

Huddersfield Sailing Club
HERON EVENTS SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 2025

1. Rules

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

2. Entries

2.1 Eligible boats may be entered by completing the HSC registration form and paying the appropriate fee. Eligibility requirements for boats are that they comply with their Class Rules.

2.2 Notices to competitors will be posted on the club notice board located in the entrance hall of the Club.

3. Changes in Sailing Instructions

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted 15 minutes before the warning signal of the race to which they take effect.

4. Signals

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from at 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

Sunday 14 September 2025

First Race 11:00hrs

Second and subsequent Races TBA

6. Class Flags Class flag will be: Code Flag H

7. The Racing Area will be as shown on the board located near the entrance to the Clubhouse.

8. The Course

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

9. Marks

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

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

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, the reeds near mark no. 2. And the yellow marker on a fixed post near the valve tower.

11. The Start

11.1 Races will be started using RRS Rule 26.

11.2 **The starting line** shall be one of the following: -

11.2a The extension of a line through the Race Control Tower Flagstaff and a Transit Pole painted in alternate COLOURED AND WHITE bands **OR**

11.2b The extension of a line through two transit poles painted in alternate coloured and white bands **OR**

11.2c A line between two marks identified on the course board **OR**

11.2d A line between a committee boat and a mark.

11.3 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 Racing Rule 29.

12. Change of course after the start

When code flag 'S' is displayed accompanied by two sound signals it will mean 'finish the race at the prescribed finishing line at the end of the lap still to be completed by the leading boat'.

13. The Finish

The finish will be an extension of the line through the Race Control Tower flagstaff and a transit pole painted in alternate coloured and white bands.

14. Penalty System

14.1 Delete Racing Rule 44.3 (scoring penalty).

14.2 Appendix P will not apply.

- 15. Time Limit**
The time limit will be 15 minutes after the leading boat has finished. Boats failing to finish within the time limit will be scored 'did not finish'.
- 16. Protests**
16.1 Protests shall be written on forms available at the Race Office and delivered there within 20 minutes after the last boat has finished.
16.2 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 as set out in RRS Appendix A will apply. Four races are scheduled, of which one race will be completed to constitute the series.
- 18. Safety regulations**
A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race officer as soon as possible.
- 19. Prizes**
Prizes will be awarded to each of the crew placed first, second and thereafter at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 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 a 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".
- 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 Helms 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.

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