

Contender, RS600, K6 & D-One Open Meeting 2nd and 3rd April 2022

OXFORD SAILING CLUB

Welcome to Oxford Sailing Club. While you are sailing here you are an associate member of The Club and are bound by its rules. You should take particular note of the following as contravention risks disqualification from the entire event.

CLUB RULES

1. No animals are allowed on site other than the car park and the countryside walk.
2. Vehicles and road trailers must be parked in the designated car park. Unloading near the clubhouse/Reservoir should be limited to 10 minutes after which the vehicles must be removed to the car park.
3. No one may stay overnight on the site, and therefore camping and caravans are not permitted. **Vehicles may NOT be left on site overnight.**
4. Paddling and swimming in the reservoir are not allowed.
5. Boats shall keep clear of all Thames Water fixtures and installations, and must remain at least 20 meters from fishermen and fishing boats which may be regarded as obstructions to sea room.
6. Adequate personal buoyancy must be worn at all times when afloat or on the pontoon, and if of the inflatable type then it must be sufficiently inflated to support the wearer.

We wish you good luck and hope you enjoy your sailing at Oxford Sailing Club.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing(RRS).
- 1.2 These sailing instructions; the appropriate class rules (except as altered by these sailing instructions); the Notice of Race, Oxford Sailing Club (OSC) Articles and bylaws and any temporary regulations introduced by OSC or Thames Water will apply during the event.
- 1.3 All competitors and their guests shall be deemed to be associate members of OSC. Rule 76.1 is modified such that the Club reserves the right to reject or rescind the entry of any boat or competitor, or to exclude members of his party at any time before or during the event.
- 1.4 Propulsion, **this sailing instruction applicable to the Contender Class only.**
 - 1.4.1 The CONTENDER Class rule 22 permits pumping, rocking and ooching when the wind speed exceeds 10 knots and the leg is NOT a beat. The race committee may signal that those actions are permitted, as specified in the class rules, by displaying flag O before or with the warning signal. The flag will be removed at the starting signal.
 - 1.4.2 If the wind speed exceeds the specified limit after the starting signal, the race committee may display flag O with repetitive sounds at a mark to signal that the actions are permitted, as specified in the class rules, to a boat after she has passed the mark.
 - 1.4.3 If the wind speed becomes less than the specified limit after flag O was displayed, the race committee may display flag R with repetitive sounds at a mark to signal that rule 42, as changed by the class rules, applies to a boat after she has passed the mark.
- 1.5 Rule 77 governing class insignia, national letters and numbers on sails is amended to the effect that, under exceptional circumstances, the Race Committee may permit a boat to use sails carrying a distinguishing number other than that required.
- 1.6 Change to RRS31, **this sailing instruction applicable to the K6 & RS600 Classes only.**

If a boat touches a start or finish mark they shall complete a one-turn penalty as described in RRS 44.2. Touching

other rounding or passing marks is permitted. This changes RRS 31. A boat shall not manhandle a mark when it results in an advantage, if a boat does so she shall promptly retire. A boat that infringes this Sailing Instruction will be scored DSQ in the race she has just finished; this changes RRS 63.1 & A5.

1.7 This sailing instruction applicable to the RS600 Class only.

When Class Association-approved scales are provided at the event, competitors in classes with performance equalisation shall be measured in accordance with the Class Rules before racing in the event but not more than 24 hours before the first scheduled start. The measurements and the corresponding rack and corrector weight settings shall be recorded on the form provided, available to view by all competitors, and will apply for the duration of the event.

1.8 Change to RRS44.1, this sailing instruction applicable to the RS600 Class only.

Rule 44.1 is changed so that the two turns penalty is replaced by a one turn penalty.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors shall be posted on the Official Notice Board which will be located in the foyer of the clubhouse.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to these sailing instructions shall be posted at least one hour before the start of the race in which it will take effect and international Code flag 'L' will be flown.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the mast situated at the South end of the clubhouse.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Start times are as follows:

RS600

Race 1	13:00 on 2/4/2022
Race 2	Immediately following Race 1
Race 3	Immediately following Race 2
Race 4	10:30 on 3/4/2022
Race 5	Immediately following Race 4
Race 6	Immediately following Race 5

Contender

Race 1	2 mins after RS600 Race 1 start
Race 2	2 mins after RS600 Race 2 start
Race 3	2 mins after RS600 Race 3 start
Race 4	2 mins after RS600 Race 4 start
Race 5	2 mins after RS600 Race 5 start
Race 6	2 mins after RS600 Race 6 start

K6

Race 1	2 mins after Contender Race 1 start
Race 2	2 mins after Contender Race 2 start
Race 3	2 mins after Contender Race 3 start
Race 4	2 mins after Contender Race 4 start
Race 5	2 mins after Contender Race 5 start
Race 6	2 mins after Contender Race 6 start

D-One

Race 1	2 mins after K6 Race 1 start
Race 2	2 mins after K6 Race 2 start
Race 3	2 mins after K6 Race 3 start
Race 4	2 mins after K6 Race 4 start
Race 5	2 mins after K6 Race 5 start
Race 6	2 mins after K6 Race 6 start

6.2 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 14:00.

6.3 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 five minutes before the warning signal is made.

7 CLASS FLAGS

The RS600 class flag is 'RS600'.

The Contender class flag is 'C'.

The D-One class flag is 'K'.

The K6 class flag is 'RS K6'.

8 RACING AREA

The racing area is Farmoor 2 reservoir.

9 COURSES

9.1 Contender and RS600

The trapezoid course shall be sailed:

The diagram in appendix A indicates the relative position of the marks but does not indicate the angles between the legs.

The course configuration and order of rounding of marks will be as follows:

- a) In all cases Mark A is the intended windward mark.
- b) Marks A, B, C, D & S are to be left to port.
- c) All rounds (4 legs): A, S, B, C, D, Gate

9.2 D-One and K6

The windward-leeward course shall be sailed:

The diagram in appendix A indicates the relative position of the marks but does not indicate the angles between the legs.

The course configuration and order of rounding of marks will be as follows:

- a) Mark A is the intended windward mark.
- b) Marks A, S & D are to be left to port.
- c) All rounds: A, S, D, Gate

9.3 Unless an alternative is specified on the Official Notice Board or on a board on the Committee Boat before the warning signal, five rounds will be sailed. When the finishing line is in an area other than in the vicinity of the Start line/Gate, the course to the finishing line will be indicated in accordance with sailing instruction 10.

9.4 Magnetic bearing of mark A.

The magnetic bearing of mark A from the Committee Boat will not be displayed.

10 COURSE MARKS

10.1 Marks A, B, C and D are tall orange cylinders.

10.2 The start mark will either be a tall orange cylinder with a band or a dumpy orange mark.

10.3 The finishing mark will be a mark of the course or a substitute laid for that purpose.

10.4 The spreader mark 'S' is a small orange cylinder.

10.5 Additional or alternative marks may be used as described on the Official Notice Board.

11 THE START

11.1 Races will be started as follows:

First start (RS600): in accordance with RRS 26.

Subsequent starts including general recalls:

2 min (previous class start): class flag and 'P'/'Z'/'U'/'Black flag' raised.

1 min: 'P'/'Z'/'U'/'Black flag' lowered.

0 min: class flag lowered.

11.2 The starting line is defined as the line between the forward mast of the Committee Boat and the start mark.

11.3 When the Race Committee vessel is on station it will fly an orange flag.

11.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other classes.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

The Race Committee may adjust the course by moving or substituting marks. When the course is changed by substitution of a mark, a boat will be stationed near the start of the first leg affected and will fly flag C. She will draw attention to this by making intermittent sound signals. In alteration of rule 33, the compass bearing of the new mark or green/red triangular flags will not be displayed.

13 THE FINISH

13.1 The finishing line will be between the Race Committee vessel's forward mast and the finishing mark.

13.2 When the Race Committee vessel is on station it will fly a blue flag.

14 TIME LIMIT

14.1 The time limit for the leader in each race will be 75 minutes. Any yacht not finishing within 20 minutes of the leading boat or within the time limit, whichever is later shall be scored in their observed positions on the course or last mark rounding position if recorded. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5. Boats finished in this way will be advised of the fact by a safety boat and should stop racing thereafter. The Race Officer may extend the 20 minute time limit at his discretion.

14.2 The end of the finishing period will be signalled by the lowering of the blue flag with one sound signal.

15 HEARING REQUESTS

15.1 Protests shall be written on the forms available from reception and lodged there within 30 minutes of the last boat completing the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is the later.

15.2 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

15.3 The Protest Committee will meet as soon as possible after the day's racing.

16 SCORING SYSTEM

16.1 The Low Point Scoring System, as detailed in Appendix A of the RRS, will apply.

16.2

a) When less than four races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores.

b) When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1 Adequate personal buoyancy shall be worn at all times when afloat or on the pontoons. Dry or wet suits alone do not constitute personal buoyancy.

17.2 From January 1st to March 31st dry or wet suits which cover at least the trunk and upper thighs must be worn.

18 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

18.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.

18.2 When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

19 TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.

20 PRIZES

Prizes will be given for each class as defined by the Notice of Race.

21 RISK STATEMENT

Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or 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 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 in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event;

21 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance cover with a minimum cover of £3,000,000.

22 COVID-19 considerations

Every attendee of the Oxford Sailing Club site (includes the whole of the Thames Water Farmoor site) must understand and adhere to the current restrictions in place as detailed on the UK Government website <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Oxford Sailing Club may publish information to provide additional assistance to attendees at <https://www.oxfordsailing.club/>

Appendix A - Course Information

K6 and D-one Course

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