

Waldringfield Sailing Club (WSC)



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Wayfarer Eastern Area Championships 10 & 11 July 2021 Event 2 of the Craftinsure National Circuit and Travellers Series 2021

1 Rules

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing for 2021-2024 ("RRS") as issued by the International Sailing Federation (ISAF), the prescriptions of the Royal Yachting Association, the RYA Racing Charter, the rules of the Wayfarer class, except where changed by these sailing instructions or by official notices posted in accordance with paragraph 4. RRS 44.3 shall not apply.

2 Entries

- 2.1 Boats shall be entered by completing registration with the organising authority. Eligibility requirements for boats are a current measurement certificate.
- 2.2 All boats will be recognised afloat through their sail number, which shall be registered on the entry form. In no circumstances shall a boat be allowed to use the same sail number as another competing boat in the same class. Permission to change sail numbers during the meeting shall be obtained from the Race Officer.
- a) RRS rule 46 is altered. An entrant shall be the person in charge and shall be aboard his/her boat for all qualifying races.
- b) A crew may not be changed without the written permission of the Race Officer.

3 Notices to Competitors

Notices to Competitors shall be posted on the official race notice board located in the Clubhouse.

4 Changes in Sailing Instructions

Any changes to the sailing instructions shall be posted on the official notice board inside the Clubhouse at least one hour before the first race start on the day the changes will take effect.

5 Signals Made Ashore and Afloat

Signals can either be made ashore from the Crow's Nest or afloat from a committee boat.

6 Safety

RRS rule 40 is altered as follows: Adequate personal flotation devices shall be worn by **all** competitors when afloat. Wet suits and non-inflated inflation type flotation devices are NOT sufficient. It is the responsibility of the parent or guardian of junior members to ensure compliance with this rule. Failure to comply with this rule will result in immediate disqualification from the race.

7 Schedule of Races

Races are scheduled as per the Notice of Race. This schedule may be altered by the Race Officer in order to accommodate postponed races or any other reason deemed appropriate by the Race Officer.

8 Class Flags

The Class flag will be the Wayfarer flag (red "W" on a white background).

9 The Course

- 9.1 The Course shall either be displayed on the fixed course board outside the Clubhouse or on the mobile board located on the committee boat at the start line. Should any discrepancy occur between the written and drawn courses, the written version shall prevail. When the mobile course board is being used, the course displayed there will prevail.
- 9.2 Whilst afloat the race committee may alter a course from that previously displayed on the course board. Code flag R, together with a sound signal, shall mean that a new course has been set and is displayed from a course board on the committee boat.

10 The Start

- 10.1 Races will be started using RRS Rule 26.
- 10.2 The type of starting line will be displayed on the course board and will be in one of the 3 following formats:
- The Club start/finish line is from the mast displaying an orange flag in front of the Crow's Nest in transit with two white posts with triangular top marks on the island.
 - A biased line may be used instead of the club line for starting races only, by substituting for the fixed transit posts on the island an outer limit mark displaying an orange flag forming a line with the Crow's Nest mast. This line shall be specified on the course board.
 - The start line/finish line may be established from a mast displaying an orange flag on a committee boat to an outer limit mark also displaying an orange flag or to an independent buoy. An inner limit mark (ILM) may be laid adjacent to the committee boat for a start or finish of a race. If laid, no boat may pass between it and the committee boat after the Warning signal has sounded. The inner limit mark, the committee boat, and the distance between is not an *Obstruction* for the purposes of RRS 18, 19 and 20. Any boat passing between the inner limit mark and the committee boat:
 - after its warning signal shall execute a two turns penalty after the start signal and before starting correctly.
 - when finishing, shall return to the course side of the finish line, execute a two turn penalty, then finish correctly.
- 10.3 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start.

11 Contact with moored boats

11.1 For the purpose of this rule all moored boats shall be regarded as obstructions.

- a) A boat which is racing any part of whose equipment makes contact with any part of a moored boat shall:
- (i) execute one penalty turn when safe to do so and in any event before the next turning mark of the course, or
 - (ii) retire, or
 - (iii) protest if she was forced to make contact by a boat which should have kept clear.
- For the purposes of this Rule 11.1(a), the boat's equipment includes all its crew members.
- b) If contact occurred between any part of the racing boat and any part of the moored boat, the entrant shall cause an entry of the fact to be made on an Incident Report Form in the Clubhouse within one hour of the finish of the last boat in the last race of the day giving the following information:
- (i) the name, address, telephone number and sail number of the boat which was racing and made contact with a moored boat, and
 - (ii) some identification of the moored boat concerned, and
 - (iii) a note of the damage, if any.

For the avoidance of doubt, an incident where a collision only takes place between the crew of a racing boat, fending off a moored boat, does not require completion of an Incident Report Form to be made. However 11.1.a) still applies.

- c) Failure to complete an Incident Report Form when such a Form is required by Rule 11.1(b) will result in disqualification from that race.

12 The Finish

The finishing line shall **either** be at the Club start/finish line as defined in 10.2 i **or** at a Committee Boat line as defined in 10.2 iii

This committee boat shall indicate it is on station at the finish line by flying a blue flag.

13 Time Limit

RRS rule 35 is altered. The race time limit shall be 2 hours. Boats must finish within 30 minutes of the finishing time of the leading boat, otherwise they shall be scored "Did not Finish".

14 Signing In/Out and Declarations

- 14.1 All competing helms shall before their preparatory signal, enter their names and boats sail number, on the Signing In/Out Declaration forms.
- 14.2 After racing, the declaration form shall be signed within 30 minutes of the end of that race. In the event of "back to back" races, the form shall be signed for all races within 30minutes of the end of the last race.

15 Protests

- 15.1 The RYA Advisory Hearing procedure shall be available. The exonerating penalty shall be 30%. This score shall be non-discardable.
- 15.2 Protests shall be written on forms available at the Entry Desk and delivered there within one hour of the last boat finishing that race. In the event of "back to back" races the forms shall be delivered within one hour of the last boat finishing the last race of the day.
- 15.3 Protest notices shall be posted on the Official Notice Board within 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a protest or named as witnesses.

16 Scoring

The low point scoring system as provided in Appendix A of the racing rules using the 'low points' system will apply. Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series. When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17 Risk Statement

Rule 3 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 involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- a) 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;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of safety boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- g) Their boat is adequately insured with cover of at least £2,000,000 against third party claims.