

TATA STEEL APRIL REGATTA

29TH & 30TH APRIL

Organising Authority : TATA Steel Sailing Club (Margam), the sailing section of TATA Steel Sports & Social Club, Margam.

Sailing instructions

- 1. Rules** Racing will be governed by the 'Rules' defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and these Instructions; these change *RRS* 26, 29 and A2.
- 2. Notices to Competitors** Notices and any changes to these Instructions will be posted at the Race Control hut.
- 3. Briefing** There will be a competitors' briefing at the Race Control hut at 11.30 on the Saturday.
- 4. Signals made ashore**

Signals made ashore will be hoisted at the mast at the Race Control hut. If 'AP' is displayed ashore before boats are launched, it will be removed (with sound signal) at least 20 minutes before the next warning signal.
- 5. Schedule of races** Six races are scheduled: Saturday - Race 1 12.00 ; races 2 and 3 to be announced.
Sunday - Race 4 10.30 ; races 5 and 6 to be announced.
- 6. Fleets and Class Flags** Racing fleets and class flags will be announced at the briefing.
- 7. Racing area, course plan and marks**

7.1 The racing area(s), course plan(s), and marks will be shown on the board at the Race Control hut.
7.2 The Committee Boat, if used, and any items attached to it will be deemed to be a mark.
- 8. The Start** This changes *RRS* 26, 29.1 and 29.2.

8.1 Signals – Unless otherwise announced at the briefing, each fleet will receive the warning signal at -4 minutes, preparatory at -2 minutes, starting signal at 0 minutes. The warning signal for each fleet will coincide with the preparatory signal for the preceding fleet.

8.2 The Start line for a shore start will be shown by a transit from two masts on the shore, and an outer distance mark which may not be exactly in line with the transit. An inner distance mark may be laid and in this case boats approaching the line to start shall pass between this mark and the outer distance mark.

The **Start line** for a water start will be between the mast displaying an Orange Flag on the Committee Boat and the starting mark. An inner distance mark may be laid and in this case boats approaching the line to start, and on subsequent laps, shall pass between this mark and the outer distance mark.

8.3 Recalls – Unless otherwise announced at the briefing, individual recalls will be signalled with a sound signal and the class flag held at the dip. Following a general recall, the recalled fleet will move to the end of the sequence.

8.4 Black flag – The Club's modified Black Flag rule may be used and, if so, will be explained at the briefing.
- 9. The Course** Boats shall sail the course shown on the courseboard. They will be required to sail through the start/finish line on every lap.
- 10. The Finish**

10.1 Each boat shall sail the defined number of laps or until 'S' is displayed, with class flag(s) if selected fleet(s) are to finish. The leading boat of each finishing fleet will then finish when next crossing the finishing line and other boats will finish thereafter. Any boat more than one round behind the leading boat of its fleet may be finished on next crossing the finishing line and given the position held at that time.

10.2 Shore-based – The **finishing line** will be between the signal mast and a finishing mark.

10.3 Water-based - The **finishing line** will be between the mast displaying an Orange Flag on the Committee Boat and the finishing mark, or between blue flags on a RIB and a dan-buoy, as described in the course plan and briefing, or between a staff on a support boat displaying flag 'S' and the adjacent rounding mark.
- 11. Time Limit**

11.1 It is intended to race for approximately 50-60 minutes. Failure to achieve this will not be cause for redress.
11.2 In the event of abandonment, places may be awarded from positions at the end of the last completed lap.
- 12. Protests** shall be submitted on forms available at the Race Control hut within 30 minutes of the last boat coming ashore after the sailing session. RYA Arbitration will also be available.
- 13. Scoring** Scoring will follow *RRS* Appendix A, except that each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with her worst score excluded if at least 4 races have been completed. This changes *RRS* A2.