



1. Rules & Entry Requirements

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025-28.
- 1.2 The definition Zone is confirmed as three hull lengths
- 1.3 The regatta is open to the advertised classes and eligible boats shall be entered by completing and signing the entry form. Entries are accepted on the understanding that competitors automatically grant Ogston SC the right to include the name(s), boat and sail numbers of entrants in the results and write ups of this event. The club may share race results with other clubs, class associations, and the RYA, and provide race results to local and national media.
- 1.4 **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".
- 1.5 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:
- 1.6 (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;
- 1.7 (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- 1.8 (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- 1.9 (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- 1.10 (e) The provision of a Race Management Team, Patrol Boats or other officials and volunteers by the Event Organizers does not relieve them of their own responsibilities
- 1.11 (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
- 1.12 (g) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3,000,000 against third party claims

2. Notices to Competitors

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board in the clubhouse by the Registration Area.
- 2.2 A regatta briefing will take place approximately 30 minutes before the advertised warning signal of the first race or at a time indicated at registration.
- 2.3 For 2-day events there will be a briefing on both days or at the OOD discretion.

3. Changes in Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board in the clubhouse by the Registration Area, 30 minutes before the advertised warning signal of the race or races concerned. Code Flag "L" flown from the gantry adjacent to the club house and accompanied by a single sound signal shall indicate a posted change.

4. Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the gantry adjacent to the club house.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 10 minutes' in race signal AP.
- 4.3 Rule 40.1 (*personal flotation devices*) shall apply to all competitors at all times whilst afloat, flag Y will not be displayed. Wet or dry suits do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy.

5. Schedule of Races

- 5.1 Race 1 warning signal will not be before 11am; Note this is for both one day events and two day events. Subsequent races will start as notified in the briefing.
- 5.2 If races are held “back to back”, the warning signal for a subsequent race will be made as soon as possible after the last boat has finished the previous race.

6. Class Flags

- 6.1 The class flag will be Numeral 1

7. Racing Area

- 7.1 The racing area and the approximate position of the fixed marks will be as shown on the sketch attached.

8. The Course

- 8.1 The course will be displayed on the committee boat, no later than the Warning signal.
- 8.2 The course will be indicated by the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left. “G” will indicate that it is necessary to sail through the lapping gate (ie the finishing line) at the end of each lap.
- 8.3 The number of laps to be sailed will be indicated by a white numeral on blue.
- 8.4 A powered lead boat may sail ahead of the fleet on the first lap. If provided, details of the identification of the boat will be given at the briefing.
- 8.5 Boats observed by the race committee to have not sailed the correct course will be scored NSC without the need to protest. Boats may seek redress from this action.

9. Marks

- 9.1 The marks of the course will consist of a selection from the fixed marks (coloured cans 1-12 and coloured buoys A,B,C, D, E & F and two moveable marks (“X” and “Y”).
- 9.2 The starting and finishing marks will be buoys with orange flags (but see instruction 13.1).

10. Areas That Are Obstructions

- 10.1 An area of 5 metres around Tern rafts and any buoys marking no sailing areas

11. The Start

- 11.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 i.e. 5, 4, 1, GO.
- 11.2 The starting line will be between the main mast (displaying an orange flag) on the committee boat at the starboard end and an Outer Distance Buoy displaying an orange flag at the Port End. A limit mark carrying an orange flag may be laid adjacent to the committee boat. This mark will be a mark of the course. No competitor may pass between the limit mark and any part of the committee boat after the first warning signal.

12. Change of the Next Leg of the Course

- 12.1 Courses will not be changed after the start. This changes rule 33 (but see instruction 13.1 Finish Line).

13. The Finish

- 13.1 The finishing line will be the same line as that designated as the starting line; **OR**
The finishing line will be between the mast on the committee boat (flying a blue flag) and a nearby mark of the course. In order to maintain the lapping gate, a buoy may be laid at the starboard end, where the committee boat was previously anchored.
- 13.2 When the course is shortened (see rule 32) all boats will finish the next time they sail through the finish line.

14. Penalty System & Declarations

- 14.1 A boat that Did Not Compete, Start, Retired, or Retired under rule 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the race office within the protest time limit.

15. Time Limit

- 15.1 The time limit for a race will be 1 hour 30 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat finishes, will be scored “DNF”. This changes rules 35 and A4.

16. Protests & Requests for Redress

- 16.1 Protests shall be written on forms available in the clubhouse and delivered to the race office within 30 minutes of the last boat finishing the race or subsequent race in the event of “back to back” races.
- 16.2 Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible.

17. Scoring

- 17.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a valid series. When 3 races have been completed, 1 discard will be applied.
- 17.2 Boats completing fewer laps than others in single class events, will be given race positions after boats completing more laps.
- 17.3 Scoring will be under the Low Point scoring system under appendix A4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing.

APPENDIX A - GENERAL HANDICAP REGATTAS

- A1 **General** - Where applicable, this appendix overrules the preceding Instructions.
- A2 **Starting** - There will be one race at each scheduled time but separate starts may be provided for fast and slow handicap boats (as notified at the briefing).
- A3 **Time Limit** – There will be no time limit. Rule 35 does not apply.
- A4 **Scoring** - All races will be scored on average lap corrected times and Handicap numbers will be as published in the latest issue of YR2.

APPENDIX B - MULTIPLE START REGATTAS

- B1 **General** - Where applicable, this appendix overrules the preceding Instructions.
- B2 **Starting Flags** - Numeral 1 will be used for the first start, Numeral 2 for the second start etc. the number of starts and classes included in each start will be notified at the briefing.
- B3 **Succeeding Starts** will be at Two minute intervals by displaying their warning flag with the starting signal for the preceding class.
Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other starts.
- B4 **Individual Recall** -In the event of an Individual Recall, the signal will be displayed for 1 minute. This changes rule 29.1 Competitors still have the 4 minutes to return.
- B5 **General Recall** - After a General Recall, the 2 minute starting sequence for multiple start regattas will be maintained; boats subject to a General Recall will go to the “back of the queue”.
The First Substitute flag will be lowered after one minute if a subsequent start sequence has commenced. (This changes rule 29.2) If the last start is recalled, rule 29.2 and instruction B3 will apply.

NOTES TO COMPETITORS

- a) Wet or dry suits shall be worn by all competitors between 1st November and 30th April
- b) Competitors shall not sail within 10 metres of the banks and shall not beach except in case of an emergency
- c) Visiting competitors will be awarded temporary family membership for the event.
- d) Competitors and their guests are not permitted to walk along the edge of the reservoir. Ogston is an SSSI and access is restricted to the foreshore in front of the dinghy park only.
- e) Ogston Reservoir is a drinking water reservoir. All competitors and guests shall comply with the following regulations:
 - Do not take any vehicle onto the boat park except to unload or load boats
 - Do nothing to pollute the reservoir; swimming is prohibited
 - Do not land outside the club compound except in an emergency
 - Comply with any reasonable request made by either a Water Authority or Club Official
 - Please cause least possible disturbance to wild life and fishermen
 - Dogs must be on a lead at all times whilst on site