



## Sailing Instructions for the RS600 & International Canoes At Pitsford Reservoir on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May & Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. Racing will be governed by the "Rules" as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, the Notice of Race, and these Sailing Instructions. In the event of there being any conflict between the aforementioned, these sailing instructions will take precedence at all times.
- 1.2. No national prescription will apply

### 2. Notice to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Notice Board, located in the clubhouse galley between the veranda doors and changing rooms.

### 3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1. Any changes in the sailing instructions will be posted one hour before the advertised starting time of the race or races concerned.
- 3.2. Changes in the Sailing Instructions will be signaled by displaying flag "L" from the flagpole on the veranda. If no further changes have been made Flag "L" will be lowered after the start of the last race of that day.

### 4. Signals made Ashore

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be hoisted on the flagpole located on the Veranda at the North East corner of the Clubhouse.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in "race signal AP".

### 5. Schedule of Races

The race start times are scheduled to be as follows with the warning signal being 5 minutes prior to the start time.

International Canoes			RS 600's		
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Briefing	10:15	Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Briefing	10:15
	Race 1	11:15		Race 1	11:20
	Race 2	To follow		Race 2	To follow
	Lunch			Lunch	
	Race 3	14:30		Race 3	14:35
	Race 4	To follow		Race 4	To follow
	Race 5	10:00		Race 5	10:05

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Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Race 6	To follow		Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Race 6	To Follow
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## 6. Class Flag Signals

Class – International Canoe                      Class flag  
 Class – RS600's                                      Class flag

## 7. Racing Area

Attachment A (which will be available at registration) shows the location of the racing area.

## 8. The Courses

- 8.1. The course marks will be 1 metre Orange Spherical Buoys, with a designating letter as shown on Attachment "A" and/or large P&B special buoys numbered 1, 2, 3 or 4. A rough position will be shown during briefing.
- 8.2. The course configuration and the order of rounding of marks will be as shown on the course board on the stern of the committee boat. The letters refer to the marks and the background colour refers to the side they are to be left. When "line" is included in the course boats will pass between the committee boat and the end of line mark on each lap.
- 8.3. In the event that the course displayed is changed prior to a race starting, the race officer may indicate this by flying flag C from the committee boat mast.
- 8.4. The race officer will disqualify boats seen by the race team to have sailed the wrong course, including missing the line when set as part of the course.

## 9. Number of Rounds

Each race will last for approx. 50 mins.

## 10. The Start

- 10.1. Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the start signal. (5 4 1 Go).
- 10.2. The start line is defined as the line between the mast displaying an Orange flag on the committee boat and an end of line mark flying a flag from its mast.
- 10.3. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the start area.
- 10.4. A boat starting later than 4mins. after her start will be scored DNS.
- 10.5. Fleets will start at five minute intervals in the following order.
  - (a) International Canoes
  - (b) Rs600's
- 10.6. The start signal of one fleet being the warning signal for the following fleet.
- 10.7. In the event of a general recall the fleet recalled will have its start postponed until after the last outstanding start. The next start will not normally be interrupted by a general recall.

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## 11. Change of Position of the Next Mark

To change the position of the next mark, the race committee will move the original mark to a new position. If significant the change will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the new leg, although the mark may not yet be in its new position. The direction it has been / will be moved will be signalled by the boat at the previous mark showing Red for movement to Port and Green for movement to Starboard. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the moved mark may be relocated without further signalling to maintain course configuration.

## 12. The Finish

- 12.1. The finish line will be between the mast displaying a blue flag on the committee boat or a RIB, and the end of line marker or other mark of the course.
- 12.2. At the discretion of the race officer he may sail backwards through the fleet noting each boat's position and finishing each boat at that time.

## 13. Time Limit

The time limit will be 90 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat finishes or within the time limit, whichever is later, will be scored "DID NOT FINISH". This changes RRS 35 and A4 and A5

## 14. Protests and Requests for Redress

- 14.1. Protests shall be written on forms available at the race control desk and delivered there within 60 minutes of the last boat finishing the race, or if races are sailed "back to back" within 60 minutes of the finish of the last of the "back to back" races.
- 14.2. The closing time for receipt of protests will be posted on the notice board and protest hearings will commence as soon as possible thereafter. The protests to be heard will be posted on the notice board at the end of the protest time limit.

## 15. Scoring

15.1. Low Point scoring system of Appendix A within *the racing rules of sailing* will apply, modified as follows:

- a) A boat that Does not Come to Starting Area (DNC), or is disqualified (DSQ) shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the series.
- b) A boat that does not finish (DNF) or Retired (RET), is Did not start; on course side of the starting area at her starting signal and failed to start, or broke rule 30.1 (OCS), or did not start (other than OCS or DNC) (DNS), shall be scored the points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats finishing that race.
- c) This changes rule A4.2.

15.2. Series ties will be broken in accordance with ISAF Appendix A 8.1 and ISAF Appendix A 8.2.

15.3. One race to be completed to constitute a series.

15.4. If three or less races are sailed, then there will be no discards

15.5. If four or more races are sailed, then one race will be discarded

## 16. Safety Regulations

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- 16.1. All dinghy sailors will wear approved buoyancy aids, inflated if of that type, at all times when afloat.
- 16.2. The use of personal buoyancy by competent and experienced windsurfers is a matter of personal choice.
- (a) Those under 18 and non-swimmers will wear approved personal buoyancy aids at all times when afloat.
  - (b) This amends Rule RRS40.
  - (c) Neither a wet suit nor a dry suit constitutes adequate personal buoyancy.
- 16.3. It is not permitted to land outside the club enclosure except in an emergency.
- 16.4. When the race committee considers that a boat or competitor is in difficulty it may instruct the boat or competitor to accept outside help, retire or sail ashore.
- 16.5. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

## 17. Declarations

- 17.1. Signing on before each race will not be necessary although it will be necessary to have entered the series to be eligible to start a race.
- 17.2. A declaration sheet will be displayed near the official notice board which must be signed within 30 minutes of the last boat finishing in each race ONLY by competitors who have retired.

## 18. Equipment and Measurement Checks

Boats will comply with measurement, and other rules, of their respective class associations

## 19. Disclaimer of Liability

- 19.1. Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.

### “Risk Statement”

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.”

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 while 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 responsibilities;
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions as it can be practically provided in the circumstances;

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- (g) They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face the extremes of weather; that there is crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather, and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew;
- (h) The fact that the race committee conducts inspections does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in the Notice of Race or these sailing instructions
- (i) The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

## **20. Insurance**

Each participating boat shall be insured with a valid Third Party Liability Insurance with a Minimum Cover of £3 million.

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## Attachment A.

Note that marks numbered 1, 2, 3 and 4 can be placed anywhere on the reservoir. The approximate position of the other marks is shown below -

