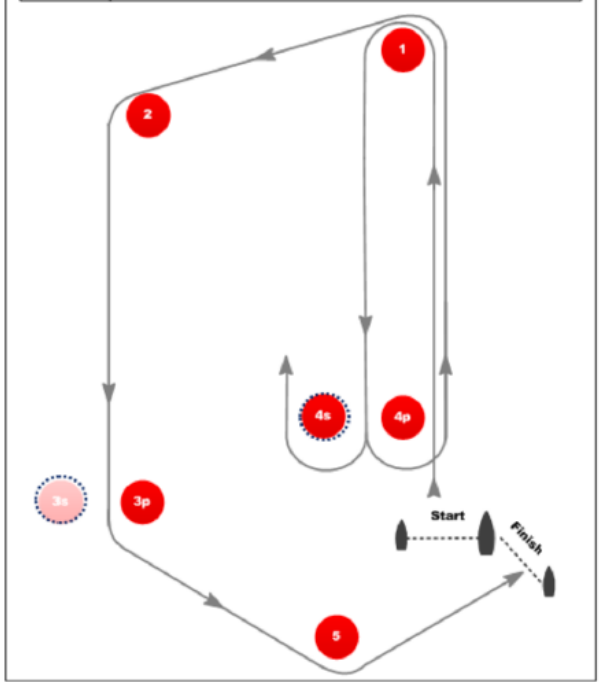
24.1.Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

SI addendum 1

OX	COURSE: OUTER with reaching finish
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
OX2	Start – 1 – 2 – 3s/3p – 2 – 3p – 5 – Finish
OX3	Start – 1 – 2 – 3s/3p – 2 – 3s/3p – 2 – 3p – 5 – Finish
OX4	Start – 1 – 2 – 3s/3p – 2 – 3s/3p – 2 – 3s/3p- 2 – 3p – 5 – Finish



IX	COURSE: INNER with reaching finish
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
IX2	Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 2 – 3p – 5 – Finish
IX3	Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 2 – 3p – 5 – Finish
IX4	Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 2 – 3p – 5 – Finish



1. A Gate (3s/3p and 4s/4p) might be laid with just one mark, in which case this mark must be rounded to port (i.e. 3p or 4p)

End of Sailing Instructions