

STOKES BAY SAILING CLUB

CATAMARAN OPEN

22nd and 23rd May 2021

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the rules of the appropriate class(es) and these sailing instructions (SIs). The event is designated Category 'C'.

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board(s) located at the Clubhouse entrance.

3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the SIs will be posted not less than 30 minutes before the advertised starting time of the race or races concerned, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000hrs on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be hoisted on the Clubhouse mast.
4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The schedule of races and the times of warning signals are:-

Briefing	A briefing may be available online before the event	
Race 1	Saturday 22 nd May 2021	12:00 hours
Race 2	Saturday 22 nd May 2021	following the end of Race 1
Race 3	Saturday 22 nd May 2021	following the end of Race 2
Race 4	Sunday 23 rd May 2021	11 .00 hours
Race 5	Sunday 23 rd May 2021	following the end of Race 4
Race 5	Sunday 23 rd May 2021	following the end of Race 5

- 5.2 Each class may start its next race as soon as the last boat in the class has finished. Each class may not have to wait for all classes to finish before the start of their next race.

- 5.3 When IC Flag 'W' is displayed ashore no competitor may go afloat until the signal is removed. No starting signal will be given for at least 30 minutes after the IC Flag 'W' is removed.

- 5.4 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1530 hrs.

6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 The Class flags will be:-

Fast Handicap – Boats with SCHR number of 1.177 and below – IC Flag 'T'

Hurricane Class – Class logo flag

Slow Handicap – Boats with SCHR number of 1.178 and above – IC Flag 'V'

Sprint 15 Class – IC Flag Numeral Pennant 4

- 6.2 If more than ten catamarans of the same type enter the Catamaran Open a separate class may be created. This will be indicated as a change to these SIs on the Official Notice Board. If more than 5 boats of the same type enter, they will start with the relevant handicap fleet, but may have separate results.

- 6.3 Starts may be amalgamated if entries are low. This will be indicated as a change to these SIs on the official notice board.

7. RACING AREA

7.1 The course area will be within a 3 mile radius of the Clubhouse.

8. THE COURSE (See also Attachment A)

8.1 See Attachment B.

9. MARKS

9.1 Marks will be as follows:

1, 2, 4a, 4b – large yellow

1a – small yellow

3 – orange dumpy buoy

S – start line pin end – large orange cylinder

F – Finish line – Small blue cylinder buoy.

10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

See Attachment A.

11. STARTS

11.1 Races will be started by using rule 26.

11.2 The Starting Line will be between a mast displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat and mark 'S'.

11.3 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after the starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing.

This changes rule A4 and A5.

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.

13. THE FINISH

13.1 The finishing line will be between a mast displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat and mark 'F'

13.2 A boat flying flag 'F' at a mark and making repeated sound signals means after rounding this mark, boats should proceed directly to the finish line. If flown at a leeward mark 'L1' or 'L2' after rounding this mark boats should proceed direct to the finish line. The Race Committee Boat on station at the finish will display flag 'S' with two sounds. This adds to RRS 32.2

14. PENALTIES

14.1 For all classes rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turn Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

15. TIME LIMITS

15.1 The time limit for each race will be 1½hours. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes (plus corrected time allowance for handicap) after the first boat finishes or within the time limit, whichever is later, will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

16. PROTESTS & REDRESS

16.1 Protest forms will be available from the Race Office situated on the top floor of the Clubhouse. They must be lodged in writing with the Race Office, within one hour of the last boat finishing the last race of the day.

16.2 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties to a hearing or named as witnesses. It shall be the responsibility of competitors to check the notice board for such notices.

17. SCORING & RESULTS

17.1 The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply, except as amended below.

17.2 Two races must be completed to constitute the Catamaran Open.

17.3 When 3 or fewer races are completed, a boats score will be the total of her race scores.

17.4 When 4 or more races are completed, a boats score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1 DECLARATIONS

Declarations are not required except for boats retiring. This is to be declared on the sheets on the Official Notice Board.

- 18.2 All non-competing vessels (small or large) are to be accorded their rights under the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS). In particular, IRPCAS 9(b) states:

*A vessel of less than 20 metres in length or a sailing vessel** shall not impede the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway.*

** That means you!

The racing area may cross or go near a channel, and **all** commercial shipping is to be treated as being in a narrow channel or fairway.

19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

19.1 HELM OR CREW SUBSTITUTION

Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.

20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

20.1 GENERAL

A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility. It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail the conditions in which she will find herself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and her crew is competent to sail and compete in them. The boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £3,000,000 (or its equivalent in any other currency) and such insurance shall be valid for the helmsperson who will be racing her. Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the organising authority, the race committee, the race officer, patrol boats and beachmasters. The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities.

20.2 INSURANCE

No boat shall race unless the boat is currently insured for third party risks to the minimum sum of £3,000,000 (or its equivalent in any other currency) and such insurance shall be valid for the helmsperson who will be racing her.

ATTACHMENT A

Stokes Bay Sailing Club Sailing Instructions

11. SHORELINE PROHIBITED AREA

11.1 No boat shall sail:

- within 50 metres of the Gosport shoreline or
- to the landward side of the line parallel to the shoreline which joins any yellow Prohibited Area buoys (including the yellow buoy off the local inshore rescue service slipway), or its extensions (whether more or less than 50 metres from the shoreline) except:
 - if a boat is capsized or disabled or requires attention ashore or is helping those in danger
 - if a boat is sailing to or from the slipway area off the Club

11.2 The prohibited area is an obstruction for the purpose of RRS Rule 18 and 19.

11.3 The Race Committee will monitor the prohibited area and may disqualify any boat seen infringing this Instruction without a hearing (although any boat disqualified may seek redress under rule 60.1).

11.4 The Race Committee may direct a patrol boat to monitor the 50m rule if he deems it necessary

- 11.5 A boat infringing the prohibited area may also be liable to other penalties under RRS Rule 69 -Gross Misconduct).
- 11.6 This is a variation to the Racing Rules of Sailing as the Race Committee does not have to raise a protest against a boat seen infringing this rule, in order to disqualify them from the results of that race.