Sailing Instructions for the…

ULLSWATER ULTIMATE

part of the Great British Sailing Challenge

17th to 18th August 2019

1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located outside the Race Office box

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted one hour before the first race that they affect and will be signalled by displaying flag L and one sound signal.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1.  Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Race Office mast.

4.2.  When flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 20 minutes’ in the race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1.  To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag may be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

5.2.  The schedule of races is shown below, on the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 3pm.

Saturday:

Briefing – 11:00

Ist of 3 races starts at 12:00

Sunday

1st of 3 races 10:30

6. THE COURSES

6.1.  The course configuration will be displayed at the Race Office at least 30 minutes before the warning signal.

6.2.  The courses to be sailed will be displayed on the committee boat

7. MARKS

7.1. Marks will be:

* large inflatable orange marker buoys
* Club marks which are red/yellow/orange buoys named after their approximate location on the lake

9. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

9.1. Mooring areas in the Club and North bay and extending from the outer line of moored boats or their moorings to the shore, plus two areas of shallows and reefs are also designated as obstructions. These areas will be identified at the briefing.

10. THE START

10.1. Races will be started as in accordance with RRS 26.  
10.2. The starting line will be between the committee boat displaying an orange flag and a buoy displaying an orange flag.  
10.3. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

11. THE FINISH

11.1. The finishing line will be between the committee boat displaying a blue flag and a buoy displaying an orange flag.

11.2. If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she should report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

12. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

12.1. The target time for each race is 30 to 45 minutes.

12.2. Time limit for the leading boat in each race will be 90 minutes.

12.3. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

13. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

13.1. Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

13.2. The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

13.3. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room as soon as possible in the order in which they were received.

13.4. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

14. SAFETY REGULATIONS

15.1. Competitors shall sign on and off. Competitors shall sign off with 30 minutes of the last boat to finish that race or “back to back” races. Competitors not complying with this procedure may be disqualified without a hearing. This alters RRS 63

14.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. 14.3. Adequate personal buoyancy for all crew members must be worn at all times. This

alters RRS 40

15. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

15.1. Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

16. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

16.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

17. SUPPORT BOATS

17.1. Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

18. TRASH DISPOSAL

18.1. Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.

19. RADIO COMMUNICATION

19.1. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

20.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race Appendix J RYA Addendum A - Risk Statement. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

21. INSURANCE

21.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2M per incident or the equivalent.

22. GPS TRACKING

Competitors will be issued with a tracking device (1 per boat), which must be carried at all times when afloat. The tracking is an essential part of the scoring process. Competitors must return the tracking device on coming ashore after the final race of each day by the end of protest time. Competitors failing to comply with these requirements will receive a scoring penalty for those races affected.