

Huddersfield Sailing Club
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 2025-2028



1. Rules

Races will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of the Royal Yachting Association and the rules of the Dinghy Class sailed, except as may be changed or amended by these Sailing Instructions.

2. Entries

2.1 All yachts in Club races shall be helmed by a member of the Club except at the discretion of the Sailing Committee.

2.2 Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Notice Board located in the Club entrance hall.

3. Changes in Sailing Instructions

Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted 15 mins. before the race on the day it will take effect. Changes to the Schedule of Races will be posted by 1700 hours on the day before it will take effect.

4. Signals

4.1 The flag signals will be hoisted on the flagstaff in front of the Race Control Tower.

4.2 Flag "AP" with two sound signals (one sound signal when lowered) means the race is postponed. The warning signal will be made not less than 1 minute after the flag "AP" is lowered.

5. Schedule of Races

The Schedule of Races is published within the Sailing Programme available on the club website (www.huddersfieldsailing.org.uk) and the noticeboard. It may be amended by the Sailing Committee by due notice posted in the clubhouse.

6. Class Flags

Zulu class (All boats with an RYA PN Number greater than 1199): International Code Flag "Z"

Romeo class (All boats with an RYA PN Number less than 1200): International Code Flag "R"

7. Racing Area

The racing area will be Boshaw Whams Reservoir.

8. The Course

8.1 The course to be sailed shall be signalled on the course frame on the handrail of the Race Control Tower.

8.2 Marks to be rounded leaving the mark to port, shall be indicated by a white numeral on a red background.

Marks rounded to starboard, shall be indicated by a white numeral on a green background.

The sequence of rounding the selected marks shall be as displayed in the frame reading from left to right.

8.3 Marks that are to be passed to port at the **start** shall be indicated by a white numeral on a red background over the letter "S".

Marks that are to be passed to starboard at the **start** shall be indicated by a white numeral on a green background over the letter "S".

Marks that are to be passed to port at the **finish** shall be indicated by a white numeral on a red background over the letter "F".

Marks that are to be passed to starboard at the **finish** shall be indicated by a white numeral on a green background over the letter "F".

Marks that are to be passed to port at the start of each **intermediate lap** shall be indicated by a white numeral on a red background over the letter "I".

Marks that are to be passed to starboard at the start of each **intermediate lap** shall be indicated by a white numeral on a green background over the letter "I".

8.4 Average lap times may, at the discretion of the race officer, be used to determine finishing places and race scores when the course has been shortened and some boats have completed fewer laps than the leading boat at the finish

9. Marks

9.1 The marks consist of coloured plastic buoys with a contrasting numeral on one or more sides.

9.2 The course will be selected from the fixed marks numbered 1 to 9 clockwise around the reservoir starting at No 1 opposite the Race Control Tower; and X, situated approximately in the centre of the reservoir.

9.3 The number of laps of the course to be sailed shall be indicated in the frame by a white numeral on a blue background displayed under a facsimile of the relevant class flag.

10. Areas that are obstructions

The ramp, all banks and the reeds near Mark No.2

11. The Start

11.1 Races will be started by a warning signal and hoisting the class flag(s) 5 minutes before the start. At 4 minutes before the start the preparatory flag (Flag P) will be hoisted accompanied by a sound signal. At one minute before the start the preparatory flag will be removed accompanied by one sound signal. At the start there will be one sound signal and the class flags will be removed. Classes may be started together or at 5-minute intervals in the order laid down in the Schedule of Races .

11.2 The Starting Line

The starting line shall be one of the following:

11.2a **Transit start-** The extension of a line through the Race Control Tower Flagstaff and a Transit Pole painted in alternate COLOURED AND WHITE bands. An inner or outer limit mark may be set and will be indicated in accordance with Sailing Instruction 8.3.

OR

11.2b **Transit start-** The extension of a line through the Race Control Tower and a Transit Pole painted in alternate GREEN AND WHITE bands if a transit pole painted in alternate RED AND WHITE bands is also erected. Inner or outer limit marks may be set and will be indicated in accordance with Sailing Instruction 8.3.

OR

11.2c **Transit start-** The extension of a line through two Transit Poles, one painted in alternate GREEN AND WHITE bands and the other in alternate BLACK AND WHITE bands. An inner or outer limit mark may be set and will be indicated in accordance with Sailing Instruction 8.3.

OR

11.2d **Line start-** A line between two marks which shall be indicated when possible by a white numeral on red background (port end) green background (starboard end) **or** otherwise by a white numeral on a blue background, displayed on the course board above LINE START.

After the start either or both of these marks may be used as part of the course.

11.3 Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose preparatory signal has been made.

11.4 Delete Racing Rule 29.1 Individual Recall and substitute:

When at her starting signal any part of a yacht's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line the Race Officer shall make a single sound signal and where possible hail any yacht starting prematurely, notwithstanding this it is the responsibility of the offending yacht to comply with Rule 29.

12. Change of course after the start

The course may be shortened at any time during the race as follows:

12a When International Code Flag "S" is flown accompanied by two sound signals the race shall finish at the end of the lap still to be completed by the leading yacht.

OR

12b When International Code flag "T" is flown accompanied by two sound signals, the next mark of the course to which the leading yacht is sailing shall be deemed to be the last mark of the course. Yachts shall finish by proceeding to the Finish Line from that mark.

OR

12c During races when using the average lap timing system, the Race Officer may shorten the course as in 12a. as any boat approaches the last mark of the course. All boats should then complete their current lap and cross the line to finish.

13. The Finish

13.1 The Finish Line shall be the extension of a line through the Race Control Tower and a Transit Pole painted in alternate COLOURED AND WHITE bands. An inner and/or outer limit to the Finishing Line may be set and will be indicated in accordance with Sailing Instruction 8.3.

OR

13.2 Where the Start Line is as described in paragraphs 11.2b or 11.2c above the Finish Line shall be an extension of a line through Race Control Tower and a Transit Pole painted in alternate RED AND WHITE bands. An inner and/or outer limit to the Finishing Line may be set and will be indicated in accordance with Sailing Instruction 8.3.

14. Penalty System

14.1 Appendix P will not apply.

15. Time Limit

15.1 The Time Limit for each race will be 10 minutes before the start of the next race or 20 minutes after the first yacht finishes in the class whichever is the shorter.

15.2 All yachts failing to complete the course within the time limit will be deemed to have retired. Expiration of the time limit will be indicated by one long and one short sound signal.

16. Protests and Requests for Redress

- 16.1 Hearing requests shall be written on forms available at the Control Tower and delivered there within the time limit.
- 16.2 The time limit is 30 minutes after the last yacht has finished the last race of the day.
- 16.3 Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt beginning as soon as practical after the race.
- 16.4 Posting on the Notice Board will inform competitors when and where there is a hearing in which they are parties to a hearing or named as witnesses.
- 16.5 On the last day of racing for a Series a party to the hearing may ask for a reopening of the matter after being informed of the decision.
- 16.6 The Exoneration Penalty [and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration procedures] of the RYA Racing Disputes Procedures will be available.

17. Scoring

The low point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply, as amended by these sailing instructions.

- 17.1 Paragraph A2.2 of Appendix A shall not apply. Substitute: A boat that did not come to the starting area shall not be scored. The number of races scheduled and the number of races to qualify for a series will be as set out in the Schedule of Races.
- 17.2 Paragraphs A5.2 and A5.3 of Appendix A shall not apply. Substitute: A yacht which ranks as a starter by sailing in the vicinity of the Start Line on or after her Preparatory Signal and did not start, did not sail the course, did not finish, retired or was disqualified shall be awarded points equal to the number of yachts that ranked as starters plus 1 in that race with a minimum of 6 points.
- 17.3 Series Ties: Paragraph A8.1 of Appendix A shall not apply. *Substitute:* If there is a series-score tie between two or more boats, each boat's race scores shall be listed in order of best to worst, and at the first point(s) where there is a difference the tie shall be broken in favour of the boat(s) with the best score(s). All scores including excluded scores shall be used. If a tie still remains Paragraph A8.2 of Appendix A will apply
- 17.4 A Laser/ILCA will be handicapped as if sailing with a full rig unless the helm has informed the Race Officer prior to the race that a Radial or 4.7 rig will be used for that race.
- 17.5 The number of races to qualify in a series shall be as set out in the Schedule of Races. In the event of races being abandoned the formula for reducing the number of qualifying races to count in a major series shall be:

ABANDONED	REDUCTION	ABANDONED	REDUCTION
1	0	5	2
2	1	6	3
3	1	7	3
4	2	8	4

18. Safety regulations

- 18.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race officer as soon as possible.
- 18.2 A trapeze or hiking harness shall have a device that can quickly release the competitor from the boat at any time while in use.

19. Prizes

Prizes will be awarded as set out on the Event Result Sheets and displayed on the Notice board.

20. Disclaimer

Competitors participate in the clubs racing entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, *Decision to race*. The club will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after racing.

21. Insurance

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

22. Afloat at the Preparatory Signal

Racing Rule 45 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states that "A boat shall be afloat and off moorings at her Preparatory Signal". Under these Sailing Instructions a yacht infringing this rule may exonerate itself by doing a 360° penalty turn as soon as practical after the start, on the course side of the Start Line.

23. Anchoring

When anchoring or making fast in accordance with Racing Rule 45 a yacht shall not do so on or in the vicinity of the Start Line.

24. Buoyancy

All Helmsmen and Crew shall wear adequate personal buoyancy at all times on the water (Wet or Dry suits are not considered adequate). If the buoyancy aid is of the inflatable type it must be kept fully inflated.

25. Suspension of these Sailing Instructions

These Sailing Instructions shall be suspended when an Open Event is being held on the Club's water.