



Solo Inland Championships

7th and 8th September 2019

Sailing Instructions

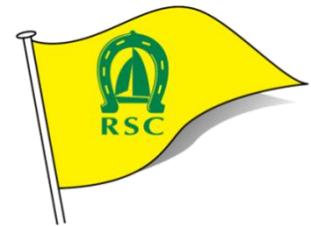
Standard entry online at:

<https://rutland-solo-inlands-2019.eventbrite.co.uk>
ends 18:00 Thursday 6th September

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For more information and entry details visit

<http://www.rutlandsailingclub.co.uk/event/solo-open>
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1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing and the prescriptions of the RYA.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the Wet Bar.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board, at least one hour before the scheduled start of the race or races concerned. However, any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 19:00 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be hoisted on the flag-pole located at the western end of the club house balcony.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 There will be a competitor briefing at 10:30 on Saturday in the Wet Bar.
- 5.2 There will be three back-to-back races on each day.
- 5.3 The scheduled times of the warning signal for the first race are 11:55 on Saturday and 10:55 on Sunday.
- 5.4 To alert boats that a start sequence is about to begin, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound, at least one minute before the warning signal. The orange flag will be removed at the end of the race (see also Instruction 14.3).
- 5.5 The last warning signal on Sunday will be no later than 14:55; no racing will be started after this time.

6 CLASS FLAG

- 6.1 The class flag will be a plain red flag

7 RACING AREA

- 7.1 The location of the racing area on the reservoir will be shown on the Official Notice Board.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The diagrams in the annex show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 The courses to be used will be Triangle Windward Leeward ("Triangle Sausage") and Windward Leeward. The Windward Leeward course may be used at the discretion of the Race Officer in lower wind strength conditions
- 8.3 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the course to be sailed and the course number as shown in the annex. The approximate compass bearing of the first leg may also be displayed
- 8.4 To change a leg of a course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position without signalling. Rule 33 will not apply. Moving marks during racing will not be cause for redress.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 Marks 1, 3, 4s and 4p will be spherical yellow buoys and marks 1a (the spreader mark), and mark 2 will be black spherical buoys.

- 9.2 The starting and finishing marks will be the race committee signal vessel at the starboard end and a dan buoy or race committee vessel at the port end.

10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1 The 'RUTLAND BELLE' (a pleasure cruiser), water towers, launching platforms and the no sailing zones at the western ends of the northern and southern arms are designated as obstructions; competitors shall give reasonable clearance.
- 10.2 Competitors shall give a clearance of at least 40 metres from anglers who are fishing whether in drifting fishing boats or on the shore.
- 10.3 Competitors shall not sail through the moorings in the East and West Creeks.

11 THE START

- 11.1 A race shall not be started in a wind of 3 knots or less.
- 11.2 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal (i.e. 5, 4, 1, GO).
- 11.3 The starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the starting marks.
- 11.4 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4 and A5.
- 11.5 If a general recall has been signalled, a RIB may motor ahead of the fleet waving a staff displaying 1st Substitute. Failure to display this signal will not be grounds for redress.

12 FINISH

- 12.1 The finishing line will be between staffs displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal vessel at the starboard end and a blue flag on the port-end finishing mark.
- 12.2 After finishing and clearing the finishing line, any boat re-crossing the finishing line in either direction or interfering with other dinghies still racing, may be liable to disqualification unless she can demonstrate reasonable cause for doing so.
- 12.3 Slower boats may be finished before completing the same number of rounds as the leading boats. In such instances, these boats will be notified by a race committee or patrol boat and given a finishing position behind boats which have completed more rounds.
- 12.4 To shorten the course at the leeward mark, the race committee will display flag S with two sound signals and will also position a RIB near the leeward mark displaying flag S and making repeated sound signals. Boats must then leave the leeward mark (i.e. mark 4p or mark 3) to port and sail across the finish line. This changes rule 32.2.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM AND DECLARATIONS

- 13.1 A boat that Did Not Finish or Retired After Finishing (including Rule 31.2) shall complete an acknowledgment form at the race office within the protest time limit.
- 13.2 RRS Appendix P (Immediate penalties for breaking RRS 42) will apply, except that this is amended such that P2.2 and P2.3 are deleted and P2.1 (two turns penalty) shall apply to all penalties.

14 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 14.1 There will be no race time limit. The target race time for the first boat will be 45 minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 14.2 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within 30 minutes the race will be abandoned.
- 14.3 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5. This Instruction will be signalled by lowering the orange flag with three long sounds.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. This time limit will be extended by 30 minutes for all protests by the race committee relating to incidents observed in the racing area.
- 15.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located on the first floor of the club house.
- 15.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 15.5 Breaches of NoR 1.5 and SI 17.1 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

16 SCORING

- 16.1 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.2 Discards shall be calculated as follows:
- For the Inland Championship, when fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

- For the Inland Championship, when four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- For the vintage event, when three or four races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

- 16.3 Points appropriate to the higher place will be awarded for race ties. This changes Appendix A7.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 18.1 Substitution of equipment will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 19.1 All boats must have a valid measurement certificate with the name of the current owner, and a current buoyancy endorsement signed and witnessed in accordance with NSCA rules. The appropriate documentation must be produced upon request at registration before going afloat. Any competitor who does not comply with this instruction may be disqualified without redress.
- 19.2 The NSCA or its representatives shall have the right to measure or weigh any boat, its sails and other equipment, including clothing. This may be carried out each day with selected dinghies or competitors.
- 19.3 Any competitor found not to comply with the rules as a result of measurement during the course of, or at the conclusion of, the regatta shall be liable to disqualification from individual races and from the regatta, at the discretion of the race committee. Rules 43.1(a) and 43.1(b) apply to the weight of clothing and equipment with a 10 kg maximum to include footwear and clothing below the knee.
- 19.4 Competitors shall always wear adequate personal buoyancy whilst afloat, except for short periods whilst changing clothing. Flag 'Y' will not be displayed; this changes Rule 40 and Race Signals Y.

20 RUBBISH DISPOSAL

- 20.1 Rubbish may be placed aboard support or official boats.

21 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 21.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that are not available to all boats.

