

Girton Sailing Club - Open Meeting Sailing Instructions

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- 1.0 RULES
- 1.1 Racing will take place under the current Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (RRS), the prescription of the Royal Yachting Association, these Sailing Instructions and the appropriate Class Rules.
- 2.0 CONDITIONS OF ENTRY
- 2.1 GENERAL - The safety of the yacht and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner/competitor racing the yacht. The establishment of these sailing instructions in no way limits or reduces the complete responsibility of the owner for the crew, the yacht and the management thereof. The organisers shall not be liable for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, howsoever caused, to the owner/helm or crew as a result of their taking part in this event.
- 2.2 MEASUREMENT CERTIFICATE – A valid measurement certificate need not be available for inspection at registration when the entered dinghy is a bona-fide version of the relevant class, varied only according to the relevant class rules. Notwithstanding the Sailing Instructions, the Organising Authority reserve the right to carry out safety and measurement checks at any time at their discretion.
- 2.3 INSURANCE – All yachts shall have a valid certificate of insurance against third party risks providing the minimum cover of £3,000,000 or such greater amount as may be specified in the declaration of insurance which must be signed by all competitors before they go afloat.
- 2.4 ENTRIES – For a sailing dinghy to be eligible to race the relevant entry form shall be completed and the appropriate fee paid.
- 2.5 DISTINGUISHING NUMBERS – All sailing dinghies shall compete under their registered numbers. Under exceptional circumstances a sailing dinghy shall be permitted to carry numbers or letters in contravention with her Class Rules providing she has permission from the Race Officer.
- 3.0 PERSONAL BUOYANCY – Personal buoyancy in the form of a life jacket or buoyancy aid shall be worn at all times when on the water.
- 4.0 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS – Notices to competitors will be posted on the Noticeboard under the race box, or may be issued when registering. International Flag L flown from the race box mast shall signal the posting of any additional notices not generally notified at registration or at the race briefings. All changes to these sailing instructions shall be valid for subsequent races in the series unless notified to the contrary.
- 5.0 COURSE INSTRUCTIONS.
- 5.1 Course instructions will be displayed on the shore under the race box or on the committee boat before the start of each race.
- 5.2 Course marks are in the approximate positions displayed on the course map. These positions are only a rough guide and may be moved to provide a good racing course. Additional marks either for starting, finishing and /or to provide marks of the course may also be specified.
- 5.3 The committee boat, when on station will display International Flag Q, or any other flag designated by the Race Officer at race briefings.
- 6.0 START TIMES – The start time of all races will be notified in the NOR, or varied by the Race Officer by announcement or on the notice board under the race box.
- 7.0 STARTING
- 7.1 STARTING LINE – The starting line is defined as the line between the mainmast of the committee boat displaying the 'on station' flag and the outer distance mark (ODM). A mark (IDM) may be laid near the committee boat. If the IDM is used sailing dinghies shall pass between this mark and the ODM, and, after the preparatory signal sailing dinghies shall not pass between this mark and the committee boat.
- 7.2 The Race Officer will notify starting procedure. This will normally be signals 5,4,1 minutes and at the start.
- 7.3 ROUND THE ENDS – At the discretion of the Race Officer a one-minute "round the ends rule" may be applied. Flying International Flag I as the preparatory signal will signal this. Flag I will be lowered one minute before the start and a sound signal made to indicate that the rule is in operation.
- 7.4 BLACK FLAG – At the discretion of the Race Officer a one-minute "black flag rule" may be applied. Flying a black flag from the committee boat as the preparatory signal will signal this. The black flag will be lowered one minute before the start and a sound signal made to indicate the rule is in operation. Any boat in the triangle formed by the windward mark, the ODM and the committee boat within the last minute before the start will be disqualified in the current race.
- 7.5 INDIVIDUAL RECALL – Individual recalls will be in accordance with the RRS.
- 7.6 GENERAL RECALL – General recall will be in accordance with the RRS.
- 8.0 FINISHING LINE – The finish line will be between a mark of the course and the committee boat displaying the designated on station flag, or as specified by the Race Officer in the race briefing, or on the course displayed on the Committee boat (the 'transit' line to windward is the default club race finishing line at Girton SC and may be specified).
- 9.0 TIME LIMITS – The time limit for each race shall be 70 minutes. When the first sailing dinghy finishes within this time limit, a further period of 20 minutes will be allowed for subsequent finishers. If no sailing dinghy finishes within the time limit the race will be abandoned.
- 10.0 ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES – The 720-degree turns alternative penalty provided in the RRS shall apply.
- 11.0 PROTESTS
- 11.1 VISIBLE INDICATION – The protesting crew shall make an audible indication of protest at the time of the incident.
- 11.2 TIME LIMIT – The written protest required by the RRS shall be submitted on a RYA Protest Form available from the Race Officer. The protest shall be delivered to the Race Officer within 30 minutes of the time the last yacht finishes the race.
- 12.0 SCORING SYSTEM – Scoring and tie-breaks shall be in accordance with the RRS Appendix A. The number of races to count shall be as follows:
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| 5 races sailed | 3 to count |
| 4 races sailed | 3 to count |
| 3 races sailed | 2 to count |
| 2 races sailed | 2 to count |
| 1 race sailed | 1 to count |
- 13.0 THE ZONE
- 13.1 Girton SC Committee, according to the provisions of rule 86.1 (b) hereby give notice that the zone, as defined in the RRS 2021-2024, will continue as two boat lengths for all competitions at Girton SC.

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