

## **K1 Open Meeting 2021, Datchet Water Sailing Club SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)**

*The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).*

### **1 RULES**

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Competitors agree to comply with the rules and regulations of Datchet Water Sailing Club which can be found at: <https://www.dwsc.co.uk/club-terms-and-policies/club-rules>
- 1.3 Datchet Water Sailing Club implements the RYA Racing Charter and competitors are required to sail in compliance with this Charter. This can be found in the RYA Rule Book or at <https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/rules/racing-charter>

### **2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

### **3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS**

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at <https://www.dwsc.co.uk/event/k1-open-meeting--1>
- 3.2 This event will use an online race office facility. This can be accessed using <https://www.cognitofrms.com/DatchetWaterSailingClub/OnlineRaceOffice>
- 3.3 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency or where used in relation to GPS tracking facilities, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

### **4 CODE OF CONDUCT**

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- 4.2 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall handle any equipment by the organizing authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

## **5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on a flag pole located on or adjacent to the main clubhouse building.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

## **6 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 6.1 3 races are scheduled for the Saturday and 3 races scheduled on Sunday.
- 6.2 One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that no class becomes more than one race ahead of schedule and the change is made according to SI 2.1.
- 6.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on Saturday is 1057 hrs and 0957 hrs on Sunday.
- 6.4 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least one minute before a warning signal is made.
- 6.5 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1557 hrs.

## **7 CLASS FLAGS**

- 7.1 The K1 Class flag is International code flag Kilo (K).

## **8 RACING AREA**

- 8.1 SI Addendum 1 displays a map of the reservoir with the location of the fixed racing marks which may be used for racing.

## **9 COURSES**

- 9.1 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the course on a whiteboard affixed to the committee vessel.
- 9.2 Courses will be notified closer to the event.

## **10 MARKS**

- 10.1 Racing marks will be either barrels or other fixed racing marks coloured blue, white, orange or red, and/or orange inflatable racing marks.
- 10.2 The start and finish marks will be orange, red or yellow stick marks with or without a flag.
- 10.3 A movable GPS grey mark with orange framework may be used as either a start/finish line mark or a mark that should be rounded. This will be referred to as SAM on the whiteboard.

## **11 OBSTRUCTIONS**

- 11.1 The towers and pier shall be considered as obstructions.

## 12 THE START

12.1 Races will be started using the following signals. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be ignored. This changes RRS 26.

| Minutes before starting signal | Visual Signal                       | Sound Signal | Means              |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| 3                              | Class Flag                          | One          | Warning Signal     |
| 2                              | P, I, Z, Z with I, U, or Black Flag | One          | Preparatory signal |
| 1                              | Preparatory flag removed            | One long     | One minute         |
| 0                              | Class flag removed                  | One          | Starting signal    |

12.2 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel and the starting mark as described in SI 10.2.

12.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

12.4 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee may attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress for request. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

12.5 A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

12.6 As an alternative in the absence of a race committee vessel, a boat shall be designated as a "rabbit". At the starting signal, the rabbit shall travel to windward on port tack and may be towing a fender and protected by a guard boat. Competitors must pass behind the rabbit (and towed fender and guard boat if present) on starboard tack in order to start. After starting, all boats shall remain on starboard tack until the rabbit has made a turn of a minimum of 270° and taken up a course on starboard tack (i.e., bear away gybe).

## 13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark or the finishing line to a new position.

## 14 THE FINISH

14.1 The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the committee vessel and a finishing mark as described in SI 10.2.

14.2 If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she shall report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## 15 NOT USED

## 16 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 16.1 The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

| Mark 1 Time Limit | Race Time Limit | Finishing Window |
|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 30 Minutes        | 90 Minutes      | 20 Minutes       |

- 16.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 16.3 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.
- 16.4 Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## 17 HEARING REQUESTS

- 17.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 17.2 Hearing request forms are available from the race office at <https://www.cognitofoms.com/DatchetWaterSailingClub/OnlineRaceOffice>.
- 17.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, the location of which will be posted alongside the list of hearings.

## 18 SCORING

- 18.1 The scoring system is as described in RRS Appendix A.
- 18.2 2 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.3 (a) When 2 races or fewer have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores.
- (b) When 3 or 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- (b) When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst two scores.

## 19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at

the first reasonable opportunity.

## **20-23 NOT USED**

## **24 [DP] SUPPORT TEAMS**

24.1 No support teams are allowed on the water.

## **25 TRASH DISPOSAL**

25.1 Trash may be placed aboard official vessels.

## **26 BERTHING**

26.1 [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the boat park.

## **27 NOT USED**

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## **29 PRIZES**

29.1 Prizes will be issued at the discretion of the organising authority.

## **30 RISK STATEMENT**

30.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury.

**Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

## **31 INSURANCE**

31.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2 million per incident or the equivalent.

## **32 LOCAL RULES**

32.1 Adequate personal flotation devices shall be worn by all crew members at all times when afloat, on the pontoons or on the sloping banks and flag Y will not be shown. This changes RRS 40. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in disqualification without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.

## **33 COVID-19**

33.1 Competitors shall comply with all regulations set by the UK Government at the time of the event.