



TATA Steel Sailing Club

End of Winter Regatta 2013



Saturday 23rd March 2013

TATA Steel Sailing Club, Eglwys Nunydd Reservoir, SA13 2NS

Junior Racing Event (Under 18 on the 31/12/2013)

Sailing Instructions

Objective

To build on 2012/2013 winter training by providing a racing event for sailors from clubs across South and West Wales to enjoy a friendly and relaxed event, from first time racer to competitive national squad member!

Which Fleet should I enter?

General Handicap	- RYA recognised junior or youth class not included below
Topper Training	
Topper Silver	- Sailors of Regional Squad
Topper Gold	- Sailors of National Squad
Optimist Training	
Optimist Silver	- Sailors of Regional Squad
Optimist Gold	- Sailors of National Squad

Rules Advisor / Arbitrator:

A rules advisor may be on hand to provide rules advice if you think you may have been in the wrong or right at an incident on the water. They can provide an advisory hearing (no penalty) but you find out and learn from what would probably have happened, or the RYA arbitration (20% penalty) instead of a full protest, which provides a quicker and lower penalty outcome if you both agree.

1.0 RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-16* and these Sailing Instructions which change *RRS* 41, 61, A2 and race signal AP.

2.0 CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

The rules regarding eligibility are given in the Notice of Race. The decision of the Organising Authority shall be final regarding matters of eligibility.

3.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, which will be at the race hut.

4.0 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted at least 30 minutes before the advertised starting time of the race or races concerned.

5.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

When 'AP' is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 15 minutes' in *RRS* race signal AP.

6.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Up to six races are scheduled. Warning signal for the first race 10.55 am.

6.2 When there has been a long delay, the warning signal for each race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, a yellow or additional orange flag may be hoisted with one sound signal and displayed for at least two minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

7.0 LAUNCHING

7.1 Boats may not launch until released by the Beach Master for the appropriate fleet.

7.2 Boats launching or returning to shore other than with the class group will be required to notify the Beach Master.

8.0 CLASS SIGNALS

Optimist Code Flag "O"

Topper(s) Code Flag "T"

General Handicap Code Flag "G"

General Handicap classes of 4 or more entries may be given their own start. Details will be announced at the briefing and any additional class flag(s) described.

9.0 RACING AREA AND THE COURSE

9.1 The racing area, course configuration and order of rounding marks will be described at the briefing and will be displayed on the notice board at the race hut.

9.2 It is expected that courses will be trapezoidal as described in the Appendix to these Instructions, when the course to be sailed will be shown by a numeral pennant below the class flag or numeral on a board. If no numeral is displayed, Optimists will sail Course 2, Toppers Course 1 and General handicap Course 4.

9.3 The intended race duration will be approximately 20 -30 minutes.

10.0 MARKS

Course marks will be described at the briefing.

11.0 THE START

11.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and the port end starting mark as explained at the briefing and shown on the notice board at the race hut.

11.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area. The race committee may disqualify any boat deliberately infringing this rule.

11.3 If any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line during the 2 minutes before the starting signal the race committee may display flag V. This will be displayed until all boats have sailed completely to the pre start side, but not after the starting signal.

11.4 In the event of General Recall the warning signal for the recalled class will be made one minute after the First Substitute is removed (with one sound), and the starts for any succeeding classes will follow the new start.

12.0 CHANGE OF COURSE

12.1 To change a leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark to a new position.

12.2 If the race committee signals a shortened course by displaying flag S with two sounds the finishing line shall be at a rounding mark or finish mark, between the mark and the staff displaying flag S.

13.0 THE FINISH

13.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat and the finishing mark, or between a staff displaying flag S on a support boat and the adjacent rounding mark.

13.2 The position of the finishing line relative to the course will be explained at the briefing and displayed on the notice board.

13.3 Boats may be finished at any point on the course by a race committee support boat displaying Flag W or letter W accompanied by 1 sound signal.

14.0 TIME LIMIT

A race time limit of 60 minutes and Mark 1 time limit of 20 minutes for the first boat of each class will apply.

15.0 PROTESTS & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1 Any boat wishing to protest shall inform the race committee boat at the end of the relevant race. Failure to do so will render the protest invalid. This adds to the requirements of *RRS* 61.

15.2 Protests shall be written on forms available at the race office and delivered there within 30 minutes of the last boat in the class returning to shore in the relevant sailing session.

15.3 Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible.

15.4 The Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration / Exoneration Penalty [20%] of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures may be available. Details will be announced at the briefing.

16.0 OUTSIDE HELP

At the discretion of the race committee, official support boats only may help competitors. The application of this SI shall not give grounds for redress. The extent of help will be dependent on ability and at the discretion of appointed official support boats. This clause is an additional exception to those listed in rule 41.

17.0 SCORING AND PRIZES

17.1 The event will be scored using the low points system of *RRS* Appendix A.

Each boat's event score will be the total of her race scores with her worst score discarded if 3 or more races have been completed. This changes *RRS* A2.

17.2 The regatta prizes will be presented at the end of the day

18 RISK STATEMENT

Competitors participate in the event (s) entirely at their own risk. See *RRS* rule 4 'Decision to race' and item 14 of the Notice of Race.

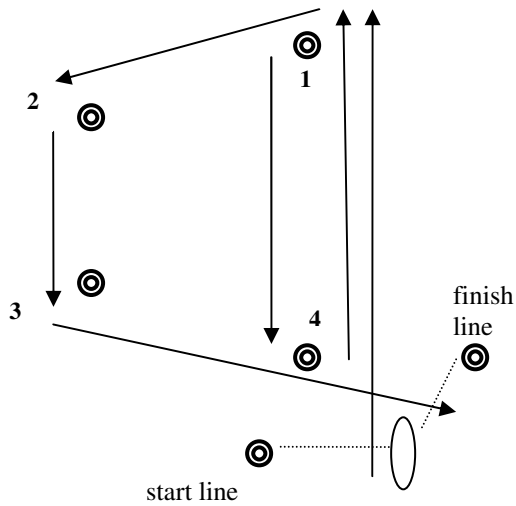
Appendix

Course 1 (inner loop)

Start 1, 4, 1, 2, 3, finish

Default for Toppers

All mark roundings to port

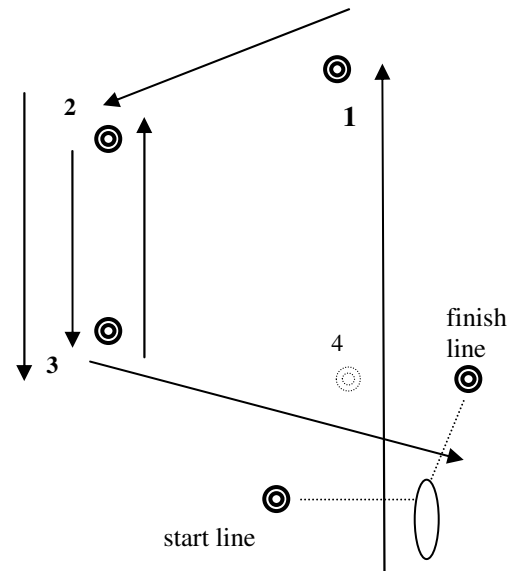


Course 2 (outer loop)

Start 1, 2, 3, 2, 3, finish

Default for Optimists

All mark roundings to port

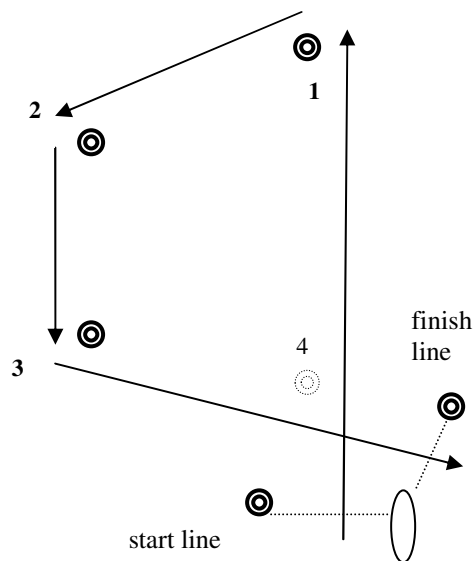


Course 3 (no loop)

Start 1, 2, 3, finish

Not a default course

All mark roundings to port



Course 4 (both loops)

Start 1, 4, 1, 2, 3, 2, 3, finish

Default for General Handicap

All mark roundings to port

