

FRENSHAM POND SAILING CLUB

Sailing Instructions for Open Meetings
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1 Rules

The meeting will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA, the rules of the class(es) whose Open Meeting it is, except as any of these are changed by these Sailing Instructions.

2 Conditions of Entry

2.1 Eligible boats may be entered by completing registration with the organising authority. Eligible boats are those of the class(es) whose Open Meeting it is. If requested, a valid Measurement Certificate for the boat must be presented to the organisers.

2.2 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 race. Neither these Sailing Instructions nor any inspection of the boat limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner/person in charge for the crew, the boat and her management. The race organisers shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/person in charge or crew, as a result of their taking part in the race or races. Moreover, every owner/person in charge warrants the suitability of the boat for the race or races.

3 Helms

A boat may be helmed by more than one person, but the points obtained by different helms will not be cumulative. A competitor may helm only one boat. Helm and crew may not exchange places during a race except temporarily in an emergency. The Race Officer must be informed of any changes of helm.

4 Club Membership

All competitors are granted Honorary Membership of the Club during the meeting.

5 Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board – which will be defined at the briefing.

6 Changes in Sailing Instructions

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted at least 30 minutes before the first race to which the change applies.

7 Signals made ashore

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Club flagstaff by the Clubhouse.

8 Schedule of Briefing and Races

Briefing: 1015 unless altered by a Notice of Race

Race 1: Warning signal 1055 unless altered by a Notice of Race

The schedule for the remaining races will be given at the briefing.

9 Class Flags

Class Flags will be defined at the briefing.

10 Sails and Sail Numbers

Except with the prior permission of the Race Officer no dinghy shall use any sails other than her own. Permission will be refused if the sail number is the same as one of the other entries.

11 Personal Buoyancy

Personal buoyancy must be worn by all helms and crews as stipulated under Class rules or if directed by the Race Officer. The Race Officer will indicate this requirement by flying flag "Y" ashore.

12 Course

- 12.1 The course will be described in terms of all or some of the nine yellow marks which are numbered consecutively and clockwise round the pond.
- 12.2 The course will be displayed on the side of the committee boat (less the final leg). It may also be displayed on the course board in the Clubhouse.

13 Local Rules and Hazards

- 13.1 The helm of a capsized boat may request a safety boat to assist with raising his mast to the water surface. This will be held not to infringe rule 41.
- 13.2 Boats may not sail into the swimming areas, marked in the summer months by lines of buoys and situated in the north-east sector of the pond perimeter.
- 13.3 Boats should keep clear of an underwater fence situated on the southern edge of the pond and to the east of the Club Starting Hut, marked by a few small yellow buoys.

14 The Start

- 14.1 Races will be started using rule 26.
- 14.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a committee boat at the starboard end and a dan buoy at the port end.
- 14.3 A boat does not have to be afloat at her preparatory signal. This changes rule 45.
- 14.4 A boat shall not start after the closure of the start line. This closure will be not less than 5 minutes after her starting signal.

15 Lead Boat

A boat flying flag "L" may motor around the course ahead of the fleet. This will be held not to infringe rule 41.

16 Change of Course After the Start

A change of bearing of any mark after the start will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the repositioned mark may not then be in its new position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the repositioned mark may also be relocated to maintain as far as possible the original course configuration.

17 The Finish

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a committee boat and the nearby mark.

18 Time Limit

The Race Officer may impose a time limit, in which case boats failing to finish within twenty minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored "Did not finish". This changes rule 35.

19 Declarations and Protests

- 19.1 Declarations are required only from those who finish and subsequently retire from a race, and are to be completed within 20 minutes of the last boat finishing – or similarly after the following race(s) if held back-to-back. A board will be provided in the Clubhouse for this purpose.
- 19.2 Protests must be lodged with the Race Officer within 20 minutes of the last boat finishing (or similarly after the following race(s) if held back-to-back), and on the form provided. A protest committee will meet as soon as practicable after the race. In the event of a dispute, other than protests under ISAF/RYA rules, the decision of the Race Committee is to be final.

20 Scoring

- 20.1 Appendix A will be used – Low Point System.
- 20.2 One race completed shall constitute a series.
- 20.3 If less than three races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. Otherwise her series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.