

# VOOM Keelboat Weekend

## Sailing Instructions

### 9th and 10th October 2021

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The racing will be governed by the rules as defined in 'The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 - 2024 (RRS)', the Prescriptions of the RYA, the relevant Class Rules, this NOR and the Sailing Instructions in ascending order.

#### 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 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

#### 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. The regatta will comprise of up to six races.  
5.2. Registration will be in the Clubhouse on Saturday from 09:00 hrs to 10:30 hrs  
5.3. Competitor's briefing will be held in front of the Race Box at 11:00 hrs on Saturday 9th of October  
5.4. The first warning signal on the 9th of October will not be before 13.00 hrs  
5.5. The first warning signal on the 10th of October will not be before 10.30 hrs  
5.6. The warning signal for the last race on 10th of October will be no later than 15.00 hrs  
5.7. The number of races completed to constitute a series will be 3

#### 6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1. There will be a maximum of three fleets. The organisers may combine, divide or add classes depending on the number of entries. Proposed fleets and classes are as follows

Fleet	Class	Flag
1	VX one	Flag G - 
2	SB20 /Tempest	Flag E - 
3	Flying Fifteen	Flag F - 

## 7. THE COURSES

7.1. All fleets will sail Windward/Leeward Courses. The course configuration for all fleets will be displayed at the Race Office at least 90 minutes before the warning signal for the first class to start.

7.2. Courses to be sailed by each fleet will be displayed on the committee boat

## 8. MARKS

8.1 Marks will be large inflatable orange buoys.

## 9. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

9.1. Mooring areas in the Club and North bay and two areas of shallows and reefs are designated as obstructions. These along with any other areas will be identified at the briefing

## 10. THE START

10.1. Races will be started as in accordance with RRS 26.

10.2. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with a series of short sound signals at least 5 minutes before a warning is made.

10.3. The starting line will be between the committee boat displaying an orange flag and a buoy displaying an orange flag.

## 11. THE FINISH

11.1. The finishing line will be between a finish 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. TARGET TIMES

12.1. Target time for the leading boat in each race will be approximately 30 minutes.

12.2. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes may be requested not to complete the course and will be scored at the discretion of the race committee. This changes rules A4.1.

## 13. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

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

13.2. The protest time limit is 60 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 reopening a hearing shall be delivered within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day or no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.

13.5. 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. SCORING

14.1. The scoring system is as follows:

14.2. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

14.3. Scoring will be the low points system of Appendix A

No of races in the series	6	5	4	3
Races to Count	5	4	3	3

14.4. The RYA Portsmouth Yardstick will be used to calculate the racing results if fleets are combined, and racing is on a handicap basis.

## 15. SAFETY REGULATIONS

15.1. Competitors shall sign on and off. Competitors shall sign off within 60 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

15.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

15.3. Adequate personal buoyancy for all crew members must be worn at all times. This alters RRS 40

## 16. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

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

## 17. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

17.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

## 18. SUPPORT BOATS

18.1. 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.

## 19. TRASH DISPOSAL

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

## 20. RADIO COMMUNICATION

20.1. 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.

## 21. WIND LIMITS

23.1 At the discretion of the Race Officer no races shall be started or continued if the average wind (measured over the previous 15 minutes) is less than 4 knots across the course area.