



# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Rabbit Series, Pursuit Series, Inter-Club Series

24<sup>th</sup> July 2020 – 24<sup>th</sup> October 2020

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in these Sailing Instructions means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

## 1. RULES & REGULATIONS

- 1.1. Refer to Notice of Race §1

## 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. *Notices to Competitors* will be posted at the following URL on the *WCA Summer Series website*:  
<https://www.windermere-cruising-association.co.uk/sailing/2020-summer-series/>.

## 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Changes to the sailing instructions will be notified by SMS, and posted together with a corresponding *Notice to Competitors* on the [WCA Summer Series Website](#).

## 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. No signals will be made ashore.  
4.2. Competitors will be notified of where the course is to be set i.e. North or South lake, as well as any postponements to the warning signal by SMS.

## 5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1. Refer to Notice of Race §4.

## 6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1. Boats racing shall display International Code Flag G [DP]

All boats	International Code Flag G	
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- 6.2. Boats racing shall display their club pennant. [DP]

- 6.3. Boats racing shall not fly an ensign. [DP]

## 7. RACING AREAS

- 7.1. The venue for all races will be Lake Windermere.  
7.2. Races may be held in either the North Lake or the South Lake depending on the prevailing wind conditions with the following restrictions: -

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- 7.2.1. South Lake: Marks 2 & 3 in the South Lake shall not be used for WCA summer series races.
- 7.2.2. North Lake: Marks 1 & 16 in the North Lake shall not be used for WCA summer series races.

## 8. COURSES

- 8.1. Refer to Notice of Race §7

## 9. Marks

- 9.1. WCA Summer Series races will use the permanent green numbered racing marks.

## 10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1. Refer to Notice of Race §8

## 11. THE START

- 11.1. Rabbit Series Races will be started by using rule 26 which is modified as follows: -
  - 11.1.1. No visual signals will be given (i.e. flags will not be used).
  - 11.1.2. Races will be started as if the 'P' visual signal had been displayed at the preparatory signal.
  - 11.1.3. Times shall be taken from the beginning of the sound signals.
  - 11.1.4. See guidance on Rabbit Starts on the Summer Series webpage.
- 11.2. Pursuit Series Races will have a self-policed start line. Skippers will be advised of their yacht's start time by SMS. Skippers will be advised of the start line port and starboard markers prior to racing along.
- 11.3. Any variation to start procedures will be advised via Notice To Competitors.

## 12. THE FINISH

- 12.1. Rabbit and Inter-Club Series race finishing line details will be advised by SMS before each race and may be requested over VHF CH08.
- 12.2. Each boat will record her own finishing time to the nearest second. Skippers are responsible for the accuracy of their time-recording and should note any offset from the 1<sup>st</sup> warning signal. Ideally a GPS timepiece or stopwatch should be used.
- 12.3. Boats shall avoid the finishing area after finishing until the race has concluded. [DP]

## 13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1. Refer to Notice of Race §9

## 14. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 14.1. *Target Time*: The target time for each race is ordinarily between 60 and 100 minutes.
- 14.2. Failure to meet the *Target Time* will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 14.3. *Finishing Window*: The "Run-Rabbit" series will not use a finishing window or timeout. All boats continue sailing until they complete the course, or retire.



## 15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the Race Officer or Sailing Secretary within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.2. The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The WCA will accept a verbal, email and SMS protests provided the time, location and incident are specified. Protest forms are [available online here](#).
- 15.3. Notices will be posted no later than 8 hours after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will usually be held prior to the next race via video call or conference call at a time to be agreed by all parties.
- 15.4. Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 15.5. Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

## 16. SCORING

- 16.1. Refer to Notice of Race §10 & §11.

## 17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1. Check-Out and Check-In: A boat shall approach the Race Control boat before the warning signal and announce its intention to race either by radio or by hailing. On finishing the race, the boat shall provide her finishing time when requested over VHF CH08. [DP]
- 17.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify this by VHF or SMS as soon as possible. [DP]
- 17.3. All competitors shall wear a personal flotation device at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment, or whilst below deck. Unless otherwise agreed by the Sailing Secretary, personal flotation device shall be taken to mean "life jacket worn outside all other clothing". [DP] This changes RRS 40.

## 18. OFFICIAL BOATS

- 18.1. Refer to Notice of Race §13

## 19. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 19.1. Refer to Notice of Race §15

## 20. PRIZES

- 20.1. Refer to Notice of Race §16

## 21. RISK STATEMENT

- 21.1. Refer to Notice of Race §17

## 22. INSURANCE

- 22.1. Refer to Notice of Race §18

## 23. Mandatory Safety Equipment

- 23.1. Refer to Notice of Race §19



## 24. EMERGENCY

- 24.1. VHF: In emergency **HM COASTGUARD** will coordinate first responders and liaise with Windermere Lake Wardens.

Life-threatening distress	CH16	Holyhead Coastguard	Use proword <b>MAYDAY</b>
Other Urgency	CH16	Holyhead Coastguard	Use proword <b>PAN-PAN</b>

If Windermere Lake Wardens are monitoring Channel 16 they will respond directly.

- 24.2. Telephone

Life-threatening distress or immediate danger	999	Ask for Coastguard
Other	01539442753	Windermere Lake Wardens