



## **SEA SURE BLAZE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2023**

**Friday 9, Saturday 10, & Sunday 11 June 2023**

Friday 9 June	LW 09:22, HW 16:42 (BST & Portsmouth)
Saturday 10 June	LW 10:21, HW 17:43 (BST & Portsmouth)
Sunday 11 June	LW 11:24, HW 18:50 (BST & Portsmouth)

### ***Sailing Instructions***

#### **1 RULES**

- 1.1 Racing will take place under The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-2024, the Class Rules, the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions (SIs). In the event of a conflict these SIs shall apply.
- 1.2 The Post-Race Penalty and Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures shall apply (for information on the procedures, go to [www.rya.org.uk/rulesdisputes](http://www.rya.org.uk/rulesdisputes)). The outcome of an RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee, but an arbitration cannot be reopened or appealed.
- 1.3 Competitors should note that Warsash Sailing Club implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the RYA Charter which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book.
- 1.4 The Racing rules of Sailing will be changed as follows:
  - 1.4.1 Rule 40 shall apply at all times when afloat.
  - 1.4.2 Rule A4.1 changed so, at the Race Committee's discretion and more than 10 minutes after the first boat has finished, boats may be award points according to their observed position on the course. See SI 14.





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1.4.3 Rules A4 & A5 changed so a boat not starting within 4 minutes of the start signal is scored DNS.

### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at Shore House.

2.2 There will be competitor briefings at 10.30 on Friday, 09:45 on Saturday and 09:45 on Sunday in the Main Hall in Shore House.

### 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before the briefing on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Shore House Flag Staff.

4.2 When Flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced by 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.

### 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on Friday is 12:25, Saturday is 11:25 and on Sunday is 11:25. It is intended to sail 3 races on Friday and Saturday, with 2 races on Sunday.

5.2 At the discretion of the Race Committee up to 4 races per day may be sailed on any day in order to complete the series.

5.3 No start sequence will commence after 15:00 on Sunday except following a general recall of that race.

### 6 CLASS FLAG & DIVISIONS

6.1 The class flag will be either the Blaze class insignia or Flag B.

6.2 Boats shall declare at registration which Division (Halo, Blaze, Fire) they will be racing in. Boats shall not change Division after registration.

### 7 RACING AREA

7.1 The Race Area will be between Coronation and Darling Buoy which is approximately 1.5 miles from the Club. Any change to the intended Race Area will be announced at the briefing.

7.2 Competitors will be escorted to and from the Race Area.

### 8 THE COURSE

8.1 The courses to be sailed will be a combination of windward/leeward legs and triangles, trapezoids, or Reverse P.

8.2 The diagram in Appendix A shows the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark will be passed.

8.3 No later than the warning signal, the course designation, number of laps and approximate bearing to the windward mark will be displayed from the Committee Boat.

### 9 MARKS

9.1 Marks 1, 2,3 and 4 will be Orange inflatable buoys. Marks 1a and 5 will be Black inflatable buoys.

9.2 The Outer Distance Starting Mark will be a Committee Boat or a Dan Buoy flying an Orange Flag.

9.3 The Outer Distance Finish Mark will be a small orange inflatable buoy.

9.4 The Race Committee may use marks of a different size/colour and the start and finish marks may both be in place at the same time.





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### 10 THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started by using Rule 26 (5, 4, 1 Go).
- 10.2 All Divisions will start together.
- 10.3 The Starting Line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Boat and the orange flag on the port-end Start Mark.
- 10.4 When a limit mark is laid near the Committee Boat it is a starting mark that shall be left to starboard when starting. After the one-minute signal, a boat passing between the limit mark and the committee boat may exonerate herself by rounding the Committee Boat and restarting correctly.
- 10.5 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4 & A5.

### 11 MINIMUM WIND STRENGTH

- 11.1 Races will not be started unless the Race Officer is satisfied that the wind strength over the whole course is more than an average of four knots.

### 12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will move the original Mark (or the Finishing Line) to a new position.
- 12.2 Changes of length of the leg or of less than 10 degrees will not be signalled. This Changes RRS 33.
- 12.3 When Flag 'F' is displayed with repeated sound signals at Mark 4, boats shall round the mark and proceed directly to the Finish.

### 13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The Finishing Line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee boat and the finish mark.
- 13.2 When laid, boats shall not sail through the Finish Line when on a downwind leg.

### 14 TIME LIMITS

- 14.1 The intended duration of each race is 45 minutes.
- 14.2 To expedite the series, and at the Race Committee's discretion, boats failing to finish within 10 or more minutes of the first boat may be awarded points according to their observed position on the course. The display of Flag 'W' with 5 sound signals will indicate that this SI applies. This changes Rule A.4.1.

### 15 COMMITTEE BOAT IDENTIFICATION

- 15.1 The Committee Boat will be described in the briefing and will display a Warsash Committee Flag.

### 16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 A boat that intends to protest shall inform the Committee Boat immediately after finishing the race in which the incident occurred.
- 16.2 Protest forms are available at the Race Office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 16.3 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat returns ashore.
- 16.4 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 at the earliest opportunity.
- 16.5 The Exoneration Penalty shall be 30% of the entries for the series, rounded up to the next whole number, with a minimum of 4 places.





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### 17 SCORING

- 17.1 Points will be accrued to the helm named on the entry form and not to the boat entered.
- 17.2 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series. Discards will be applied as follows:
- When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a competitor's series score will be the total of her race scores.
  - When 4 to 7 races have been completed, a competitor's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
  - When 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

### 18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 Boats shall 'tally out' immediately before launching and 'tally in' immediately on returning ashore. Failure to comply with this SI will result in a 5-point penalty in the race closest to the infringement, other boats will not be rescored. A boat will not be scored worse than a disqualified boat because of this penalty. This changes RRS 63.1.
- 18.2 The Tally Board will be located adjacent to the Shore House Club House. Tally numbers are the same as the boat's bow number. The Tally board will close 15 minutes after the last boat returns ashore.
- 18.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible and shall not leave the Race Area without the permission of the Race Committee.
- 18.4 Towline: each boat shall carry a floating towline of at least 8mm diameter and 10 metres length. This must be accessible without breaching the integral buoyancy of the dinghy and must not have any attachments such as shackles or knots.

### 19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1 For the series of races comprising an event only the helm named on the entry form will be eligible. If a different helm outside the helm named on the entry form completes a race in the same boat they will be considered a separate entry and their results cannot be combined with another helm's results.

### 20 DISTINGUISHING NUMBERS

- 20.1 Under exceptional circumstances, the Race Committee may permit a boat to use sails carrying a distinguishing number other than that required by RRS 77 and RRS Appendix G. Such permission is only valid if sought in writing before the daily briefing.

### 21 ADVERTISING

- 21.1 Boats shall display advertising supplied by the organising authority as follows:
- 21.1.1 **Bow number stickers.** Stickers are port and starboard specific. Please follow instructions in Figure 1. Stickers shall be placed within 50mm of the bow. If you have signwriting in this area, please cover it before fixing the stickers to avoid it being damaged.





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Bow stickers are port and starboard specific.

Clean the area where the sticker is going prior to sticking.

Use Acetone provided.

Number towards the bow

Place the sticker within 50mm of the Bow

**Figure 1 – Bow sticker placement**

21.1.2 **Racing Bibs:** Helms shall wear the Rooster racing bibs over buoyancy aids as supplied by Sea-Sure.

21.2 Competitors shall make every reasonable effort to display event sponsors promotional items on their boat and sails as directed. If sponsors promotional items come off whilst racing, competitors must obtain replacement items before the start of racing on the following day.

## 22 TRASH DISPOSAL

22.1 Boats shall not drop trash in the dinghy park or afloat RRS 47.

## 23 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

23.1 There will be no formal measurement but the Race Committee reserves the right to measure/inspect any boat or equipment at any time for compliance with the Class Rules. Checks may be made to ensure all boats comply with the requirement to carry the stipulated towline.

## 24 SUPPORT BOATS AND INSTRUCTION

24.1 Support Boats are only allowed with the prior approval of Warsash Sailing Club and drivers may be asked to show competence in driving such a boat of at least RYA PB2. Support Boats, if allowed, shall have VHF radio communication with Warsash Sailing Club and the Committee Boat and shall be identified at registration.

24.2 Unless agreed or instructed by the Race Committee, team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside the area where boats are racing from the time of a preparatory signal until all boats have finished or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

24.3 All support boats are required to comply with RRS 37.

## 25 RADIO COMMUNICATION

25.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.





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### 26 PRIZES

- 26.1 The event prize giving will be held as soon as possible after racing on the final day. Prizes will be awarded depending on entry numbers as listed in the NOR. Other prizes may be awarded.

### 27 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

- 27.1 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organising authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make use and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recording, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their departure, without compensation.

## Appendix A - Courses

- A.1 Marks, 1, 2, 3, & 4 are to be rounded to port and Mark 5 is to be rounded to starboard and repeated for the displayed course and number of laps.
- A.2 The course and number of laps to be sailed will be displayed on the side of the Committee Boat.
- A.3 For Courses WL & RP Mark 4 may be a single buoy or a gate. If 2 buoys are laid to form a gate, boats shall pass between the 2 buoys that are the marks of the gate from the direction of the previous mark, rounding either one.

Courses	Course Layout
<p><b>Course 'TS' Triangle &amp; Sausage.</b> Start <b>Mark 1, Mark 1a, Mark 2, Mark 4 (Odd numbered laps)</b> <b>Mark 1, Mark 1a, Mark 4 (Even numbered laps)</b> Finish. <i>(e.g. Triangle/Sausage is 2 laps, Triangle/Sausage/Triangle is three laps)</i></p>	<p>The locations of Marks 2 &amp; 3 will be adjusted to suite the course being sailed</p>
<p><b>Course 'WL' Windward / Leeward.</b> Start <b>Mark 1, Mark 1a, Mark 4 (1 lap)</b> Finish.</p>	
<p><b>Course 'TZ' Trapeziod.</b> Start <b>Mark 1, Mark 2, Mark 3, Mark 4 (1 Lap)</b> Finish</p>	
<p><b>Course 'RP' Reverse P.</b> Start <b>Mark 1, Mark 2, Mark 5 (Starboard), Mark 4 (1 Lap)</b> Finish</p>	

