



# SB20

## ZHIK SB20 UK OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Thursday 4th – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2013

Organising Authority (OA): RCYC Events Ltd,  
Falmouth, Cornwall, UK

in conjunction with the SB20 UK Class Association

## PRELIMINARY SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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Abbreviations:

[NP] - A breach of this rule will not be grounds for protest by a boat.

[DP] - Rules for which the penalties are at the discretion of the protest committee.

## 1. RULES

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1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).

1.2 RRS are changed as follows:

- (a) RRS Race Signals AP is changed extending the period of postponement ashore (see SI 4.2);
- (b) RRS Race Signal AP over H is changed requiring boats not to leave the harbour (see SI 4.3)
- (c) RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty (see SI 14);
- (d) RRS 35, A4 & A5 are changed to implement a Finish Window and Backsweep (see SI 15);
- (e) RRS 60.1(a) is changed to limit a boat's right to protest (see SI 16.5);
- (f) RRS 62.2 is changed affecting the time limit for requests for reopening (see SI 16.8);
- (g) RRS A4 and A5 are changed so that late starters will be scored Did Not Start (see SI 17.1).

1.3 Local regulations will apply concerning safe navigation in close proximity of commercial vessels restricted in their ability to manoeuvre, and dive vessels (see SI 10).

## 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

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The race office is located within the Port Pendennis marina office. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the window of the race office. Copies may also be posted on the notice board in the hall of the RCYC.

## 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0830 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

## 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

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4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the mast at Port Pendennis marina, situated beside the SW Powerboating training centre adjacent to the marina office.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 90 minutes" in RRS Race Signals AP. This changes RRS Race Signals AP.

4.3 Flag AP over H displayed ashore means "Boats shall not leave the harbour. Wait for further instructions". This changes RRS Race Signal AP over H.

## 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES AND OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS

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### 5.1 Schedule

Date	Race and Official Functions	Time	High Water
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Competitor briefing at RCYC	1900	-
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Up to four races back-to-back	First warning signal 1155	1626 4.5m
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Up four races back-to-back	First warning signal 1025	1709 4.7m
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Up to three races back-to-back	First warning signal 1025	1749 4.8m
	Prize-giving (County Wharf)	On completion of haul-out (approximately 1830)	-

- 5.2 The warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that a race will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound not less than four minutes before a warning signal is displayed.
- 5.3 No warning signal will be made after 1425 on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July.

## 6. CLASS FLAG

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The class flag will be Naval Numeral 2.

## 7. RACING AREAS

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- 7.1 Racing will take place in Falmouth Bay or adjacent waters to the east. If conditions in the Bay are unsuitable, racing may be held within the Fal estuary (see addendum A).
- 7.2 The normal course will be area 1. If conditions dictate e.g wind, commercial shipping, then either area 2 or area 3 will be used, and an announcement will be made on marine VHF channel M2 (lcom P4) and an official boat, or boats, will direct boats to the appropriate area.

## 8. THE COURSE

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The diagram in addendum B shows the course, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

## 9. MARKS

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- 9.1 Marks 1, 4S and 4P will be red cylindrical buoys.
- 9.2 Mark 1a will be a blue spherical buoy.
- 9.3 New marks as provided in SI 12 will be red cylindrical buoys with black bands.
- 9.4 The mark at the starboard end of the start line will be the race committee signals vessel. The mark at the port end will be a race committee vessel or a dan buoy with an orange flag.
- 9.5 The finish line marks will be the race committee signals vessel at the starboard end and a dan buoy with an orange flag at the port end.

## 10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS [NP][DP]

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- 10.1 Commercial shipping. Moving exclusion zones around commercial vessels constricted by their size are designated obstructions. Such exclusion zones extend to 100m on all sides of the vessel and include tugs, pilot boats and race committee boats escorting the vessel. No boat is at any time to enter the exclusion zone, and, if becalmed, shall use its engine or other means of propulsion to move out of the way. This should only be sufficient to move out of the exclusion zone, and the distance travelled should be the shortest necessary to keep clear.
- 10.2 Diving activity. A 30m exclusion zone around a dive boat displaying international code flag "A", an orange pillar mark indicating a diver beneath the surface, and a diver on the surface are designated obstructions. No boat is at any time to enter the exclusion zone.
- 10.3 Complaint by Harbour Authority. The race committee will lodge a protest or a report following a complaint received from the Harbour Authority.

## 11. THE START

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The starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the starting marks.

## 12. CHANGE TO THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

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To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by the original mark.

## 13. THE FINISH

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The finishing line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the finishing marks.

## 14. PENALTY SYSTEM

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RRS 44.1 is changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.

## 15. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES [NP]

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15.1 Time limits and target times are as follows:

Target Time	Finish Window	Time Limit
45-50 mins	15 mins	90 mins

15.2 Boats failing to finish and not awarded a place by a Backsweep (see 15.3) within the stated Finish Window after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

15.3 Backsweep. During the Finish Window a Backsweep of any remaining boats may be undertaken and appropriate places allocated. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5. The race officer's decision in the matter is final and is not grounds for redress. Failing to undertake a Backsweep is not grounds for redress.

## 16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

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16.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

16.2 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

16.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July and Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July hearings will be held in the protest room, located at the RCYC beginning at the time posted. On Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July hearings will be held in the South West Powerboating training centre adjacent to the Port Pendennis marina office and may be scheduled to start before the end of the protest time limit.

16.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

16.5 Breaches of SIs marked [NP] will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

16.6 Penalties for breaches of SIs marked [DP] or class rules are at the discretion of the protest committee.

16.7 A boat may accept a discretionary penalty for the breaches stated in SI 16.6 before a hearing concerning the same incident by completing a form available from the protest room.

16.8 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:

- within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
- not later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.2.
- not later than 30 minutes after race signal "N over A" is displayed ashore.

## 17. SCORING

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17.1 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4 & A5.

17.2 A minimum of 4 races shall be completed to constitute the championship.

17.3 When fewer than 6 races have been completed, no score shall be excluded.

17.4 When from 6 to 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17.5 When ten races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

17.6 To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat shall complete a scoring enquiry form available at the race office.

## **18. SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP][NP]**

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- 18.1** The race committee will protest a boat for a breach of these safety regulations.
- 18.2** Boats not leaving the harbour for a scheduled race shall promptly notify the race office.
- 18.3** On arrival in the racing area, boats shall sail closely to the race committee signals vessel, clearly showing their sail numbers.
- 18.4** A boat that retires from racing shall notify the race committee before leaving the racing area, or if that is not possible, shall notify the race office as soon as possible after returning ashore.
- 18.5** All boats shall maintain a listening watch on VHF channel M2 (Icom P4).

## **19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT [DP]**

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- 19.1** Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee. Requests shall be made on a form available at the race office.
- 19.2** Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **20. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS [DP]**

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Boats and equipment may be inspected at any time during the regatta for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

## **21. EVENT ADVERTISING**

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Boats shall display Zhik bow stickers supplied by the organising authority in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.4.

## **22. OFFICIAL BOATS**

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Official boats will be marked as follows:

Mark-laying	Letters "RCYC" on hull
Patrol boat	Green flag with white "plume of feathers" emblem
Protest committee	White flag with black "Jury"

## **23. SUPPORT BOATS [DP]**

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- 23.1** Except when asked to assist by the race committee, or to rescue a competitor who is ill, injured or in danger, support boats shall remain more than 50 metres from the course area from the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 23.2** Support boats shall comply with any reasonable request from a race official.

## **24. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS [DP]**

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Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee. Requests to haul out shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity in writing on a form available from the race office.

## **25. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS [DP]**

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

## **26. RADIO COMMUNICATION [DP]**

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- 26.1** Except in an emergency, 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.

- 26.2** The race committee will make use of marine VHF channel M2 (Icom P4) to make announcements to competitors, including during the pre-start period. Any announcement, or failure to make an announcement, shall not be cause for redress.

## **27. PRIZES**

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A perpetual trophy will be awarded to the overall winner of the series. In addition, a perpetual trophy will be awarded to the highest placed boat helmed by a UK citizen. Keeper prizes will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> places in the series. The OA and class association may also award other prizes.

## **28. RISK STATEMENT**

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- 28.1** 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".
- 28.2** 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 and omissions;
  - (d) their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
  - (e) provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
  - (f) provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- 28.3** The fact that the race committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this notice of race.

## **29. INSURANCE**

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Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per incident or the equivalent. Competitors will be required to sign a declaration to this effect at registration.

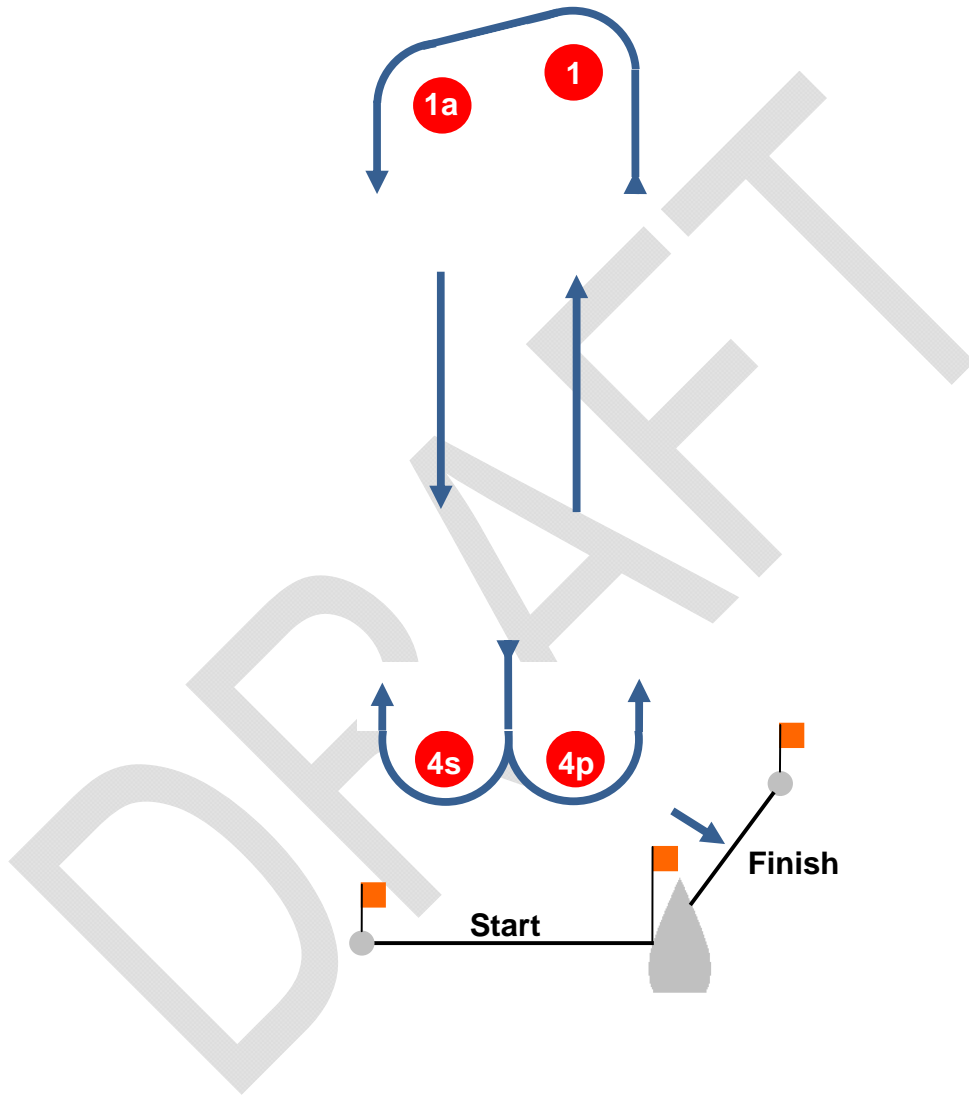
## Addendum A

### Indicative course areas



**Addendum B**

**Course illustration and mark rounding order**



**Mark Rounding Order: Start - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - 4p - Finish**