



24TH – 25TH SEPTEMBER 2022

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

supplementary to RRS Appendix S

1. Rules

- 1.1 The race will be governed by the rules as defined in the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (RRS).
- 1.2 The Class races as one-designs and boats must conform to the Class rules.
- 1.3 RRS 44.3 is changed in that a boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing or that has broken RRS 31 shall take a One Turn Penalty instead of a Two Turns Penalty. This changes RRS 44.1.
- 1.5 If there is conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.

2. Notices to Competitors

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the BDA website www.britishdragons.org and on the noticeboard of the CCYC clubhouse.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect.

4. Signals Made Ashore & Afloat

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagstaff at the Cowes Corinthian Yacht Club on Birmingham Road, Cowes.
- 4.2 All signals afloat will be by VHF Channel 77 supported where appropriate by sound signals. No visual signals will be used. This changes RRS 26.

5. Schedule of Races (all times BST)

5.1 Saturday 24 September 2022:

High Water Portsmouth	11:40 4.5m
Warning Signal (Race 1)	11:55 (Start: 12:00)
Warning Signal (Race 2 & 3)	as soon as possible after previous race is completed

5.2 Sunday 25 September 2022:

High Water Portsmouth	12:12 4.6m
Warning Signal (Race 4)	10:25 (Start: 10:30)
Warning Signal (Race 5)	as soon as possible after previous race is completed

No Warning Signal will be made later than 14:00 on Sunday 25 September.

6. Not used

7. Courses

- 7.1 Courses will be set in the Central Solent Area using so far as possible fixed racing and navigation marks, and announced over VHF Ch 77. The names, positions and 2-character designators of all fixed marks which may be used are published on the SCRA website: www.scra.org.uk.
- 7.2 In the event of inclement weather, the Race Officer may decide to start and finish on the RORC line. The starting line is then an extension of the line between the RORC flagpole and the orange arrow on the RORC clubhouse wall. The ODM is #39 Snowden but note that the ODM may not lie on the line. The finishing line is between the RORC flagpole and #39 Snowden.

8. Areas that are Obstructions

- 8.1 Boats shall comply with Associated British Ports Notice to Mariners No 3 of 2016 The Moving Prohibited Zone in the Precautionary Area which shall rank as an obstruction for the purposes of RRS 19 and 20. Boats shall avoid close quarters with any commercial vessel.
- 8.2 Boats shall not anchor or kedge in the Cowes Harbour fairway and in the area between Stone Point and Gurnard Bay as indicated on Admiralty Chart 2040. Gas and water pipes, telephone and electricity cables carrying 133,000 volts lie on the sea bed.
- 8.3 Boats shall keep a good look out for ferries and commercial traffic.
- 8.4 Boats shall pass to the north of No 2 (82) Cowes Harbour Buoy and the north cardinal marking the new Cowes Breakwater when racing.
- 8.5 The race committee may set courses that do not permit boats to sail rhumb line courses between marks, particularly over the Central Solent Bramble Bank. This shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.

9. The Starting Line

- 9.1 The starting line is between the orange flag on the Committee Vessel and a mark to be advised but see 7.2 above.

10. Individual Recalls

- 10.1 Sail Numbers of individually recalled boats may be broadcast on VHF Ch 77 as soon as practical. Failure to broadcast the sail numbers will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

11. The Finish

- 11.1 The finishing line is between the blue flag on the Committee Vessel and a mark to be advised but see 7.2 above.
- 11.2 Boats shall ensure that their sail numbers are clearly visible to the Committee Vessel when finishing.

12. Radio Communications

- 12.1 The Race Committee will communicate with competitors on VHF channel 77.
- 12.2 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that is not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones. The Race Committee may broadcast information to competitors on VHF both before and during a race. Failure to receive shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

13. Retirements and Time Limit

- 13.1 Boats that have retired shall notify the Race Committee on VHF Channel 77 at the earliest opportunity.
- 13.2 A boat finishing more than 45 minutes after the first boat finishing in that race shall be scored DNF without redress.

14. Protests and Requests for Redress

- 14.1 Protest forms will be available from the Cowes Corinthian Yacht Club. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the Race Officer within the protest time limit. Contact mobile phone numbers must be included on the protest form.
- 14.2 The Protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last race of the day has finished.
- 14.3 Protests will be heard at the Cowes Corinthian Yacht Club as soon as practicable after racing.

15. Scoring/Results

- 15.1 The Low point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will be used.
- 15.2 Three races will constitute a series, one discard being allowed after the fourth race.

16. Prizes

- 16.1 Prizes will be awarded as decided by the Dragons Class Fleet representative and as listed in Notice of Race.

17. Risk Statement

RRS 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.'

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- 17.1 they are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- 17.2 they are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their property whether afloat or ashore;
- 17.3 they accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- 17.4 their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- 17.5 The provision of a race management team, committee boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
- 17.6 the provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
It is their responsibility to familiarize themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.
- 1.1 they will comply with such regulation and official guidance, including that issued by the RYA, in respect of COVID-19 as shall be in effect at the time.

--- End of Sailing Instructions ---