



Banbury Sailing Club

OPEN MEETING SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rules

Races shall be sailed under the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA and the appropriate Class Rules. Where Class rules differ from the RRS and RYA prescriptions the Class rules shall take precedence. Banbury Sailing Club has adopted the RYA Racing Charter guidelines.

2. Starting

The starting line will be between a committee boat and an outer limit mark (orange cylinder). When starting, boats must cross the start line as indicated on the course board. After rounding the first mark the outer limit mark ceases to be a mark of the course.

2.1. Race Times

Normal race times are as follows

1st race	1100 hours
2nd race	1330 hours approx
3rd race	1530 hours approx

Race times may be changed depending on the weather and light at the discretion of the Principal Duty Officer. This may include back to back races & Group Starts (supplementary SIs will apply).

2.2. Starting Signals

Signal	Flag Signal	Sound Signal	Minutes before Start
Warning	Class Flag	1 sound	5
Preparatory	P* or I* or Black Flag*	1 sound	4
One Minute	Preparatory Flag(s) removed	1 long sound	1
Starting	Class Flag removed	1 sound	0

*At the PDO's discretion



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2.3. Starting Procedures & Recalls

The **first** start of each race will be according to normal RRS procedure. Subsequent starts may use the I, Z or Black Flag rule (rules 30.1, 30.2 and 30.3 respectively). In the case of the Black Flag rule being imposed sail numbers of disqualified boats will not be displayed on the committee boat if the race is resailed, restarted or rescheduled (change to rule 30.3).

2.4. Race Courses

The course to be sailed will usually be selected from those shown on the course plans; the numbers of the marks and direction of rounding will be displayed on the side of the committee boat prior to the start. The course will also be displayed on the course board outside the Clubhouse. In the event of a discrepancy or late change of course the numbers on the side of the committee boat take precedence.

Under rule 18.1 and 18.2 the zone is defined as 3 boat lengths as defined in RRS definitions relating to those rules.

Areas identified by small red buoys are areas of weed or shallows and are designated as obstructions. Any such areas and buoys will be highlighted on the course board but not on the committee boat. Note that when sailing by these obstructions, the marker buoys must be treated as additional marks of the course. This means they must be passed on the unobstructed side for boats to meet the requirements of rule 28.1.

2.5. Number of Laps

The number of laps in each race will be published outside the Race Control Box (RCB) and on the course board outside the Clubhouse. The first lap will commence when passing through the RCB transits for the first time after starting.

2.6. Finishing

The finishing line will normally be between the RCB and an Outer Limit Mark. Boats must finish between the RCB and the Outer Limit Mark (yellow & black buoy). In the event of a race being shortened, the finish line may be between a committee boat and a mark of the course.

2.7. Shortening the Course

Should the PDO decide to shorten the course, two sound signals will be made and Code Flag "S" flown from the RCB.

3. Scoring

3.1. Qualifying

A competitor must sail in at least two out of three races to qualify (unless racing is abandoned).

3.2. Awarding Points

The RRS Low Point System will be used as set out in the RRS Appendix A4.1.



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3.3. Deciding Positions

Each boat series shall be the total of the race scores excluding her worst score. If only two races are sailed then both race results will count. Ties will be decided in accordance with RRS A8.1–2.

3.4. Declarations

Declarations must be signed within 30 minutes of the last boat finishing in each race, unless races are sailed back to back, when declarations must be signed within 30 minutes of the last boat finishing the last race. Failure to do so will result in the disqualification of the boat concerned.

3.5. Protests

Protests must be in accordance with RRS Part 5, and lodged in the RCB within 30 minutes of the end of each race (unless races are sailed back to back). Protest forms are available at the RCB.

4. Buoyancy

Personal buoyancy must be worn while sailing. Wet and/or Dry Suits are **not** an acceptable substitute.

5. Liability

5.1. Safety

Each crew is entirely responsible for their own safety, whether afloat or ashore. Nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions or anywhere else reduces this responsibility.

5.2. Fitness

It is for each crew to decide whether they are fit to sail in the prevailing conditions.

5.3. Insurance

Each entrant is required to hold insurance against third party claims to the sum of at least £2,000,000.

5.4. Responsibility

Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the competitors 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 the event. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the organising authority, the race committee, the race officers, and committee and safety boats.



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5.5. Safety Boats

The provision of safety boats does not relieve the competitors of their responsibilities.

5.6. Damage to Property

The club will not accept any liability for any damage to or loss of property belonging to any member, visitor, or guest.