



# Wigan & St Helens Sailing Club

## Member's Handbook and Sailing Instructions

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## Record of changes

Date	Change
Jan 20	Document issued for use from 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2020 – Formation of WiSH

## Getting Involved

**Race Officer** – members take turns to act as Race Officer, setting the course, starting the race and recording the results so that we can work out the results to determine who wins the trophies. We will give you training before letting you loose on this important role.

**Safety Boat** - This is a responsible role, again carried out by members who have received training. The Club selects suitable members for training and is accredited to issue certificates to RYA Power Boat Level 1, 2 and Safety Boat.

**Instructors** – After achieving your Level 2 dinghy certificate, we invite you to assist with future Beginners' courses, initially helping onshore, then becoming an assistant instructor and possibly becoming a RYA Instructor or Senior Instructor. You really improve your own skills when you help others.

There is always something that needs to be done and help is always gratefully received to maintain the boats or buildings, assist with the preparation for events or just to make tea. Please don't be afraid to offer your services.

## CLUB RULES

### SAFETY REGULATIONS

- Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Personal flotation devices must be worn at all times by all persons afloat (subject to the previous exception) on Wigan Sailing Club water. Personal flotation devices must be worn at all times by all persons on the floating jetty. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices.
- Wet suits or drysuits are advised between November 1 and March 31 or when conditions require. It has been decided that the blanket rule in the past does not encourage good decision making in the long term.
- For under 18's and beginners wet suits must be worn between November 1 and March 31.
- For safety reasons whilst, sailing is taking place all members of Wigan and St Helens Sailing Club are forbidden to swim in the flash or carry out any other activities in or on the water other than sailing

and approved sailing support activities. Parents or guardians of Junior members and family members under 18 are expected to ensure compliance with this Byelaw.

- Members are advised to check the notice board for any safety notices and follow any special instructions displayed.

## DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY




Competitors participate in racing at Wigan and St Helens Sailing Club entirely at their own risk. See Racing Rules of Sailing Rule 4 Decision to Race. The organising authority including Wigan and St Helens Sailing Club will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after a race meeting.

Helms are reminded of their responsibility to ensure the safety of themselves and their crew at all times by using adequate clothing and buoyancy, maintaining their boat in a seaworthy condition and being aware of the weather conditions and the limitations of their own ability.

## INSURANCE

Each participating or stored boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £5 million per event or the equivalent.

All incidents involving damage to or by Club boats, whether at the club or not, shall in all cases be reported using the protest form to ensure that all information is presented to the Committee; all parties should complete their own protest form.

	<b>SMOKING</b> – It is against the law to smoke in any of the buildings. Always ensure that there is NO SMOKING in the area of refuelling
	Dogs are not permitted in any part of the building
	No photography in changing rooms. The Club's photography policy must be complied with



# WIGAN & ST. HELENS SAILING CLUB - RACE PROGRAMME 2020 - 2021

## SUNDAY SERIES

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# Wigan & St Helens Sailing Club Sailing Instructions 2017 – 2020

The RYA and World Sailing, *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) 2017 – 2020 should be read in conjunction with these instructions which will adapt them so that they are relevant to Wigan & St Helens Sailing Club. The rules of The International Enterprise, Solo, Laser and other classes apply where relevant. Racing Rules of Sailing can be downloaded from [2017 - 2020 World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing](#)

**1 SAFETY** Rule 1.2 and Rule 40 are modified –

***Safety Boat* is used in preference as more descriptive of its role than *Patrol Boat* used in the Rules.**

Adequate personal buoyancy shall be worn by any person involved in a water based activity on Scotmans Flash whether racing or not.

Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.

Personal flotation devices must be worn at all times by all persons afloat (subject to the previous exception) on Wigan and St Helens Sailing Club water.

Personal flotation devices must be worn at all times by all persons on the floating jetty.

Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices.

Wet suits or dry-suits are advised between November 1 and March 31 when conditions require. It has been decided that the blanket rule in the past does not encourage good decision making in the long term.

For under 18's and beginners wet suits or dry suits must be worn between November 1 and March 31.

**2, 3** Unchanged

**4 DECISION TO RACE** is modified: A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety whether afloat or ashore and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions reduces this responsibility;

It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions to which she finds she finds herself. By launching, 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 third party insurance to a sum of at least £5,000,000 and the Club declaration signed before any boat may sail on Scotmans Flash or be stored in the compound;

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 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, safety boats and beach masters;

## **RISK STATEMENT**

Sailing by its nature is an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in an event, each competitor acknowledges and agrees 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 other property whether ashore or afloat;
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own acts 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, safety boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of safety boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

**5 – 24** Unchanged

**25 NOTICE OF RACE, SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND SIGNALS** is defined as follows (RRS paragraph numbering has no relevance in this section):

### **25.1 RACE ORGANISATION AND COMPETITORS OBLIGATIONS**

**25.1.1** The functions in the Rules for the 'Race Committee' shall be performed by the Sailing Committee who shall delegate responsibility for the conduct of each race to a 'Race Officer'.

**25.1.2** If a member does not appear for duty, and a replacement cannot be found, lots will be drawn from those on the race entry list to find a replacement for the duty.

### **25.2 RACE ENTRY AND DECLARATION**

**25.2.1** The helm must enter each race by fully completing the Entry Sheet before the warning signal.

**25.2.2** Helms failing to comply with (25.2.1) above will receive points as a non-starter, but will be considered to be a starter for the validity of the race.

**25.2.3** Helms who retire should inform the Race Officer at the first opportunity.

**25.2.4** Helms must sign the Declaration Sheet after each race, noting retirement.



**25.2.5** No member may race and therefore qualify for points or prizes unless:  
Helms and crew (unless properly introduced visitors) have paid all fees due for the current year. NOTE Checks may be made by the Management or Race Committees or its representatives. However, neither they nor the Club will be responsible for failure to carry out checks and any inadequacy in checking.

**25.2.6** A race cannot be held unless at least TWO boats race.

## **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

**25.3** To be displayed on the noticeboard in the clubhouse

**25.3.1** A notice displayed 7 days beforehand will be sufficient to modify any of these sailing instructions, ideally, also circulated by email. Changes on the day of race shall not be less than 15 minutes before the race and shall be accompanied by 4 sound signals;

## **25.4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

**25.4.1** Flags shall be displayed on the flagpole in front of or lights above the Race Officer's hut, The race course will be displayed by appropriate numerals (Red = port rounding, Green = Starboard rounding) on the front of the Race Officer's hut (Master and to be taken as the correct course) and may also be displayed on the Clubhouse noticeboard (for information only). For a water based start the flags or lights may be on the committee boat at one end of the start line;

## **25.5 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

**25.5.1** The schedule of races and starting times are displayed in the programme issued at the start of the season or amended by instructions displayed on the notice board. Open meetings will have their own issue of the Sailing Instructions.

**25.5.2** no rule

**25.5.3** CLASS SIGNALS - covered in RRS

**25.5.4** RACING AREA – See section 5 *Sailing areas and suggested courses* - Note particularly the restricted areas

## **25.6 COURSE INSTRUCTIONS**

**25.6.1** The race officer will determine the course based on wind direction, wind strength and the ability of the participants – See section 5 *Sailing areas and suggested courses*

**25.6.2** The number of laps will be 5 although this may be reduced at the discretion of the race officer

**25.7. MARKS** See section 5 *Sailing areas and suggested courses*

**25.7.1 Course Marks** - The marks will be in the approximate positions indicated on the course board. Any additional marks will be described by the race officer and indicated on the course board.

**25.7.2 Starting and Finishing Marks** - The Starting and Finishing Marks are as described in "Starting Line and "Finishing Line".

## **26 STARTING OF RACES** amended as follows

**see Appendix 4.1 for Pursuit Races**

**see Appendix 4.2 for Flight Racing**

**See Appendix 4.3 for Average Lap Racing**

**See Appendix 4.4 for Handicap Racing**

**26.1** Flags or lights may be used: "W" may be substituted for the class flag where appropriate e.g. open meetings or single class racing.

**26.2** The starting line may be either land or water based

### **26.2.1 WATER BASED START**

At the discretion of the Race Officer, a water based start may be used. The start line will be a line through the flagstaff of the committee boat and the outer limit mark. The inner limit mark (which may or may not be used) will indicate the end of the start line, but will not necessarily be on the line. One red and one green buoy will indicate the limits of the start line.

The course should be sailed as denoted on the course board until reaching the 8-F line at which point the lap count will start.

For a water based start the flags or lights may be on the committee boat at one end of the start line;

Or

### **26.2.2 LAND START**

The start line will be a line through the flagstaff in front of the Race Officer's hut and the outer limit mark "8". The inner limit mark "F" will indicate the end of the start line, but will not necessarily be on the line.

or

### **26.2.3 ALTERNATIVE LAND START**

At the discretion of the Race Officer from time to time it may be necessary to use a different start line. This will be clearly marked on the course board. The start line will usually be a line through the flag pole and another designated mark, an inner distance mark may be used at the discretion of the race officer.




**26.2.4** Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

**26.2.5** A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4.

**26.2.6** All boats shall pass between number 8 and F marks (the inner and outer limit marks) at the end of every lap.

**27, 28** Unchanged

**29 STARTING RECALLS** this is amended by the addition of light signals, specific to WISH SC


		Lights			Flag
		Red	Yellow	Green	
Individual Recall	1 sound	FLASHING			
General Recall	2 sounds	FLASHING 	FLASHING		

**30, 31** Unchanged

**32 SHORTENING OR ABANDONING AFTER THE START** is modified for WISH SC as follows:

**32.1 Time Limit** at the discretion of the race officer, a time limit may be imposed prior to the start of the race. Expiry of the time limit will be displayed by the removal of the black and white post with diamond top-mark. Any further competing boat will be awarded points equivalent to the number of boats starting the race + 1. Recorded as DNF.

**32.2 ABANDONING THE RACE** – the race may be abandoned at any time due to adverse weather conditions, unavailability of a safety boat or any other reason at the discretion of the Race Officer. The results for abandoned races are not recorded.

	Sound	Lights			Flag
		Red	Yellow	Green	
Abandon race	1 sound	Steady			

## TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

**33 – 34**, Unchanged.

**35 Time Limit** at the discretion of the race officer, a time limit may be imposed prior to the start of the race. Any further competing boat will be awarded points equivalent to the number of boats starting the race + 1. Recorded as DNF.

**36**, Unchanged. **37 – 39** no rule

**40** is modified, see rule **1.2**

**41 – 89** unchanged

**Appendix A1 – A4** is modified as follows: The ISAF “Low Points” system is used for scoring. Boats outside the time limit receive the points of the total number of boats starting the race. Boats that Retired (RET) receive the points of the total number of boats that entered the race+1

**Appendix B, C, D, E, F** not applicable

**Appendix G, H, J, K, L, M** - unchanged

**Appendix N** not in force

**Appendix P** Propulsion Rule 42 – subject to the normal protest rules.

**Appendix R, RYA PRESCRIPTIONS, RYA Guidance Notes, RYA Competitor Misconduct**  
unchanged

# Appendix 4.1 Pursuit Racing





## App 4.1 THE START (Pursuit Racing)

**App 4.1.1** The starting sequence is the same as handicap or average lap time up to the general start.

**App 4.1.2** Each Class has an assigned pursuit time which is calculated for a fixed race time usually 50 mins.

**App 4.1.3** After the general start each class shall at their assigned time receive a sound signal for their start. No Flag will be displayed.

**App 4.1.4** Only classes "signed on" for that race will be sounded.

		Lights			Flag
		Red	Yellow	Green	
10 Minute warning	1 sound	X	X	X	NO FLAG
5 Minute warning	1 sound	ON	OFF	OFF	 UP
4 Minute warning	1 sound	OFF	ON	OFF	 UP
1 Minute warning	1 sound	OFF	OFF	ON	 DOWN
Start	1 sound	OFF	OFF	OFF	 DOWN
Start for each class in turn after general start. (see times list)*	1 sound	OFF	OFF	OFF	No Flag

\*it is the competitor's responsibility to check their time and prepare appropriately. See advice on sailing watches.

**App 4.1.5** Pursuit racing shall be finished at or close to the end of the fixed race duration. The position on the water shall be the finishing position. A long hoot will be used to mark this. The method of finishing should be decided before the start of the race and made clear to each competitor.

**App 4.1.6 Option 1.** For small fleet racing it is possible for the race officer to record positions on the water before sounding the finishing hooter at the end of the fixed race duration. The race immediately finishes and competitors may return to shore. Each competitor should make a mental record of who is immediately in front and behind them at the finishing signal in case of dispute.

**App 4.1.6 Option 2.** The first method is to drop a buoy a short distance ahead of the leading boat a few seconds before the end of the race duration, and form a finishing line with it.

**App 4.1.6 Option 3.** This method is designed to ensure that the race finishes on the club's usual line, is for a motor boat to shadow the leading boat before the end of the race duration and, when the race officer estimates that it will take all the remaining time to sail directly from that point to the finishing line, passing no other buoys, he drops a mark, preferably either red or green, so that the leader rounds the buoy leaving it to port or starboard as indicated by its colour in a direction which takes him out of the path of the following boats and towards the club finishing line. This method takes practice and needs a brave, experienced and decisive Race Officer.

# Appendix 4.2 Flight Racing

**App 4.2.1 Flight Races** – to encourage members of all ability to take part in racing, more experienced members start 2 minutes later than the previous flight. All Club members should have a Flight allocation

Flight	Eligibility
1	Novice racers – this year’s beginners, or last years with little experience, those who only race once or twice a year with no history of racing
2	Improvers, with some history of taking part in races or with sailing ability
3	Regular racers with little history of winning aces, those who have experience of racing but have not regularly won races in the past 3 years (this also applies to new members)
4	History of winning or ranking in races in the past 3 years (this also applies to new members with a history from their previous Club or Open Meetings)
5	A discretionary flight for talented sailors who will start after all others

**App 4.2.2** Flights are allocated by the Sailing Committee at the start of the season and may be adjusted as necessary.

**App 4.2.3** Flight races are displayed on the notice board and available from the OOD. New members should inform the sailing committee to acquire a flight.

	Sound	Light			Comments
		RED	YELLOW	GREEN	Flags would not be used
-10 minute warning*	1 Sound	X	X	X	
-5 minute warning	1 Sound	ON	OFF	OFF	Number 1 displayed
-4 minute	1 Sound	OFF	ON	OFF	“
-1 minute	1 Sound	OFF	OFF	ON	“
<b>Start flight 1</b>	1 Sound	OFF	ON	OFF	Number 2 displayed
+1 minute		OFF	OFF	ON	“
+2 minute <b>Start flight 2</b>	1 Sound	OFF	ON	OFF	Number 3 displayed
+3 minute		OFF	OFF	ON	“
+4 minute <b>Start flight 3</b>	1 Sound	OFF	ON	OFF	Number 4 displayed
+5 minute		OFF	OFF	ON	“
+6 minute <b>Start flight 4</b>	1 Sound	OFF	OFF	OFF	

- Record lap times for each boat as they go through the line as usual.
- At approximately 40 minutes you should hit the ‘About to Finish’ button that has appeared at the bottom of the screen. This will automatically sound the shorten course sound, and generate the hooter button option for all boats irrespective of which lap they are on. (You may use your judgement and finish the race earlier to prevent slower boats from having to complete an extra lap).
- Leave the light box facing down the finish line as all boats will finish the lap they are on.
- Click on the hooter button for each boat (as you used to do previously) to create the ‘floating hooter box’





- As each boat crosses the line click the ‘hooter button’ on the ‘floating hooter box’, which will finish their race.
- It does not matter if they are a lap behind or if the leading boat is not first over the line – the programme will work it all out behind the scenes and calculate the average lap time.
- Save the results in the normal way and prepare for the next race (if appropriate)



# Appendix 4\_3 Average Lap Racing Instructions

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- Turn on the computer as normal and let the club race screen come up.
- **For flight races press the 'flight race' button at the bottom of the screen.**
- Add the boats/boat numbers.
- Start the race in the normal way using the '10, 5, 4, 1, 0' option on the screen.





		Lights			Flag
		Red	Yellow	Green	
10 Minute warning	1 sound	X	X	X	NO FLAG
5 Minute warning	1 sound	ON	OFF	OFF	 UP
4 Minute warning	1 sound	OFF	ON	OFF	 UP
1 Minute warning	1 sound	OFF	OFF	ON	 DOWN
Start	1 sound	OFF	OFF	OFF	 DOWN

**32.1** The normal Start and Finish Line will be a line between the Club Flag Staff and the buoy in position '8'. The buoys in positions '8' and 'F'; indicate the outer and inner limits between which boats must sail to finish. Alternate finish lines will be as in Rule 32.2 or displayed on the course board.

- Record lap times for each boat as they go through the line as usual.
- At approximately 40 minutes you should hit the 'About to Finish' button that has appeared at the bottom of the screen. This will automatically sound the shorten course sound, and generate the hooter button option for all boats irrespective of which lap they are on. (You may use your judgement and finish the race earlier to prevent slower boats from having to complete an extra lap).
- Leave the light box facing down the finish line as all boats will finish the lap they are on.
- Click on the hooter button for each boat (as you used to do previously) to create the 'floating hooter box'
- As each boat crosses the line click the 'hooter button' on the 'floating hooter box', which will finish their race.
- It does not matter if they are a lap behind or if the leading boat is not first over the line – the programme will work it all out behind the scenes and calculate the average lap time.
- Save the results in the normal way and prepare for the next race (if appropriate)

## Appendix 4.4 Handicap races

Handicap races are calculated using the Portsmouth Yardstick as defined on the RYA Website at the start of the series.

		Lights			Flag
		Red	Yellow	Green	
10 Minute warning	1 sound	X	X	X	NO FLAG
5 Minute warning	1 sound	ON	OFF	OFF	 UP
4 Minute warning	1 sound	OFF	ON	OFF	 UP
1 Minute warning	1 sound	OFF	OFF	ON	 DOWN
Start	1 sound	OFF	OFF	OFF	 DOWN

The normal Start and Finish Line will be a line between the Club Flag Staff and the buoy in position '8'. The buoys in positions '8' and 'F'; indicate the outer and inner limits between which boats must sail to finish. Alternate finish lines will be displayed on the course board.

Shortening course –Flag 'S' and the Class flag (when required) or flashing green light will be displayed with two sounds as the lead boat approaches the mark at which the course is to be shortened. All boats must round the mark in the direction indicated for the original course, then sail directly to the finish line crossing the finish line from the direction of this last mark.

		Lights			Flag
		Red	Yellow	Green	
Shorten course	2 sounds			FLASHING	

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.

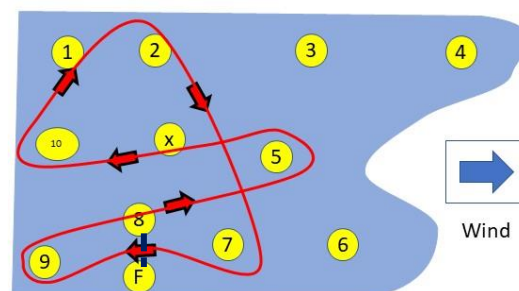
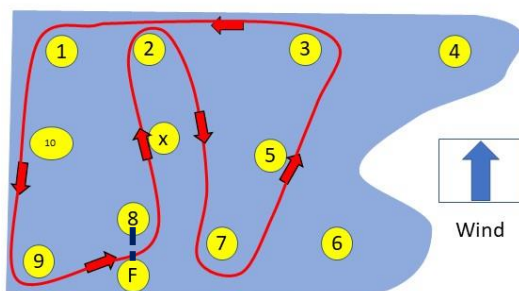
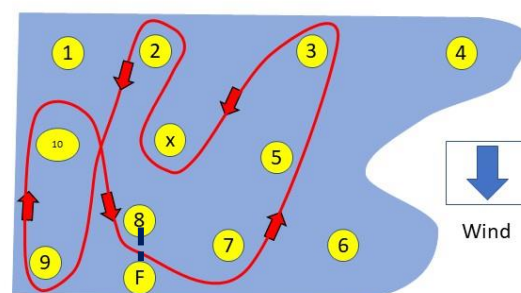
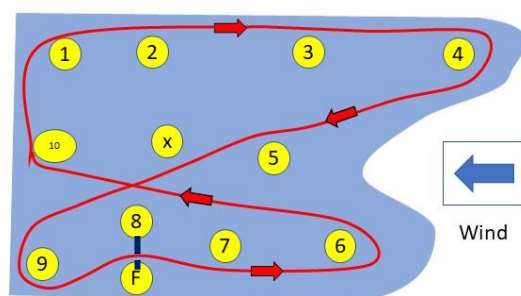
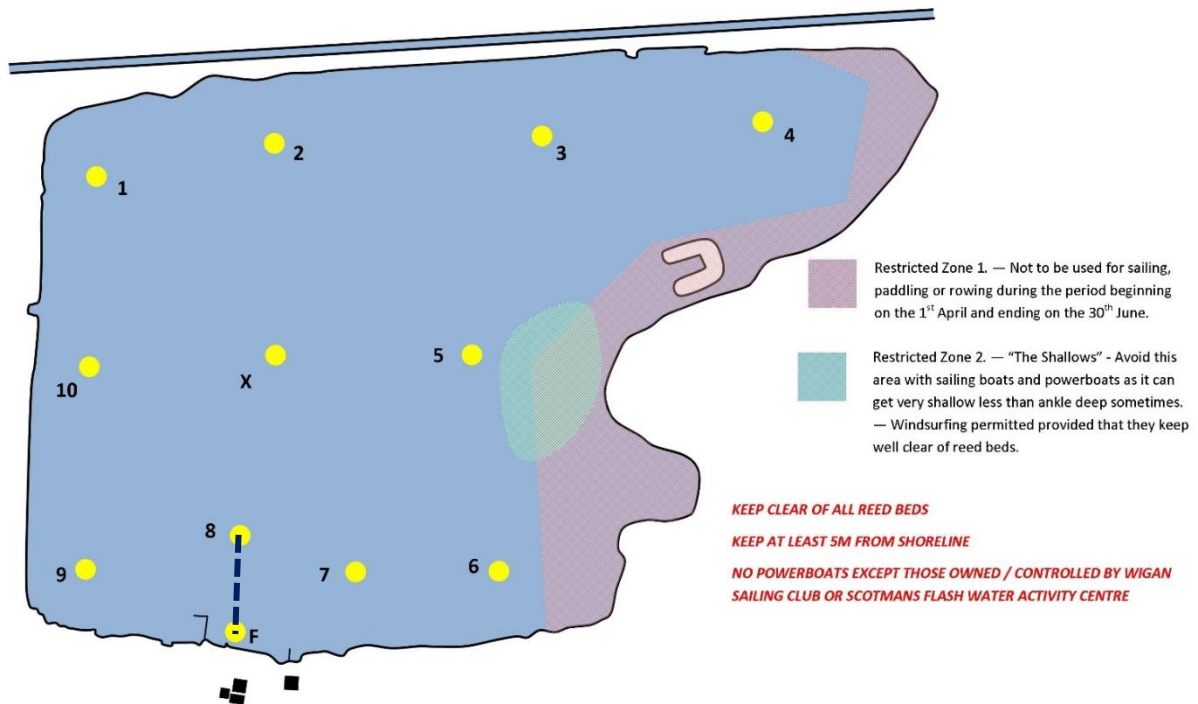
# 5 Sailing Areas and Suggested Courses

## . RACING AREAS

5.1 The racing area is shown on the course board.

5.2 The attached map and guidance should be observed by all racers.

5.3 Shallow areas will be pointed out to new members. Ask if you are unsure. The mark 5 marks the outer limit of a shallow area extending from the southern shore.



# RYA RULES DISPUTES – WHAT TO DO

The best way of dealing with incidents (rules disputes) on the water, if no boat takes a penalty at the time, is to offer a choice of:  
**(i) an ADVISORY HEARING, (ii) RYA ARBITRATION or (iii) a PROTEST HEARING**

## ADVISORY HEARING



### USE THIS IF YOU JUST WANT TO LEARN WHETHER YOU WERE IN THE RIGHT OR WRONG

- An incident has occurred and no party wishes to protest, but instead want to learn for the future from what happened
- No protest form is required
- All parties meet informally with a Rules Adviser
- The parties describe what happened
- The Rules Adviser explains what rules may have been broken and whether anyone was in the wrong
- No one is disqualified or penalised, although a boat in the wrong **may** accept an exoneration penalty (specified in the SIs and commonly a 20% scoring penalty) or retire

## RYA ARBITRATION



### USE THIS IF YOU WANT THE DISPUTE RESOLVED QUICKLY AND SIMPLY. THIS IS NOT AS FORMAL AS A PROTEST HEARING, AND THE POTENTIAL PENALTY NOT AS DAMAGING TO A BOAT'S SCORE

- An incident has occurred and a valid protest is lodged within the normal time limit
- All parties agree to opt for RYA Arbitration and meet with a Rules Adviser
- The parties describe what happened, and the Rules Adviser will decide whether any witnesses should be called
- The Rules Adviser explains what rules may have been broken and whether anyone was in the wrong
- A boat in the wrong is asked to accept the exoneration penalty
- No one is disqualified
- If the exoneration penalty is not accepted, the protest may go to a formal protest hearing
- There are very occasional scenarios when it is not possible or correct to resolve a dispute by RYA Arbitration and instead it has to be taken to a formal protest hearing

## PROTEST HEARING

### USE THIS IF THE DISPUTE IS COMPLEX, OR IF THERE HAS BEEN INJURY OR SERIOUS DAMAGE, OR IF YOU FEEL AN EXONERATION PENALTY WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE

- An incident has occurred and a valid protest is lodged within the normal time limit
- A traditional formal hearing of the parties with a Protest Committee (usually of 3 people) will be arranged
- Any boat that has broken a rule will be disqualified

The aim is to encourage everyone to follow *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

This is only a guideline. More detailed information can be found on the RYA website under "Guidance Notes - Rules Disputes" at [www.rya.org.uk/racingrules](http://www.rya.org.uk/racingrules)

# Wigan and St Helens Sailing Club

## Protests

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The procedures will follow the RRS Appendix L with the following local changes:

1. Verbal intention of protest to the Race Officer who will advise the Protest Convenor
2. A written protest should be completed within 30 minutes of the end of the race (only extended in exceptional circumstances)
3. If it is not possible to hold the protest meeting that day, then the day and date of the meeting should be arranged and given to both parties
4. The protest panel should consist of the Convenor and two suitably experienced and impartial members of the Club
5. In the event of an appeal being made against the decision or redress, the Sailing Committee will determine the necessary action. If not satisfactory, the General Committee will have the final decision.

The Advisory Hearing and Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes is available.

A list of Advisory Hearing Advisors and Protest Panel Convenors is displayed on the Club noticeboard

# Wigan and St Helens Sailing Club – Races and Trophies

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## **SCORING**

The low point scoring system Appendix 'A' of the Racing Rules will apply. The ISAF “Low Points” system is used for scoring.

Boats outside the time limit receive the points of the total number of boats starting the race. Boats that Retired (RET) receive the points of the total number of boats that entered the race + 1

## **SERIES SCORING AND QUALIFICATION**

The low point scoring system Appendix 'A' of the Racing Rules will apply. The ISAF “Low Points” system is used for scoring.

Boats outside the time limit receive the points of the total number of boats starting the race. Boats that Retired (RET) receive the points of the total number of boats that entered the race + 1.

Race officer, Assistant Race officer, Safety boat crew and Galley volunteer (when recorded on the race entry sheet) shall receive OOD points (average of their results excluding discards) . Race results shall be scrutinized to prevent abuse of this reward. The sailing committee shall decide if this is the case. A reasonable number of duties will be allowed. No more than half the races to qualify.

In series DNC is scored as number of boats in series + 1

In series DNF is scored as number of boats who started the race +1

Each boat (same crew and helm) must compete in the required number of races to qualify for a club series. Failing this points will be awarded only to the helm (irrespective of the crew.)

Only full paid (or those paying up with payment plan) up members of Wigan and St Helens Sailing Club will be eligible for Trophies. The term Helmsman is equally applicable to any gender.

## **DUTIES (to qualify for series)**

Each competitor must complete their required club duties to qualify for a club series throughout the year. The number of duties is as following:

- When blank duty rota is published each competitor must complete a minimum of 1 day duty per season.
- When names are published on the duty rota each competitor must complete their assigned duty(s) or arrange a suitable alternative with the sailing committee (a minimum of 1 day duty per season)

## 24. NUMBER OF RACES TO QUALIFY (TROPHIES AND SERIES)

Races	To Count	Races	To Count	Races	To Count	Races	To Count	Races	To Count
28	16	22	13	16	10	9	6	3	2
27	15	21	12	15	9	8	5	2	2
26	15	20	12	13	9	7	5	1	1
25	14	19	11	12	7	6	4		
24	14	18	11	11	7	5	4		
23	13	17	10	10	7	4	3		

Events: R.N.L.I., Aubrey Cup, and Under 18 Trophy - The best 2 out of 3 to count. If only two races then both to count.

Any further adjustment will be made at the direction of the Sailing Committee

### Sunday Series

Series 1 – Early Spring	E A Brown Trophy	1 <sup>st</sup> Place Early Spring Series
Series 2 – Late Spring	Walter Maybury Trophy	1 <sup>st</sup> Place Late Spring Series
Spring Series	Sid Fellows Trophy	1 <sup>st</sup> Place Spring (including Early and Late results, Not flights)
Series 3 – Early Summer	H C Wynne Trophy	1 <sup>st</sup> Place Early Summer Series
Series 4 – Mid Summer	J F E Cholerton Trophy	1 <sup>st</sup> Place Mid-Summer Series
Series 5 – Late Summer	E93 Cannon Trophy	1 <sup>st</sup> Place Late Summer Series
Summer Series	Galley Slave Donated by Sheila Toman	1 <sup>st</sup> Place Summer (including Early, Mid and Late results, Not flights)
Autumn Series	Pastie and Beans donated by Cliff Warner	1 <sup>st</sup> Place Autumn Series
Series 6 – Autumn	Windglass Trophy	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Autumn Series
Series 7 – Spring Flight	Linbeck Bell Trophy FLIGHT RACE	1 <sup>st</sup> place Spring Flight Series
Series 8 – Summer Flight	K J Butler Trophy FLIGHT RACE	1 <sup>st</sup> place Summer Flight Series
Frostbite Series (PSC) Oct-Dec	Frostbite Trophy	1 <sup>st</sup> place Frostbite Series
Winter Series 1 (Frostbite)	David Cholerton Trophy	3 <sup>rd</sup> place frostbite series
Frostbite (WSC) Oct-Dec	Frostbite	2 <sup>nd</sup> place frostbite series
Icicle (WSC) Jan-Mar	Icicle Donated by Ron Hardy	1 <sup>st</sup> Place Icicle series
Series 2 (Icicle)	Icicle Trophy	2 <sup>nd</sup> place icicle series
Early Bird Pursuit Series	Early Bird Trophy Donated By Tony Ormrod.	1 <sup>st</sup> place Early Bird Pursuit

### Wednesday evening Series

series 1	Alistair Pilkington Trophy	1 <sup>st</sup> Place Midweek Series 1
Series 2	F S Nixon Trophy	1 <sup>st</sup> Place Midweek Series 2
Series 3	Windsteel Trophy	1 <sup>st</sup> Place Midweek Series 3

## Trophy Days

Tankard Trophy	3 handicap races.	1 <sup>st</sup> Place Tankard Trophy Day
Davison Trophy	3 handicap races.	1 <sup>st</sup> Place Davison Trophy Day
Pursuit Trophy	3 or 4 Pursuit races held on single day.	1 <sup>st</sup> Place Pursuit Trophy Day
Jubilee Trophy	WSC 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary trophy	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place (or first place second fleet, if sailed) on Ken Bright Trophy Day. – or retire?
Christmas Cracker Trophy	A series of fun short pursuit races. Each sailor may play a “joker” card which improves their position in the nominated race. Racing followed by minced pies, mulled wine and traditional 10 pin bowling.	1 <sup>st</sup> Place Christmas Cracker
Trophy for Endurance	Donated by Charlie Dickinson. Results Taken from a single 4-hour race on the last Sunday of October.	1 <sup>st</sup> Place Endurance Trophy Day
Under 18 Trophy	Presented by Mr J D Logan. Helm and crew must be under 18 on the day of the race. Points to the helmsman.	1 <sup>st</sup> Place on date set from eligible members (under 18s)
Southern Cross Trophy	Presented by Mr P R Bailey 1. Neither helmsman or crew are to have won any Wigan and St Helens Sailing Club race series consisting of not less than 10 races. 2. The trophy will be awarded on the result of three races sailed on a single day. There will be no disregard race; 3. The day chosen shall be nominated by the sailing committee and not less than 4 weeks written notice to be given to Wigan and St Helens Sailing Club Members; 4. If racing is abandoned on the nominated day, the trophy shall not be awarded that year; Helm and crew shall race together to qualify; 6. Where the term helmsman is used in the above conditions, this will be taken to include helmswoman;	<b>Keep</b>
Parkin Trophy	Presented by Mr R A Parkin - This will take the form of a number of knockout races between individual helmsmen. A draw will be made and the Race Officer will decide the times of the race appropriate to the number of entrants. Each race will consist of two laps. All entrants shall notify the Race Officer of their wish to enter and to pay the entry fee before the closing time. Details of the race, closing time and entry fee are given in the Race Programme. Points to the helmsman.	1 <sup>st</sup> Place on Parkin Trophy Day
Barraddel-Smith Trophy	Presented by Mrs Barraddel-Smith This will be awarded for a special event with the objective of promoting "something different, light hearted but requiring a degree of skill" in the general area of sailing. The Sailing Committee will decide on the form and timing of the event. Points to the helmsman.	Retire or reuse
RNLI	The entry fee will be given to the appropriate Charity as given in the Race Programme – entry fee set by sailing committee.	1 <sup>st</sup> Place on respective Trophy Days
Eccleston Bowl	This trophy will be sailed for by two teams of members. The team captains will select members present alternately until all present are selected	1 <sup>st</sup> Place on Eccleston Bowl Trophy Days - <b>Keep</b>



## Trophies awarded from already existing results

Best helm under 40	Awarded to the "Best helm under 40" using results taken from the previous winter, spring summer and autumn series and also trophy days.	Best helm under 40 – <b><u>TO BUY</u></b>
Best helm over 40	Awarded to the "Best helm over 40" using results taken from the previous winter, spring summer and autumn series and also trophy days.	Best helm over 40
Best helm over 50	Awarded to the "Best helm over 50" using results taken from the previous winter, spring summer and autumn series and also trophy days.	Best helm over 50
Best helm over 60	Awarded to the "Best helm over 60" using results taken from the previous winter, spring summer and autumn series and also trophy days.	Best helm over 60
Best helm over 70	Awarded to the "Best helm over 70" using results taken from the previous winter, spring summer and autumn series and also trophy days.	Best helm over 70 – <b><u>TO BUY</u></b>
Best helm over 80?	Awarded to the "Best helm over 80" using results taken from the previous winter, spring summer and autumn series and also trophy days.	Best helm over 80? – <b><u>TO BUY</u></b>
Junior Perpetual Trophy	Best Junior Racer using results taken from the previous winter, spring summer and autumn series and also trophy days.	Junior Perpetual Trophy
Crew of the year	Awarded to the best crew of the year using results taken from the previous winter, spring summer and autumn series and also trophy days. May be subject to Sailing committee decision if helm skill needs to be taken into account.	Crew of the year
Topper Series	Four series will be based on 1) all Sunday series up to the end of series 1,2,3,7 2) Remaining Sunday series. 3) Frostbite series. 4) Weekday series. Helmsmen must be under 18 years of age at the start of the season. Points to the helmsman.	1 <sup>st</sup> place Topper Series, Other prizes for 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> .
Endeavour Series Trophy	Only helmsmen who have not won a Sunday or Weekday series, (excluding the short flight series) or an Open Meeting are eligible. (Note: a one-day event does not exclude) This series will run concurrently with Series 5 on Sundays. Points will be extracted for the relevant helmsmen. – Should the series not be sailed then the sailing committee can award to a persistent tryer who meets the above requirements.	1 <sup>st</sup> Endeavour Series - Keep (Maybe with alternate wording green text)
Novices Series	Presented by Mr W J Rhodes. Only this year's Beginners helm and crew are eligible. The sailing committee reserves the right to refuse entry. Anyone in doubt should apply for a ruling. Points to the helmsman.	1 <sup>st</sup> Novice, Other prizes for 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> and others.
Mistral Trophy	Presented by Mr D B Lunt 1. Only Helmsman who has not won a series (excluding the short flight series), Endeavour and Teign Series ) or Event during the current year are eligible; 2. The trophy will be sailed for on the basis of the best results obtained in the Frostbite series; 3. The points will be awarded on the basis of the helman's final position in each of the Frostbite races relative to the other eligible helmsmen sailing in that race; 4. The trophy will be held for one year Any matter arising and not covered by the above, will be referred to the Sailing Committee for a decision. Points to the helmsman.	<b>Keep</b>
Traveller Trophy	Presented by Mr J Stead	Best Traveller

	Awarded for the best performance by a Wigan and St Helens Sailing Club Enterprise in Open Meetings and Regattas not sailed on Wigan and St Helens Sailing Club waters. The best 6 results will count. For Top Helm events the overall results for each meeting will count and not the overall result for the series. In other events where any prize is awarded for the overall performance in several races sailed on 3 or more days, then only the overall result will count. This applies specifically to the Menai Regattas / National / International Championships and Bassenthwaite Week. Any helmsman wishing to qualify for the trophy must submit the results to the Hon Sailing Secretary by 1st November of the year in question.	
Teign Trophy	Presented by Mr Birkenhead Only helmsmen who have not won a Sunday or Weekday series, (excluding the short flight series), or an Open Meeting are eligible (Note: a one day event does not exclude) This series will run concurrently with Series 2 on Sundays. Points will be extracted for the relevant helmsmen.	<b>Keep</b>
Under 18 prize (Each Series)	All helmsmen will be under the age of 18 on the day of the first race of the series.	1 <sup>st</sup> Junior helm (for each series)
Ladies Race	Presented by Mr R V Unwin Boats in the race shall be helmed by ladies. Points to the helmswoman.	1 <sup>st</sup> Place Ladies Race
Aubrey Cup	Presented by Mr Percy Aubrey. Awarded for the best two out of three races on a specific day.	<b>Keep</b> - We can Keep this and allocate a specific race day (Bank Holiday) or in a series and run alongside when no trophies are being awarded.
Graham Thompson Trophy	For the fastest lap by a member of Wigan and St Helens S.C. (Junior) in the Southport S.C. 12 Hour Race	Keep
Commodores Cup	Presented by Mr J D Lee for the fastest lap by a Wigan and St Helens Sailing Club member in the West Lancashire Yacht Club 24 Hour Race.	Keep
Searcher Trophy	Presented by Mrs F E Lunt in memory of her husband Derek Lunt 1. Helm and Crew shall be paid up members of Wigan and St Helens SC 2. There will be a single race for the trophy 3. Helm and Crew shall be members of the same family 4. Either Helm or Crew shall be under 21 on the day of the race	

## Wigan and St Helens Sailing Club – 24 Hour Race

Team	Eligibility
<b>A</b>	<p><b>OBJECTIVE: An opportunity for top flight sailors to demonstrate their skills and attempt to win the race. The team members should have sufficient ability to arrange and flex their sailing times according to wind conditions and ongoing race position.</b></p> <p>Must be fully paid up members of Pilkington Sailing Club  Helm must be in Flight 1 (or selected by the Sailing Committee from Flight 2 in the absence of insufficient helms)  Crew must have a proven record of participation in Club racing and achieving a high standard</p>
<b>B</b>	<p><b>OBJECTIVE: To offer the Club competitive sailors an opportunity to race in an open meeting and to encourage them to devote time into becoming top flight sailors whilst trying to achieve a good overall race position. The sailing times will be decided by the Team Manager.</b></p> <p>Must be fully paid up members of Pilkington Sailing Club  Helm must be in Flight 2 or above (or selected by the Sailing Committee from lower Flights in the absence of insufficient helms)  Crew must have a proven record of participation in Club racing</p>
<b>C</b>	<p><b>OBJECTIVE: To allow all sailors the opportunity to take part in a competitive race and encouraging sailors new to the sport. The sailing times will be decided by the Team Manager and will reflect the weather conditions and the ability of the helm and crew.</b></p> <p>Must be fully paid up members of Pilkington Sailing Club  Can be from any flight  Helms must have previous experience of taking part in the 24 hour race as helm or crew</p>