



Dee Sailing Club Blaze Northern Championships Sailing Instructions 15th May– 16th May 2021

1 Rules

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024, and the Notice of Race, except if any of these are changed by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 The Regatta is designated Category C - Appendix 1 - ISAF Advertising Code.
- 1.3 The helm shall be a current member of the Blaze Class Association.
- 1.4 Under exceptional circumstances, the race committee may permit sails carrying an identifying number other than that required by RRS 77 Appendix G. Prior written approval is required. Forms for this purpose are available in the information area & shall be submitted to the race office.

2 Identification

- 2.1 While racing, boats will be identified by their sail numbers and/or bow numbers.

3 Notices to competitors

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official race notice board located in the entrance corridor of the sailing club.
- 3.2 A briefing will be held in the clubhouse at 11:30 hrs Saturday 15th May

4 Changes to sailing instructions

- 4.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board at least 1 hour before the advertised start time of the first race to which the change applies, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

5 Schedule of races

- 5.1 The number of races scheduled is 6.

Day	Start time	Warning Signal	High Water
Saturday 15 th	12:30 hrs	12:25 hrs	13:53 hrs 8.25m
	Following race(s) as soon as possible.		
Sunday 16 th	13:05 hrs	13:00 hrs	14.27 hrs 8.0m
	Following race(s) as soon as possible.		

- 5.2 To alert boats that another race will begin soon, the orange flag will be displayed for at least 1 minute before a Warning Signal is displayed.

6 Class flags

- 6.1 The class flag for the Blazes will be Int. Code Flag B.

7 Signals made ashore

- 7.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the mast located on the lawn in front of the clubhouse.
- 7.2 Personal Buoyancy shall be worn by all competitors whilst afloat. (*This changes RRS 40 & Flag Y in Race Signals.*)
- 7.3 When the class flag is raised accompanied by one sound, competitors are cleared to leave the beach.
- 7.4 The warning signal afloat will be made not less than 30 minutes after the class flag is raised as per 7.3.

8 The race area

- 8.1 The racing area will be approx. 1 mile NW of the clubhouse.

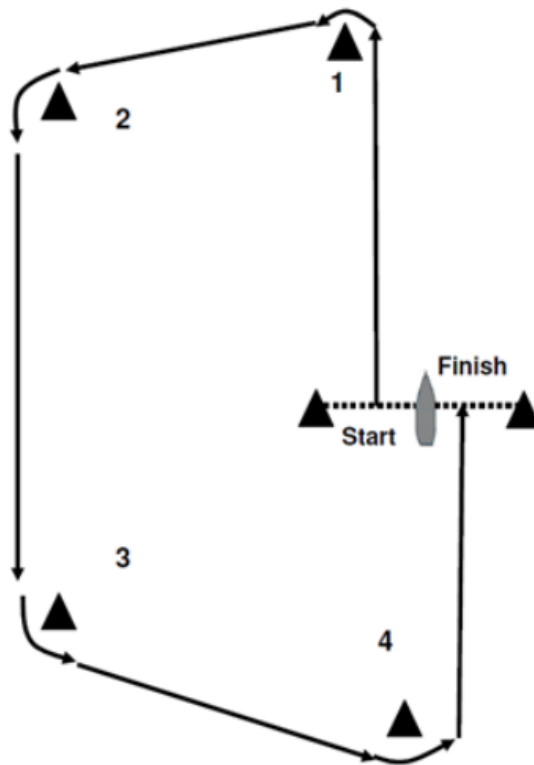
9 The courses

- 9.1 There will be one course used during the regatta.



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- 9.2 The course will be a trapezoid –as per the diagram below. Marks will be rounded in the order 1 to port, 2 to port, 3 to port, 4 to port, passing through the start line on each lap.
- 9.3 The starting marks will be an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and a pink spherical buoy at the port end.
- 9.4 The finishing marks will be a blue flag on the race committee signal boat at the port end and an orange inflatable pillar buoy with a blue jacket at the starboard end.
- 9.5 After sailing the number of laps displayed on the committee boat, boats will proceed to the finish



10 Marks

- 10.1 Mark 1,2 3 & 4 will be a tall orange inflatable buoys.
- 10.2 The new mark, as provided in section 12.1 will be a smaller orange pillar inflatable buoy.
- 10.3 The starting and finishing marks will be described in sections 11 & 13.



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11 The start

11.1 Races will be started by using **Rule 26** with the Warning signal given 5 minutes before the Starting signal.

Signal	Flag	Sound	Minutes before the start signal
	Orange Flag	1 Sound	6
Warning	Class Flag 'B'	1 Sound	5
Preparatory	P or I or Z or Z with I or Black or U flag	1 Sound	4
One Minute	Preparatory flag removed	1 Long Sound	1
Starting	Class flag removed	1 Sound	0

11.2 **The Starting Line** will be between a staff flying an orange flag on a race committee boat at the starboard end and the starting mark as described in 11.4.

11.3 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. (*This changes rule A4.1*)

11.4 The start mark will be a large pink spherical buoy.

11.5 When the black flag is flying without the class flag this denotes the race committee is attempting to re-set the starting line and course marks. During this period all boats shall keep at least 20m clear of the start area.

12 Changing the position of the next mark

12.1 To change the position of the next mark, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. The change will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not yet be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated without further signalling to maintain the course configuration. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

12.2 Rule 33 is changed so that, instead of displaying a compass bearing, the race committee will display a green flag if the direction is changed to starboard or a red flag if the direction is changed to port. A change in course length will be indicated on a white board by a + sign if the course is lengthened and a – sign if the course is shortened.

13 The finish

13.1 **The Finishing Line** will be between a staff flying a Blue flag on a race committee boat and the finishing mark.

13.2 If the race must be shortened part way around a lap, **the Finishing line** will be between a staff flying an S flag on a race committee boat and mark 1,2,3 or 4 of the course.

13.3 The finish mark will be an orange pillar buoy with a blue jacket.

14 Penalty system

14.1 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under rule 31 (Touching a Mark) or 44.1 (Penalties for Breaking Rules of Part 2) shall complete an acknowledgement form available in the information area & submitted to the race office within the protest time limit.



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15 Time limits

- 15.1 The time limit for each race shall be 1 hour for the 1st boat.
- 15.2 After the first boat has finished, boats may be finished based on their observed position on the course. Flag W will be displayed in the vicinity of boats being finished on the course. The boat should then return directly to the starting area for the start of the next race or return to the shore. (This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.)
- 15.3 If Flag W is not displayed boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat has finished will be scored DNF. (This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.)

16 Protests and requests for redress

- 16.1 Protest forms are available in the information area & shall be submitted to the race office within the protest time limit.
- 16.2 The protest time limit is 1 hour after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the race committee and to requests for redress. (*This changes RRS 61.3 & 62.2*)

17 Scoring

- 17.1 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a Regatta.
- 17.2 When less than 4 races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores.
- 17.3 When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 17.4 The Low Points scoring system of Appendix A section 4 will apply.
- 17.5 Series Ties will be broken in accordance with Appendix A sections 8.1, 8.2

18 Safety regulations

- 18.1 A tally system will operate, each boat being allocated a tally number at registration.
- 18.2 A boat shall tally on to indicate it intends to race by taking its numbered tally disc off the board and placing it in the tally box.
- 18.3 A boat shall tally off to indicate that it has returned to shore by taking its numbered tally disc off the board and placing it in the tally box.
- 18.4 A boat shall tally off as soon as possible on return to the beach and on no account later than 15 minutes after reaching the beach.
- 18.5 A boat shall indicate successful completion of races, retirement or otherwise by choosing the appropriate compartment in the tally box.
- 18.6 Any boats that fail to comply with the safety/tally system will be required to make a £10 donation to the RNLI or face disqualification from the race or races concerned.

19 Replacement of crew or equipment

- 19.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without the prior written approval of the race committee (relative weights will be taken into account). A Dart entered as either single-handed, or two-up, shall only race in the mode in which the first race is sailed, unless there are exceptional circumstances. Forms for this purpose are available in the information area & shall be submitted to the race office.

20 Equipment and measurement checks

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

21 Radio communication

- 21.1 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.



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22 Disclaimer of liability

- 22.1 A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.
- 22.2 It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By launching, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and her crew is competent to sail and compete in them.
- 22.3 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 personal 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, patrol boats and beach masters
- 22.4 The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities.
- 22.5 Furthermore, parents or guardians of competitors under 18 yrs will be required to take full responsibility for their dependants throughout the event and to sign the parental declaration on the entry form. The person accepting this responsibility shall be present for the duration of the Championship.

23 Sponsorship

- 23.1 Competitors may be required by the Organising Authority to carry the event sponsors advertising on their sails/boats and or bibs/vests.

24 Television & Media

- 24.1 In registering for the event, competitors automatically grant the organising authority the right, in perpetuity, to make, use and show from time to time, at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and any other reproduction of them taken during the event, for the said Championship as defined in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, in which he/she participates, without compensation.



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25 Exoneration Penalty

- 25.1 A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing or rule 31 may, after finishing the race concerned and before the start of any related protest hearing, notify the race committee that she accepts an Exoneration Penalty – a 30% scoring penalty (SCP) calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c), except that the minimum penalty is three places and she shall not be scored worse than the number of boats that came to the starting area. However, if the boat caused injury or serious damage or, despite taking a penalty, gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach her penalty shall be to retire.
- 25.2 When an Exoneration Penalty is accepted:
- (a) Neither the boat nor a protest committee may then revoke or remove the penalty.
 - (b) The boat shall not be penalized further in a protest hearing when the protest committee decides that it was appropriate to the facts found and the applicable rules.

26 Advisory Hearing

- 26.1 When there is an incident that will not result in the lodging of a protest or a request for redress, a boat may request an advisory hearing and notify any boat involved in the incident. An adviser will then call a hearing to learn what may have happened and, provided all parties are willing to attend, will state whether any rule appears to have been broken, and by which boat. A boat may as a result notify the race office that she accepts an Exoneration Penalty when it applies to the incident, or choose to retire, but is not required to do so.

27 RYA Arbitration

- 27.1 When a protest is lodged, a boat may at the same time request RYA Arbitration, or the protest committee or race committee may offer it.
- 27.2 If the parties and a member of the protest or race committee agree that RYA Arbitration is suitable, an arbitrator (who may be that member of the protest committee) will call an Arbitration Hearing. When it is the arbitrator's opinion that a boat that is a party to the arbitration hearing has broken a rule for which the Exoneration Penalty is available, the party will be invited to accept that penalty and, if accepted, the protesting boat will be allowed to withdraw the protest, changing rule 63.1.
- 27.3 When there is not agreement to use RYA Arbitration or when, after RYA Arbitration, a protest is not withdrawn or the Exoneration Penalty is not applicable to the facts, there will be a normal protest hearing at which the arbitrator may be a member of the protest committee. Rules 66 and 70 (reopening and appeal, respectively) do not apply to an arbitration since this is not a protest committee decision or procedure. A boat may still accept an Exoneration Penalty at any time before the start of a protest hearing and receive its protection from further penalization. She may also retire.