



Weir Wood Sailing Club

Rooster 2000 Class Inland Championship

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Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd October 2022

Organising Authority:
Weir Wood Sailing Club
Forest Row
East Sussex RH18 5HT
in conjunction with the 2000 Class Association

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Racing Rules

1.1. Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) the prescriptions of the RYA and the relevant rules of the 2000 Class Association except where any such rules are changed by these Sailing Instructions.

2. Eligibility

- 2.1.** Only those helms paying the entry fee and completing a registration form as issued by WWSC will be eligible to race.
- 2.2.** At least one member of the crew must be a member of the 2000 Class Association
- 2.3.** There is no requirement for helms to sign-on or sign-off for racing

3. Notices to competitors

3.1. Notices to competitors (including changes to these Sailing Instructions) will be posted on the Regatta Notice Board situated in the Regatta Office located in the club room, competitors may also be informed at a pre-race briefing.

4. Schedule of races

- 4.1.** Six races are planned- three races on Saturday, and three races on Sunday.
- 4.2.** One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 4.3.** Schedule-

Saturday-	3 races back-to-back
	First race start- 13:00 hours
Sunday-	3 races back-to-back
	First race start- 10:30 hours
	No warning signal will be given after 15:00 hours on Sunday
- 4.4.** The Race Committee reserve the right to change the race schedule or race duration, as deemed necessary

5. Scoring

- 5.1.** The scoring system used will be "ISAF Low Points Scoring System" as in RRS Appendix A4.1
- 5.2.** When 3 or less races are completed a boat's series score will be the total of all races sailed
- 5.3.** When 4 or more races are completed a boats series score will be the total of her races excluding her worst score.
- 5.4.** In the event of a tie the following rules will apply-
 - The number of times one boat beat the other in all races sailed
 - The better boat score in the last race sailed

6. Courses

- 6.1.** Courses will be windward/leeward set using orange inflatable pillar buoys alphabetically referenced (See Appendix 1)
- 6.2.** The course to be sailed will be displayed on the back of the start line committee boat
- 6.3.** The Start/Finish line will form a gate which **must** be sailed through following the 'Shorten Course' signals (See Para 11)
- 6.4.** The number of laps to be sailed will be determined by the race duration time limit of approximately 50 minutes for the first boat to finish, with the end of the race indicated by the Shorten Course signals

7. Start Line

7.1. The start line will be a line between the flagstaff on the Committee Boat flying an orange flag (See Race Signals 9.3) and an outer distance mark (ODM). The ODM will be an orange Dan buoy flying Code flag "O" (red/orange)

8. Class Flag

8.1. The Class flag for the Warning Signal will be the 2000 Class flag, this will be shown to competitors at the first briefing

9. Starting Procedure

9.1. Races will be started using RRS Rule 26. The duration or failure of sound signals will bear no significance.

9.2. All race control signals will be made from the race committee boat

9.3. The following signals and procedures will apply-

Mins before Start Signal	Visual Signal	Raised or Lowered	Sound Signal	Signal Means
5 minutes	2000 Class Flag	Raised	1 hoot	Warning
4 minutes	Flag 'P', 'I', 'Z' or Black flag	Raised	1 hoot	Preparatory
1 minute	All flags except Class flag	Lowered	1 long hoot	1 Minute to start
0 minutes	Class flag	Lowered	1 hoot	Start

Flag meanings-

Orange flag- 'Start Line is set', lowered if the line has to be re-set, hoisted again when line has been re-set, No sound signal
Lowered as the Class Flag is raised

Flag 'P' - Preparatory signal (Racing rules apply)

Flag 'I' -Rule 30.1 applies (Round the Ends)

Flag 'Z' -Rule 30.2 applies ((20% penalty if in the zone bounded by the start marks and 1st mark in the min before start)

Flag 'I' over 'Z' -Rules 30.1 and 30.2 in force

Black Flag -Rule 30.3 in force (DSQ if in the zone bounded by the start marks and 1st mark in the minute before the start

9.4. Individual recalls will be indicated by flying code flag 'X'. accompanied by a second sound signal. (Every effort will be made to hail the boat(s) concerned, however it is the responsibility of each helm to ascertain whether they have started correctly)

9.5. A General Recall will follow the standard format of RRS rule 29.2. It will be indicated by the raising of the First Substitute flag accompanied by two extra sound signals. The warning signal for the new start will be made one minute after lowering the First Substitute (one sound signal). Due to time constraints the Black flag may be flown following a general recall.

9.6. A boat starting later than two minutes after her start signal will be scored 'Did Not Start'

10. Penalty System

10.1. Penalties as RRS Rule 44.1 are changed so that the two-turn penalty is replaced by a one turn penalty

10.2. As provided in RRS Rule 67, the protest committee may, without a hearing, penalise a boat that has broken RRS Rule 42

11. Shortening Course

11.1. The committee boat will fly a blue flag when 'on station' for the finish

11.2. The Shorten Course signal (Code flag "S" accompanied by 2 sound signals) will be used to indicate the end of the race

11.3. The Race Officer will indicate 'Shorten course' as the lead boat approaches the penultimate mark of the course

11.4. When flag 'S' is displayed boats **MUST** sail through the finish line (See Para 12) in the direction of the set course

12. Finishing

12.1 The finish line will be between the flag staff on the committee boat, flying a blue flag, and the outer distance mark (ODM).
The ODM will be an orange Dan buoy flying Code flag "O" (red/orange)

13. Time Limit

13.1 A time limit of approximately 50 minutes for the first boat to finish will apply. Boats not finishing within 15 minutes of the first boat will be scored equal to the number of starters in that race.

14. Protests

14.1 The helm of a protesting yacht shall inform the race officer immediately after crossing the finishing line.

14.2 Protests will not be accepted ashore.

14.2 Protest forms will not be used but will be heard and determined by an Ad Hoc protest committee either on the slip way or on coming ashore at lunch time or after racing in the club training room

15. Disclaimer of Liability

Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.'

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat, and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any specific risks to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the event and to attend any safety briefing at the venue

16. Insurance

16.1. Each competitor and boat must be insured with a valid third-party insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent. By entering this regatta a competitor is confirming that they have the required insurance covering the period before, during and after the regatta

17. WWSC Rules and Bye Laws (Extract)

17.1. Adequate personal buoyancy must be worn by ALL persons, at all times, whilst afloat or on the pontoon jetty. Neither wet suits or dry suits are considered to give adequate buoyancy

17.2. Boats must at all times keep a minimum of 50 metres away from any fishermen on the bank of the lake

17.3. White buoys at the far western end of the lake mark the beginning of a bird sanctuary which is a prohibited area

Course Layout- Appendix 1

Appendix 1 - Course Layout



Rounding

First lap begins at the Start/Finish Line subsequent laps begin at buoys X or Y

W (Port) – S (Port) – X (Port) or Y (Starboard)

IMPORTANT CHANGE TO ABOVE ROUNDING

When the 'Shorten Course' signal (Code flag 'S') is displayed crossing the Start/Finish Line after rounding buoys X or Y is mandatory