



BRITISH OPEN TEAM RACING CHAMPIONSHIP

FOR THE

74th WILSON TROPHY

WEST KIRBY SAILING CLUB
12th / 13th / 14th May 2023

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rules

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 These Sailing Instructions amend rules 26 (*starting races*), 29.1 (*individual recall*), 29.2 (*general recall*), 32.1 (shortening or abandoning after the start), 33 (*changing the next leg of the course*), the part 4 preamble (*other requirements when racing*), 40 (*personal flotation devices*), 60.1 (*right to protest*), 62.1(a) (*redress*), 62.2 (*redress*), 63.1 (*requirement for a hearing*), A5 (*scores determined by the race committee*), D3 (*scoring a race*), D4 (*scoring a stage*), D5.2 (*breakdowns*) and *Race Signals*.
- 1.3 Special rules
 - a. Competitors will be provided with boats that shall not be modified. The painter shall not be attached to the mast or boom.
 - b. While on the water, only the helmsmen shall wear team bibs issued at registration.
 - c. Teams shall sail in the order entered on the website or at registration; the first helm shall sail in the lowest numbered boat and so on.
 - d. It is the intention that all races will be umpired (rule D2.1).
 - e. A boat that is capsized at, or capsizes after, its starting signal in a round robin race shall retire immediately.
 - f.
 - g.
 - h. Add to rule D5.2 (*breakdowns*): If she cannot continue, she shall retire immediately.
 - i. Competitors shall report boat damage or breakdown to Race Control immediately on coming ashore.
 - j. A registered team shall change only in exceptional circumstances and with the written permission of the race committee. There will be no right to request redress concerning such changes.
 - k. Competitors shall wear an adequate personal flotation device at all times afloat; flag Y will not be displayed.
 - l. The penalty for breaking instructions 1.3(a) (*modifying kit*) and 1.3(i) (*not reporting damage*) will be the deduction of one race without a hearing.
 - m. The penalty for breaking instructions 1.3(b) (*not wearing bibs*), 1.3(c) (*helm/boat order*), 1.3(k) (*personal flotation device*) and rule 47 (*trash disposal*) will be a £10 fine payable to the RNLI without a hearing.
 - n. Competitors shall respect the supplied boats. If the race committee observes that a sailor or a team has been negligent in the care of the supplied boats, it may penalise the sailor or team appropriately with any of: a £10 fine payable to the RNLI, the deduction of a half race win without a hearing, the deduction of a race win without a hearing or by making a report to the protest committee. Negligence is defined as any act not appropriate to the careful stewardship of a supplied boat. Monetary penalties for any damage incurred by the negligence will be made separately.

2. Prescriptions

2.1 The national authority of the venue is the Royal Yachting Association (RYA).

2.2 The RYA has prescribed under rule 67 (*damages*):

- i. Any issue of liability or claim for damages arising from an incident while a boat is bound by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the courts and not considered by a protest committee.
- ii. A boat that takes a penalty or retires does not thereby admit liability for damages or that she has broken a *rule*.

3. Notices

The official notice board will be the event website (<https://wilson trophy.co.uk/2023-notice-board/>). It may be replaced for some purposes by nearby display screens or boards located in the portacabin behind Race Control.

4. Changes to Sailing Instructions

A change will be posted at least ten minutes before the warning signal of the first of the first race to which it applies.

5. Signals made ashore

Signals ashore will be displayed on a flagpole by race control.

6. Format

6.1 At 14.00 on Thursday 11th May 2023, a draw will be made in the Clubhouse for the order teams will be entered into a Swiss League-type format, details of which are in Appendix 1, for the round robin.

6.2 A new round in the round robin will not be started after 12.45 on Sunday and a new round robin race will not be started after 13.45. The best placed teams will qualify for the finals which will be a knock-out competition. Quarter finals will be (first to score two race wins) 1 v 8 (A), 2 v 7 (B), 3 v 6 (C) and 4 v 5 (D). The semi-finals will be A v D and B v C. The winner of a semi-final will be the first team to score two race wins. The final will be sailed in a flight of boats determined by the Race Committee. The winner of the final will be the first team to score three race wins.

6.3 The team placed highest in the Swiss league will draw for boat colour within the flight. Teams will not swap boats.

6.4 A temporary replacement boat in a set of three may not have the same coloured hull, sail or number as the boat it replaces. Any replacement boat may not match the flight in which it is a replacement but will be obviously different from the opposing team's boats.

6.5 The race committee may change the format.

7. Racing area, courses, marks and race schedule

7.1 Racing will be on the West Kirby Marine Lake.

7.2 Teams will not be mustered. It is the competitors' responsibility to be ready to race.

7.3 The course will be a starboard hand 'S' course as shown in Appendix 2.

7.4 A start boat, buoys and a finish boat will mark the course. Boats will be at the starboard end of their lines.

7.5 The race committee may move marks of the course. Rule 33 (*changing the next leg of the course*) will not apply.

7.6 Media boats will fly a pink flag. Whether anchored or motoring, media boats are to be treated as obstructions.

8. Starts and finishes

8.1 Rule 26 (*starting races*) and related *Race Signals* will not apply.

8.2 In the Start sequence, audible signals will take precedence

8.3 The race number may be displayed on the committee boat.

8.4 Coloured shapes, representing the colours of the boats in the race, may be displayed on the start boat before the preparatory signal.

8.5 The starting sequence will be

Signal	Time before start	Sound	Signal	Time before start	Sound
Warning	3 minutes	3 long	...previous column		
Preparatory	2 minutes	2 long		5 seconds	1 short
	1 minute	1 long		4 seconds	1 short
	30 seconds	3 short		3 seconds	1 short
	20 seconds	2 short		2 seconds	1 short
	10 seconds	1 short		1 second	1 short
next column...			Start	0 seconds	1 long

8.6 The starting signal of a race will normally be the warning signal for the following race.

8.7 Failure to hear a signal shall not be grounds for redress.

8.8 The start line will be between the start boat's mast and the nearby mark.

8.9 A digital clock may show the time to a start. If not, battens will be displayed: three between the three- and two-minute signals, two between the two- and one-minute signals, and one between the one-minute signal and the start, with a sound at each minute and the start.

8.10 No boat shall start more than 2 minutes after her starting signal.

8.11 The individual recall signal shall be displayed until all boats are completely on the pre-start side of the line or its extensions, and no later than 1 minute after the starting signal.

8.12 A yellow flashing light may replace flag X in *Race Signals*.

8.13 An erroneous OCS call or the failure to hear one shall not be grounds for redress.

8.14 An OCS boat that has rounded the first mark shall not return to start.

8.15 The finish line will be between the finish boat's mast and the nearby mark.

9. Postponement, recalls and abandonment

9.1 Postponement of a race after its warning signal will be indicated only by several short sound signals. An AP flag will not be flown.

9.2 The race committee may abandon a race for any reason.

9.3 Rule 29.2 (*general recall*) will not apply.

9.4 The four minutes in rule 29.1 (*individual recall*) is replaced by 1 minute.

10. Umpiring and protests

10.1 The World Sailing Team Racing Call Book will apply.

10.2 When the race umpires together with one other umpire decide that a boat has broken rule 14 and there is damage or injury, they may penalise her team half of a race win without a hearing. The boat will be informed as soon as is practical and may request a hearing. Any penalty after a hearing will be in accordance with rule D3.1(e)(3).

10.3 Protest time limit for competitors is ten minutes from coming ashore.

10.4 A hearing may be declined if it is not relevant to progress to the next round.

10.5 Right of appeal is denied under rule 70.5(a).

10.6 There shall be no request for redress or appeal against the decisions of the Race Committee under rule D5 (*breakdowns*).

11. Scoring

11.1 Add as 2nd sentence in RRS D3.1(b): "When a boat is scored NSC for not sailing the course, 6 points shall be added to her score; this changes RRS A5.2.

11.2 Rules D3 (*scoring a race*) and D4 (*scoring a stage*) will apply, modified by Appendix 1 (*Swiss League and tie-breakers*).

12. Risk Assessment

Competitors are referred to the Notice of Race.

13. Prizes

13.1 The winners will be awarded the Wilson Trophy.

13.2 The second placed team will win the Runners-up Salver.

13.3 The best placed team which does not qualify for the knockout part of the competition will be awarded the Wilson Plate.

13.4 An under 21 prize, presented by the Eric Twiname Trust, will be awarded to the best placed team with five or more members under 21 years of age on the 12th May 2023.

Appendix 1

Computer-generated Swiss League

1. The round robin will be a computer-generated Swiss League.
2. A draw will determine the first round.
3. The second round will be using the order of the original draw, the first winner against the second winner and so on, except the first loser will sail the last loser or the last winner.
4. Rounds will then be scheduled at the conclusion of a round for the next round but one by ordering the teams, using the tie-breakers below, and then matching them as far as possible in order of their places (the first team will sail the second team and so on), except that teams will not be matched if they have met within eight rounds of the round being scheduled.
5. If the final round cannot be completed, its results will be ignored.
6. Races that cannot be sailed in order, or for which results are not entered or complete, will be ignored for scheduling purposes. Subsequently corrected or altered results will not affect a published schedule.
7. A drop-out is a team unlikely, in the opinion of the race committee, to take any further part in the event. The decision to designate a team as a drop-out will be posted, after which its races will continue to be scheduled but will not be sailed and opponents will score a win. Drop-outs will be scheduled from the first unscheduled round after dropping out, first against each other and then, where possible, against the lowest-placed team it has not met. Drop-outs may re-join the event at the discretion of the race committee whose decision will be final.
8. Any other missing team is a no-show and the opposing team will be given a walk-over after at least one of its boats has started and sailed for two minutes.
9. A resail slot is five races sailed between two rounds. They will be sailed without breaks between the preceding and the succeeding races. If there are fewer than five resails, the sequences will include blanks. The race committee will allocate the resails within a slot and they will not necessarily be in the same boats as the original race. Resails will be sailed at the end of the next available round. Race committee decisions on resails will be final.
10. Half-win penalties will be applied after the end of the round robin and before tie-breakers are applied. Teams carrying half-win penalties will be displayed on the league tables with an asterisk next to their numbers of wins.

Tie-breakers

Rule D4.4 is deleted and replaced with

“Ties will be broken, in order of precedence, in favour of the team(s) that has:

1. if the tie is between two teams only, won the last race between them.
2. sailed more races against teams that have a higher place.
3. sailed fewer races against teams that have a lower place.
4. the lowest sum of the places of the teams the tied teams have beaten.
5. the lowest sum of the places of the teams to which the tied teams have lost.
6. beaten the highest-placed team the tied teams have individually beaten.
7. not been beaten by the lowest-placed team to which the tied teams have individually lost.

Step 1 will be applied whenever a step leaves a tie between two teams. Steps 2 to 7 will be repeated until no more ties can be broken when remaining ties will be broken:

8. by the draw for the first round; ties in odd-numbered rounds will use the draw, ties in even-numbered rounds will use the draw inverted."

Appendix 2

The course

