

Regatta 14th and 15th September 2019 Sailing Instructions

The organising authority is Loch Tummel SC

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the Sailing Instructions means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1 RULES

The Regatta will be governed by the rules defined in racing rules of sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Regatta Notice Board situated in the corridor of Loch Tummel SC
- 2.2 The Race Office will be situated within the clubhouse of Loch Tummel SC.

3 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change(s) to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than one hour before the first start on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located in front of the Race Box
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 15 minutes' in the race signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signal AP

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES & CLASS FLAGS

- 5.1 The Competitor's briefing will take place at 12:00hrs on Saturday in front of the Race Box
- 5.2 Depending on weather forecast the target of 3 races on a day may be exceeded giving a series length target of 6 but may be higher. Races will be back to back First start on Saturday 13.00, Sunday first start not before 11.00
- 5.3 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed (with one sound) not less than 5 minutes before the first warning signal of a series of starts is displayed.
- 5.4 No warning signal will be made after 14:30 on Sunday

6 RACING AREA

- 6.1 Courses will be on Loch Tummel just off the club house, its approximate area described at the briefing
 - 6.2 Competitors' attention is drawn to shallows immediately in front of the LTSC Race Box marked by a line of coloured marks. Please pass outside of these marks.

7 COURSES

- 7.1 The diagrams in Appendix 1 show the trapezoid (Carantec) courses for Race Area including the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left. They do not indicate the angle or distance between legs.
- 7.2 Classes will sail the Inner Loop or Outer Loop course as indicated on a white board with black letters on the committee boat along with the number of upwind legs to be completed before rounding Mark5.

7.3 When mark 3 or 4 is a gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark. The gate marks may be replaced by a single mark in which case it shall be rounded to port.

8 MARKS

- 8.1 Course marks shall be Orange column inflatable race marks.
- 8.2 Start and Finish marks shall be yellow column inflatable race mark with a black horizontal stripe.

9 THE START

- 9.1 The starting line will be between the mast or staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Vessel and a yellow inflatable race mark with a black horizontal stripe.
- 9.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 9.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rules A4

10 CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

To change the next leg of a course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

11 SHORTEN COURSE

- 11.1 If the race committee decides to shorten course at a mark of the course the procedure stated in RRS Rule 32.2 shall apply.
- 11.2 In addition to the procedure for shortening course in RRS Rule 32, the race committee may also award a finishing score to a boat that is still racing by displaying to her from a coach boat, mark boat or safety boat (which may be in motion) flag W with one sound signal. A boat so notified is no longer required to sail the course, shall stop racing and shall return to the starting area, or return ashore if there is no more racing. A finishing score under this sailing instruction will be the score she would have received had she sailed the course and finished within any time limit, without gaining or losing any place. The decision by the race committee to use this procedure or not to use it shall not be grounds for requesting redress. This changes RRS Rule 28.1 and RRS Rule 60.1(b).

12 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between the mast or staff on the committee vessel displaying a blue flag and a yellow inflatable inflatable race mark with a black horizontal stripe

13 TIME LIMITS

The time limit for each race will be 60 minutes after the start. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in their class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35 and A4.

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1 Protest forms are available from the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 14.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or 60 minutes after the race committee signals no more racing, whichever is later. The actual Time Limit will be posted on the Notice Board at the conclusion of racing.
- 14.3 Notices will be posted within 15 minutes of the expiry of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be heard in the training room and parties to each protest are requested to remain in the vicinity.
- 14.4 Notices of protests by the race committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 14.5 Protests will be heard as soon as possible, in approximately the order of receipt. It is the responsibility of the Protestor, Protestee and Witnesses to make themselves available for the hearing.
- 14.6 On the last day of the Regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:

- (a) Within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
- (b) No later than 30 minutes after party requesting reopening was informed of decision on that day. This changes RRS Rule 66.

15 SCORING

15.1 One race required to be completed to constitute a series. When three races have been completed a boat's score shall be the total of the race scores. When more than three races have been completed a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding the worst score.

15.2 To request correction of an alleged error in posted results, a boat may enquire at the race office.

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP]

- 16.1 Adequate personal buoyancy which is approved by the competitors testing/approval authority shall be worn by competitors at all times whilst afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. A wet suit or dry suit is not adequate personal buoyancy. This changes RRS Rule 40.
- 16.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible

17 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of LTSC and as soon as possible after the racing on Sunday

18 RISK STATEMENT

- 18.1 Rule 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."
- 18.2 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:
 - (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 and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities:
 - (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
 - (g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention to any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for

17 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

18 CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC RECORDING EQUIPMENT [DP]

Boats may be required to carry tracking equipment, cameras, sound equipment, or positioning equipment. A boat shall not protest another boat or seek redress based on a claim involving this equipment. This changes RRS 60.1 and 62.1.

APPENDIX 1 – Trapezoid (Carantec) Courses

