



**RUTLAND
SAILING CLUB**



**Laser SB3 Inland Championships
Rutland Sailing Club
22nd – 24th April 2011**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rules, and a change to Class rules.

- 1.1 This series shall be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA and, the rules of the Laser SB3 Class Association,
1.2 Under Class Rules A.6.2, Class Rule C.5 is varied such that C.5.1 (6) mandatory equipment is not required – explanation, neither engines and all the associated equipment nor compensating ballast and paddles are required although they may be carried voluntarily

2. Notices to Competitors.

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be displayed on the Official Notice Board located upstairs in the Wet Bar.

3. Changes in Sailing Instructions.

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 09.00 on the day it will take effect except that any change to the Schedule of Races will be posted by 20.00 on the day before it will take effect.

4. Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1 All signals made ashore will be displayed on the clubhouse mast.
4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, 'one(1) minute' is replaced with 'not less than sixty(60) minutes' in the race signal AP.

5. Schedule of Races.

5.1 Dates of Racing

Friday 22nd April:	3 Races back to back are scheduled. First warning signal 13.00hrs One or more extra races may be sailed.
Saturday 23rd April:	4 Races back to back are scheduled. First warning signal 10.25 One or more extra races may be sailed.
Sunday 24th April:	2 Races back to back are scheduled for the "Inland Championship" Immediately followed by the "Ultimate Test Race" (<i>to be confirmed at the Skippers' briefing</i>) First warning signal: 10.25hrs No race will commence after 14.55hrs

- 5.2 When Back to Back races are to be sailed, Flag W will be flown below the Blue Flag to indicate that competitors are to stay out on the water, and be ready for a further race.

- 5.3 Rutland Sailing Club, its officers, employees and helpers shall not be held responsible for any cancellation or change to the racing programme resulting from inclement weather. The sole arbiter of such conditions shall be the Race Officer.

6. Class Flag.

- 6.1 The class flag will be Numeral Pennant 1

7. Race Area.

- 7.1 The Race area will be in the main pool on Rutland Water

8. Course.

- 8.1 The courses to be sailed will be Windward Leeward – Full details are described in the course sheet.
8.2 At the leeward gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark. The gate may be replaced by a single mark to be left to port.

9. Marks.

9.1 The Course marks will be large Black Hippo Buoys.

10. Areas that are Obstructions.

10.1 Aeration Tower in centre of the pool

11. Starts .

11.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26. *For Ultimate Test Race see 11.6*

11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an Orange Flag on the committee boat and a Dan Buoy with Orange Flag.

11.3 To alert boats that a race will begin soon, the orange flag on the committee boat will be displayed with a long sound signal not less than 4 minutes before the warning signal is displayed.

11.4 The Committee Boat will endeavour to broadcast the approximate course to first mark, Start of Sequence, General Recall, OCS or Excluded boats, where ever possible. VHF 37 will be used. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

11.5 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after the Starting Signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4 and A5

11.6 *For the Ultimate Test Race only, boats may start after the start signal until 6 minutes after the Starting Signal, when a sound signal will be made to close the start. Lap times will be recorded for each boat from the time they individually start until the time they finish one lap. The boat with the fastest lap-time wins the race.*

12. Change of the next leg of the Course.

12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

13. Shortened Course

13.1 When the course is to be shortened at the Leeward Mark a vessel will display "F" flag between the windward mark and the spacer mark. The "S" flag will also be displayed on the committee boat. Boats will then round the **Port Hand Gate Mark** and sail directly to the finishing line.

14. The Finish

14.1 The Finish Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and a Dan Buoy with a BLUE Flag on the Starboard side of the committee boat which will be displaying a blue flag.

15. Penalty System.

15.1 The Two Turn Penalty is modified to a One Turn Penalty. This alters RRS 44.

16. Time Limits.

16.1 No Time Limit for the first boat to finish shall be set.

16.2 Boats failing to finish within fifteen(15) minutes after the first boat sails the course and are still on course and sailing, will wherever possible either:

16.2.1 Be awarded places as their position at their last leeward mark rounding. OR

16.2.2 Be awarded places as their position by a "finish" rib proceeding round the course in a reverse direction.

Positions awarded in this way are totally at the discretion of the Race Officer

This changes RRS 35.

17. Protests & Redress.

17.1 The Exoneration Penalty (and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration) of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedure will be available, and if applied the scoring penalty shall be 30% - this alters RRS 44.3(c).

17.2 Protest Forms will be available from the Race Office situated in the foyer of RSC. They must be lodged within one hour of the last boat finishing. This time will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

17.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the Protest Time Limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties to a hearing or named as witnesses. It shall be the responsibility of competitors to check the notice board for such notices.

17.4 The protest committee is empowered to award lesser penalties than prescribed in the RRS 2009-2012.

18. Scoring.

18.1 The Low points Series of RRS Appendix A will be used. The "Ultimate test race" is not included in the series

18.2 Nine races are scheduled for the "Inland Championship" of which three (3) will constitute a series.

18.3 If less than six (6) races are completed all races will count.

18.4 In the event of six (6) races or more, one discard will be allowed. (Amends RRS Appendix A2)

19. Safety Regulations.

19.1 An adequate Floatation Device must be worn by all crew members while afloat. Wet suits or dry suits do not give adequate floatation. This changes RRS 40.1.

19.2 Declarations are not required except for boats retiring. This is to be declared on the sheets provided on the Official Notice Board within 60 minutes of the last boat finishing the last race of the day. This time will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

20. Equipment and Measurement Checks.

20.1 A boat or equipment may be checked at any time for compliance with Class Rules and Sailing Instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

21. Official Boats

21.1 Only the Committee Boat and RSC crewed mark laying, and patrol boats working under the direction of the race committee are official boats

22. Support Boats.

22.1 Support boats must be registered with the Race Committee prior 09.00 on the first day of Racing.

22.2 Support boats shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

23. Haul-Out Restrictions.

23.1 Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee or on request of a measurer or scrutineer.

24.0 Diving Equipment and Plastic Pools.

24.1 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or there equivalent shall not be used around boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

25.0 Radio Communication.

25.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones.

25.0 Prizes

25.1 The presentation of prizes will take place at the Rutland Sailing Club following racing on Sunday, 24th April 2011.

26 Liability

26.1 The safety of a boat and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner / person in charge who must ensure that the boat and crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of the race. Neither the Sailing Instructions nor any inspection of the boat limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner / person in charge for the crew, the boat and her management. The race organisers shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, how ever caused, to the owner / person in charge or crew, as a result of their taking part in the race or races. Moreover, every owner / person in charge warrants the suitability of the boat and crew for the race or races. This condition does not override statutory rights.

27.0 Insurance

27.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party insurance with a minimum cover of £2million.

28 Local Variations

28.1 Competitors shall give reasonable clearance to fishermen. Note they may be drifting.

28.2 Boats are to keep clear of the passenger carrying boat "Rutland Belle" which has right of way due to it's limited manoeuvrability.

28.3 Anchoring ban – Anglian Water Authority have an anchoring ban in part of the East section of the reservoir, generally bounded by the dam, the Tower, and the South East shore.

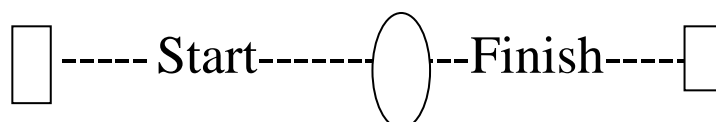
28.4 The use of Petrol engines is forbidden at Rutland Water, other than Rescue and Official Boats.

Laser SB3 Course Sheet



Orange Dan Buoy

Blue Dan Buoy



3 S

3P

Lap = mark 1 to port, mark 2 to port, mark 3 Gate. Number of laps as displayed on Committee Boat.

On final lap pass mark 3P to port, then to Finish.