



# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Frensham Frenzy

Frensham Pond Sailing Club

Sunday 3rd March 2024

Pond Lane, Churt, GU10 2QA, UK

## 1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), together with the Notice of Race, the prescriptions of the RYA, the rules of the appropriate class associations, and these Sailing Instructions (SIs). In cases of conflict, these SIs shall take precedence.

## 2 CLUB MEMBERSHIP

- 2.1 All competitors are entitled to the privileges of membership of the Club for the duration of the event.

## 3 HELMS

- 3.1 A boat may be helmed by more than one person, but the points obtained by different helms will not be cumulative. A competitor may helm only one boat. Helm and crew may not exchange places during a race except temporarily in an emergency. The Race Officer must be informed of any changes of helm.

## 4 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 4.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board as defined during the briefing.

## 5 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted at least 30 minutes before the first race to which the change applies.

## 6 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 6.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials. *[For meaning of [DP], see RRS Introduction Notation.]*

**6.2** Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official to follow protocols or legislation in force. Failure to comply may be misconduct. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement protocols or legislation are not improper actions or omissions even if they later prove to have been unnecessary.

## **7 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

**7.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Club flagstaff by the Clubhouse.

**7.2** When code flag AP is displayed ashore the first warning signal will be made not less than 20 minutes after it is lowered.

## **8 SCHEDULE OF BRIEFING AND RACES**

**8.1** The briefing will be at 0950.

**8.2** Race 1: Warning signal at 1025.

**8.3** The schedule for the remaining races will be given at the briefing.

**8.4** To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least one minute before a warning signal is made.

## **9 FLAGS**

**9.1** Flags will be defined at the briefing.

## **10 SAILS, SAIL NUMBERS & RIGS**

**10.1** Except with the prior permission of the Race Officer no dinghy shall use any sails other than her own. Permission will be refused if the sail number is the same as one of the other entries.

**10.2** A boat must sail with the rig they have declared on their entry except with the prior permission of the Race Officer.

## **11 PERSONAL BUOYANCY**

**11.1** Rule 40.1 applies.

## **12 RACING MARKS & COURSES**

**12.1** There are nine spherical racing marks, numbered 1 to 9 clockwise round the Pond. The odd-numbered marks are yellow, The even-numbered marks are a muddy pink. If other marks may be used, these will be described at the briefing.

**12.2** The course will be described in terms of all or some of these marks and will be displayed on a board on a side of the committee boat. Green background indicates a starboard-handed mark, red a port-handed.

**12.3** The number of laps will not be specified.

### **13 LOCAL RULES AND HAZARDS**

**13.1** The helm of a capsized boat may request a safety boat to assist with raising its mast to the water surface. This will be held not to infringe RRS 41.

**13.2** Boats may not sail into the swimming areas, marked by lines of buoys and situated in the north-east sector of the pond perimeter.

### **14 THE START**

**14.1** The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on a committee boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark (a buoy with a coloured flag).

(a) A list of Portsmouth Numbers, as extended by Frensham Pond Sailing Club for the event, and starting times after the first start will be displayed on the official notice board at least 30 minutes before the start of the first race.

(b) Races will be started using RRS 26.

(c) Starting times for subsequent boats in the sequence shall be in accordance with the published Portsmouth Number list. Subsequent signals will be given at 1 minute intervals. For subsequent starts the signal 1 minute prior to the time given in the published Portsmouth Number list shall be considered her preparatory signal.

(d) Rule 29.1 Individual Recall is amended such that Flag "X" will be displayed for a maximum of 30 seconds.

**14.2** A boat does not have to be afloat at her preparatory signal. This changes RRS 45.

**14.3** [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other classes. *[For meaning of [DP], see RRS Introduction Notation.]*

**14.4** A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

### **15 LEAD BOAT**

**15.1** A boat flying flag "L" may motor around the course ahead of the fleet. This will be held not to infringe RRS 41.

## **16 CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START**

- 16.1** A change of bearing of any mark after the start will be signalled using flag C before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the repositioned mark may not then be in its new position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the repositioned mark may also be relocated to maintain as far as possible the original course configuration.

## **17 THE FINISH**

- 17.1** The duration of the race shall be as close as practicable to 75 minutes for an Enterprise sailing to its Portsmouth Number with other classes sailing for a period adjusted in accordance with their Portsmouth Number.

- 17.2** There will be two possible methods employed by the Race Officer to finish the race: the method to be used will be notified to competitors by a visual flag signal flown from the committee boat approximately 5 minutes before the publicised finish time. At this time a sound signal with 4 blasts will be used to alert the competitors that the finish will occur soon and to communicate what method of finishing will be used. Either a blue flag or Code flag "V" will be displayed.

(a) If the committee boat is displaying a blue flag then a fixed line finish between the committee boat and a mark of the course will be used. The mark chosen will be one which the leading boat is approaching as the time limit is reached. The finish will be signalled by two loud blasts just prior to the race finish time. All other boats will proceed around the course to the finish line.

(b) If the committee boat is displaying code flag "V" then a moving finish line will be used. The committee boat and another power boat displaying code flag "O" (for outer limit) shall form the finish line. These boats will track the leading boat and as the time limit is reached there will be two sound signals. At this point the leading boat will have finished. The committee boat and the boat displaying code flag "O" will then move down the course in reverse direction, finishing each boat as they pass. On an upwind leg the line will move down the rhumb line to the next mark. The onus is on competitors to position their boat near the rhumb line for the moving finish.

Any boat that is not on the same leg of the course as the boats finishing are asked to refrain from going through the line until the line reaches the leg of the course they are on.

## **18 TIME LIMIT**

- 18.1** The Race Officer may impose a time limit, in which case boats failing to finish within fifteen minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored "Did Not Finish". This changes RRS 35.

## **19 PROTESTS**

- 19.1** Protests must be lodged with the Race Officer within 20 minutes of the last boat finishing (or similarly after the following race(s) if held back-to-back) on the form provided. Protest arbitration will be held as soon as practicable after the race. Only the arbitration process will be available on the day of the event.
- 19.2** In the event of any dispute, other than protests under World Sailing/RYA rules, the decision of the Race Committee is to be final.
- 19.3** In the event of any dispute all parties to the dispute will be given the opportunity to participate in an arbitration. The arbitration process will be held between all parties and an independent judge.
- 19.4** Any penalties resulting from an arbitration will be 30% of the competitor's overall score.