



Sailing Instructions Club and Open Racing

1. Rules

- a. Racing shall be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA, the Class Rules, except as any are altered by these Sailing Instructions (SI), and by any supplements to these Sailing Instructions.
- b. Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Club House Race Board at least 20 minutes before the start sequence.

2. Entries and eligibility

General

- a. The safety of a boat and her entire management, including insurance, shall be the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner/helm/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 inspections 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.
- b. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum of £2,000,000.
- c. Competitors must wear buoyancy aids whenever on the water or on any of the pontoons. Failure to do so while racing will result in disqualification from the race with no hearing. Carrying a whistle is strongly recommended.

For Open Meetings only

- d. Competitors shall enter and pay any entry fee at least 30 mins before the first race in which they sail.
- e. All competitors and their guests shall be temporary members of Broadwater Sailing Club (BSC) for the duration of the regatta, and shall comply with BSC Rules and By-laws (available at www.Broadwatersc.org.uk/join).
- f. A boat is eligible to race in an open meeting only if she has a valid measurement certificate, or certificate of origin. This should be available for inspection at the time of entry.
- g. Any boat may be measured before or after any race at the discretion of the Race Committee.

For Club Racing only

- h. Only members of Broadwater Sailing Club and their crew may take part in club races.
- i. All competitors must sign on for every race. Failure to do so will result in them scoring "DNS". Sign-on must include name, class of boat, sail number and:
 - i. rig size for boats with different sized rigs
 - ii. single or double handed for boats which can be sailed with/or without crew
- j. All competitors must sign off for every Pursuit race. Failure to do so will result in them scoring "DNS". Sign-off must uniquely identify the boat in front at the finish time. Where more than one helm puts the same boat as in front, they must resolve the order between them and adjust the sign off so that each boat is only named once.
- k. At least three boats must cross the start line after the starting signal for a race to count in a series.



- l. Double handed dinghies may race, in club races, single handed using modified PY numbers or Pursuit start time as published by the race committee. It is the responsibility of the helm to inform the Race Officer prior to the Start of the revised PY/start time.
- m. Each different class of boat (single or double handed), helm and rig combination sailed in a series race constitutes a new entry to that series.
 - i. This applies in particular to RS Aero and Laser fleets and where this rule is consistent with Laser Class Rules 29.d and 30.d but varies RS Aero Class Rule H 3.2.
 - ii. This rule does not apply to boats using non-standard sails on their standard masts or where class rules permit variation in sail cut.

3. The sailing water

- a. A plan of the sailing water is shown in Appendix 1 below.
- b. The start line, course marks and the order and side that they are to be rounded, and optionally the finish line, will be displayed on the course board by the lake at least 20 minutes before the start. For "back to back" races the course may be displayed from the committee boat.
- c. No boat shall go within a 25 metre (30 yard) zone of a person fishing and this zone shall count as an obstruction.
- d. There are yellow shallow marker buoys (both individual and in pairs) which may not be shown on the plan.
- e. Boats shall not sail without good cause in the following areas which rank as an obstruction. Sailing in these areas may result in DSQ from the race:
 - i. the out of bounds area delimited by red marker buoys.
 - ii. the nature reserve area to the south of the lake (the top of the plan) and indicated by white buoys on the water.

4. The start

- a. Races will be started by using RRS 26. Unless otherwise indicated, Flag F will be used as the class flag.
- b. In pursuit races, helms are responsible for ensuring they know their handicap start time.
- c. The starting line will be indicated together with the course, as 3.b.
- d. The 'Club Line' is defined as a line between the white post on the island opposite the clubhouse, to wherever the start signals are made. The extremities of the club line are the island opposite the clubhouse and the inner distance mark (IDM) just off the new jetty.
- e. A boat that does not start within 10 minutes of her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- f. For Pursuit Racing only, RRS 44.1 Taking a Penalty is amended as follows: If the incident occurs before starting, the appropriate penalty should be carried out by the boat after her start signal but before crossing the start line.

5. The finish

- a. Pursuit races
 - i. A pursuit race shall finish at the time specified after the general start and will be indicated by the raising of flag F and a long sound signal. At this time the relative positions of the boats shall determine the results of the race.
 - ii. At the finish signal and when two boats are on the same leg of the course the boat closest to the next mark of the course is placed in front.



b. Handicap races

- i. A handicap race will finish when the specified number of laps have been sailed, or the race is shortened in accordance with RRS 32.
- ii. The Finish line, if not displayed with the start line and course, will be either the club line, or a line between the committee boat and an adjacent mark of the course.
- iii. For Club Racing, after the first boat sails the course and finishes, high handicap classes may sail one lap less at the discretion of the Race Officer.
- iv. At the discretion of the Race Officer a race may be abandoned if conditions become unsuitable for racing to continue. In this case and where possible, results for the race may be declared based on the time of the previous lap completed by all competitors.

c. Time Limit

- i. At the discretion of the Race Officer boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes may be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

6. Handicaps

- a. The handicaps and Pursuit start times assigned to each boat will be determined by the Sailing Committee and will be published in the clubhouse.
- b. The local Broadwater handicap ratings will be used in accordance with RYA guidelines

7. Protests

- a. Boats intending to Protest are requested to inform the Race Officer, in the Committee Boat, immediately after finishing.
- b. Protests shall be written on forms available in the Race Office, and shall be delivered to the Race Officer within 45 minutes of the time of the last boat's finish.
- c. The Post-Race Penalty and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes procedures shall apply (for information on the procedures, go to www.rya.org.uk/go/rulesdisputes). The outcome of an RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee, but an arbitration cannot be reopened or appealed.
- d. As per RYA Racing Rules Guidance Appendix T, the post-race penalty is a 30% scoring penalty (SCP), based on the number of boats that came to the starting area in that race, except that the minimum penalty is three places and the boat shall not be scored worse than the number of boats that came to the starting area. This changes RRS 44.3(c).

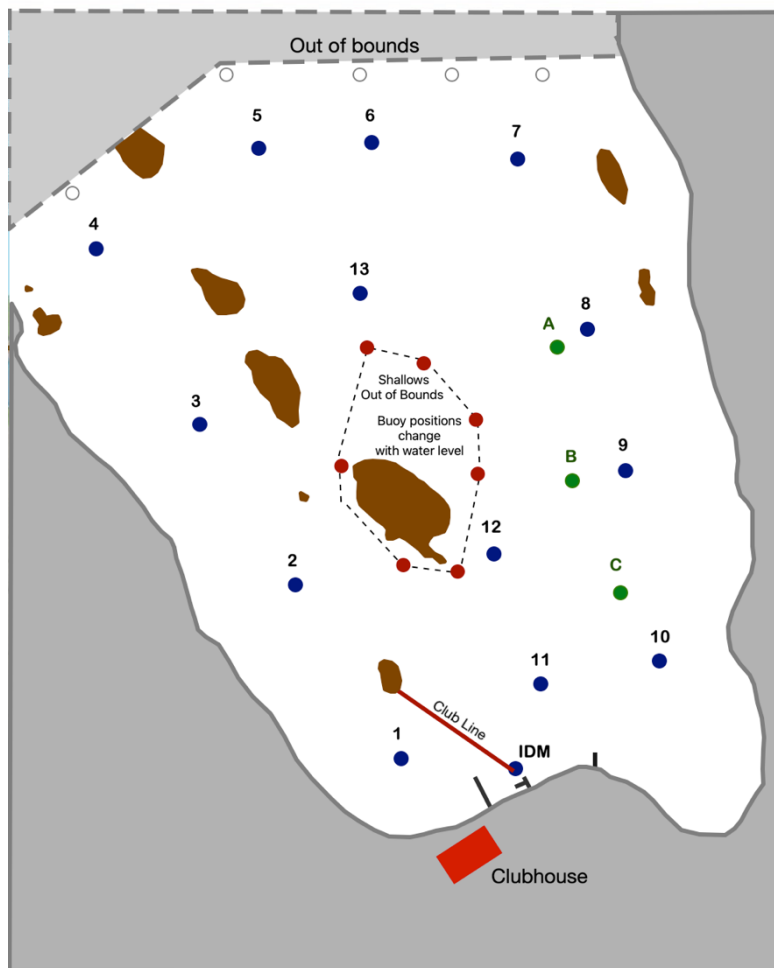
8. Scoring

- a. Scoring shall be in accordance with the 'Low Points System' in RRS A4.
- b. Points are awarded as per RRS A4, A5 and A6. RRS A5.3 applies. If an alternative system is to be used for a particular series the method will be displayed on the results board.
- c. When boats in a race are tied at the finishing line RRS A7 applies.

Appendix 1 – Broadwater sailing water



Broadwater Sailing Club



Buoys

Colour scheme for buoys:

- All numbered marks are blue barrel buoys.
- A, B and C are round green buoys.
- A temporary buoy may be used as a mark of the course.
- Shallow water marker buoys are yellow, these are advisory (see 3d).
- Southern out of bounds markers are white (at top of this plan).
- Red buoys mark the extent of the out of bounds area around the island and will be moved as water levels allow.

The lake is shallow at many edges, and we recommend keeping away from the lake edge and islands.

Course

Course description is likely to be in the format (for example):

Start = Committee boat to 8

Course = 12p, Cp, 13s, 7s, 8s

(where s=starboard and p=port)