

BROXBOURNE SAILING CLUB
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR OPEN MEETINGS

1. RULES

1.1 The meeting will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) for 2021-2024, the prescriptions of the RYA, and the rules of the classes racing, except as any of these are changed by these Sailing Instructions. These Sailing Instructions may be changed or added to by Supplementary Instructions issued to competitors or posted on the Meeting Notice Board.

1.2 Entrants and authorised guests are temporary members of Broxbourne Sailing Club during the period of the event and shall comply with Club's Rules and Bylaws.

2. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

2.1 All helms intending to race shall complete an entry form, which signifies that they and the owner of the dinghy, if different from themselves, agree to the following conditions. The safety of a dinghy and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/competitor racing the dinghy who must ensure that the dinghy, her helm and crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise during the course of the race. Neither the establishment of these Sailing Instructions nor the inspection of the dinghy under these Instructions in any way limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner/competitor for the helm, the crew, the dinghy and the management thereof.

2.2 Broxbourne Sailing Club and all those involved with the organization and management of the event shall not individually or collectively be responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/competitor, the helm, the crew or the dinghy as a result of taking part in the race or races. Moreover, every owner/competitor warrants the suitability of the dinghy for the race or races and has third party insurance to a minimum of £2,000,000.

2.3 The race organizers may inspect and examine any dinghy, sails, gear or clothing at any time. 2.4

All helms must sail the dinghy declared on their entry forms. No substitute helms will be allowed.

2.5 Signing on / Declaration.

Signing on requirement is met by the completion of the entry form.

Signing off is not required unless you have retired, failure to do so may count as DSQ.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors including the Class flags and the schedule of races will be posted on the notice board at the Race Officer's Hut.

4. RACING AREA, COURSE and MARKS

4.1 The course to be sailed will be indicated in front of the Race Officer's Hut by boards bearing the numbers of the marks in the order in which they are to be rounded. The colour of the numbered board will indicate the side on which the mark is to be rounded. The rounding marks have orange flags with black characters 1 to 10 and LM.

4.2 The Race Officer may also use an X, Y or Z marks (White X on Blue, blue Y on white, white Z on black backgrounds), as additional or replacement marks.

4.3 The approximate positions of the marks are shown below as figure 1. (Additional copies are usually available when entering).

5. STARTS, FINISHES and POSTPONEMENTS

Races will be started using RRS 26.

5.1 The **start line** will be either a Shore Start or a Committee Boat Start.

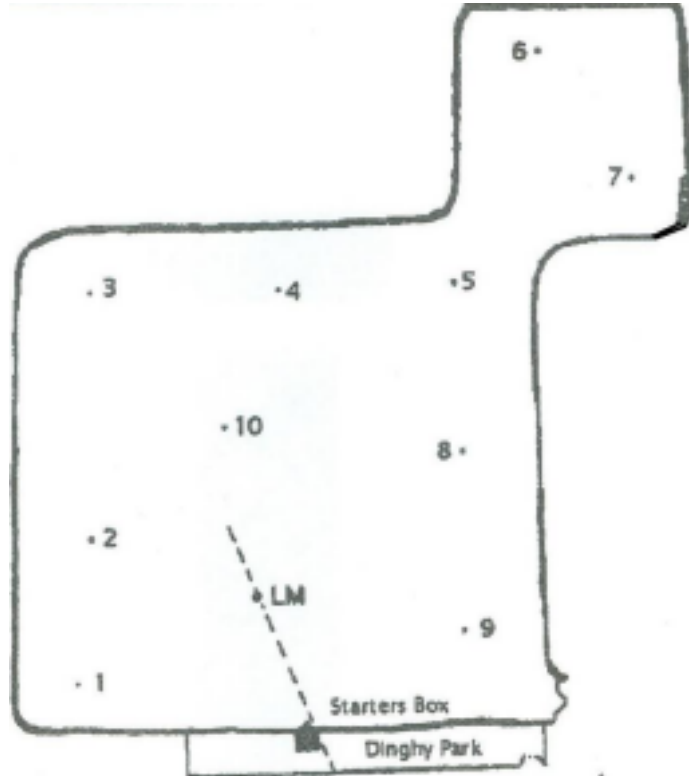
5.2 When code flag 'C' is **not** flown, races will start from the Shore Start Line which is defined as the line between the orange triangle attached to the Race Officer's Hut and the LM mark.

5.3 When code flag 'C' is flown, races will start from between front stanchion supporting the flags on the Committee Boat and an Outer Limit Mark (buoy carrying a green flag).

5.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.

5.5 The **finish line** will be the same as the start line for the current race. The Race Officer may signal a shortened course (displayed by flag S and two sound signals) as the lead boat rounds the last mark before the finish line so signifying the race ending.

5.6 Postponement of a race will be signaled by the raising of the AP flag accompanied by two sound signals. At the end of the postponement, the AP flag will be lowered accompanied by one sound signal. The class flag will be raised five minutes after the AP flag has been lowered.



6. Protests

6.1 Protest forms are available at the Race Office's Hut. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the Race Officer.

6.2 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat has finished the race, or the last race when held 'Back to Back'.

7. SCORING.

7.1 Scoring will be in accordance as provided in Appendix A of the RRS using the Low Point System. 7.2 The number of races to count. Will be published by the meeting's organizers (i.e. club's class captain / Race Officer).

8. BRIEFING

The Race Officer may give a briefing approximately 30 minutes before the first race to explain the start, course and finish details using the plan of the lake. There may be a lead boat.