

**Pevensey Bay Sailing Club
Sailing Instructions**



**Europe Open Event & PBSC Spring Series
Sunday 21st April 2024**

Organizing Authority: Pevensey Bay Sailing Club (PBSC)

Venue: Pevensey Bay Sailing Club, Old Martello Road, BN24 6DX
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1. RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in “The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021–2024” (RRS) and other rules as listed in the Notice of Race
- 1.2 The following racing rules are changed as follows: -
- 1.3 RRS 40 – Personal buoyancy, RRS 40.1 applies so that whilst afloat all competitors shall wear adequate personal flotation devices in accordance with that rule.
- 1.4 Competitors shall complete the entry form to be eligible to race.
- 1.5 RRS A5.1 and A5.2 are changed – see 12.4 below.
- 1.6 RRS 35 and Appendices A4 and A5 are changed – see 16.3 below.
- 1.7 RRS 64 is changed – see 19.6 below.
- 1.8 RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply.
- 1.9 RRS P5 will apply in winds of 12 knots or more. The race committee may signal that pumping, rocking and ooching are permitted, as specified in the class rules, by displaying flag O (permitting) or flag R (not permitting) before or with the warning signal.

2.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board, which will be located near to the clubhouse entrance door.
- 2.2 A boat may be entered for a race by signing on. A declaration sheet for this purpose will be available in the Club House lobby. The boat number, class of boat, helmsman and crew must be entered legibly before the start of racing.
- 2.3 On returning ashore, the declaration sheet must be signed off to indicate that the crew are safely ashore. The crew of a boat retiring from a race must notify the race office as soon as possible and declare this by writing RTD on the declaration sheet. This sheet will be removed 30 minutes after the last boat finishes.

3.0 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Any changes to these instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board, before the warning signal for any race it affects.

4.0 CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 Any participant in charge of a boat must obey the Race Committee's instructions at all times.

5.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the race box.

5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in the race signal AP.

6.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES

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A maximum of 3 races are scheduled.

Race 1 First Warning Signal 11:25 back-to-back with races to follow.

6.1 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with several sound signals up to one minute before a warning signal is made.

6.2 The scheduled time for the briefing on both days is 10:30 am outside in the vicinity of the clubhouse.

7.0 CLASS FLAGS

7.1 *The class flag will be as follows for the PBSC Fleet:*

*Pennant Number 1 **All PBSC Boats**
(First Warning Signal 11:25, Start Signal 11:30)*

7.2 The class flag will be as follows for the Europe Fleet:

*Pennant Number 2 **Europe's**
(First Warning Signal 11:30, Start Signal 11:35)*

8.0 RACING AREAS

8.1 The racing area will be within 2 nautical miles of the clubhouse.

9.0 COURSES

9.1 Details of the courses will be confirmed at the competitors' briefing. However, it is expected that the course will most likely be a rectangle with the committee boat sited on the windward leg acting as one side of a gate with the other being a blue round mark. All competitors are to sail through the gate on the windward leg.

9.2 In the event that a course needs to be reversed after competitors are on the water flags L over R shall be displayed with one sound signal.

9.3 Where the proposed race duration is indicated, the end of a race will be controlled by shortening the course. When a shortened course is indicated, by either a flashing light signal or flag S, all boats shall finish the next time they cross the finish line while having continued to finish the course.

10.0 MARKS

10.1 The marks of the course will be made up from some or all the following: -

a) Orange inflatable buoys

b) Black inflatable buoys

c) The Outer Distance Mark (ODM) for the start and finish there will be a blue round mark.

d) Additional marks may be used as identified at the Competitors' briefing and on the Notice Board.

11.0 OBSTRUCTIONS

11.1 A row of orange buoys to the east of the club marks a safe swimming area and boats must not pass between these marks and the shore except in an emergency. When racing these marks rank as an obstruction.

12.0 THE START

12.1 Races will be started by using Rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal (which is repeated here for assistance)

Signal	Flag & Sound	Minutes before Starting Signal
Warning	Class Flag; 1 sound	5
Preparatory	P, I, Z, U or black flag; 1 sound	4
One-minute	Preparatory flag removed; 1 long sound	1
Starting	Class flag removed; 1 sound	0

(Flag Sequence Visual in **Appendix B**)

12.2 The Race Committee Vessel will be Wild Goose, a sailing catamaran.

12.3 The start/finish line will be between an orange/blue flag on the race committee vessel and a blue mark.

12.4 A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored "did not start" without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

12.5 No races will commence after 15:30.

13 CHANGE OF NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark.

13.2 Minor mark moves, up to approximately 50m, may be made without signalling the change. This changes RRS 33.

14 THE FINISH

14.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Committee Vessel and a blue buoy.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

15.1 No penalty system changes are made to the RRS.

16 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

16.1 The target time for all races will be 45 minutes.

16.2 The time limit will be 60 minutes from the actual start time of each race.

16.3 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat of each fleet which sails the course and finishes will be given the position of "Did Not Finish". This changes RRS 35 and Appendices A4 and A5

16.4 If no boat has passed Mark 1 (the first mark) within 30 minutes of the start, the race will be abandoned.

17 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

17.1 Protest forms will be available from the Race Office. They shall be delivered within the protest time limit.

17.2 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat comes ashore after the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is the later. Protests will be heard in an order decided by the Protest Committee and as soon as practicable.

17.3 Arbitration will be allowed per RRS Appendix T.

18. SCORING

- 18.1 The low point scoring system, RRS Appendix A except as follow:
- 18.2 For a short series (short series being 6 scheduled races or less), the number of races to count shall be one less than the number of races completed, except when 3 or fewer races are completed in which case they will all count.
- 18.3 For a long series, (7 scheduled races or more) the number of races to count shall be one half of the number of races completed (rounded up) plus one.
- 18.4 Points scoring for unplaced and penalty points will be as follows:
DNC - (Did Not Compete) - A boat that is entered in the series but does not come to the starting area for a race - number of boats competing in that race + 2
DNS - (Did Not Start) - A boat that is entered in the series but comes to the starting area for a race but does not start - number of boats competing in that race + 1
DNF - (Did Not Finish) - A boat that is entered in the series but comes to the starting area for a race, starts but does not finish the race - number of boats competing in that race + 1

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1 Competitors shall always wear adequate personal buoyancy while afloat. Inflatable buoyancy vests are not permitted. RRS 40.1 applies.
- 19.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible after retiring from the race.
- 19.3 Boats wishing to sail ashore before the end of the day's racing shall hail a patrol boat. The patrol vessels will instruct boats in the procedure for returning ashore.
- 19.5 Boats shall follow the instructions of the patrol vessels. Infringements will be reported to the Race Committee, which may protest the boat. Boats penalized under this instruction may be scored DNE, or such other penalty that the Protest Committee may decide. This changes rule 64.
- 19.6 Outside Help: Penalties for breaches of rule 41 (Outside Help) will be at the discretion of the Protest Committee. Any outside help shall be reported to the Protest Committee on a signing sheet on the Official Notice Board before the protest time limit on the day concerned.
- 19.7 When a boat is capsized and the crew are trying to right the craft, assistance with this shall not be a breach of Rule 41 and shall not need a declaration so long as no advantage has been gained in the race save that the boat was righted.

20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 20.1 Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee
- 20.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

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

22 PRIZES

- 22.1 Prizes will be awarded by Pevensy Bay Sailing Club

23 RISK

- 23.1 RRS 3 states "The Responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or continue racing is hers alone."
Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in this 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 while 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 or omissions.
- d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.
- e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can practically be provided in the circumstances.
- g) It is their responsibility to familiarize themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event

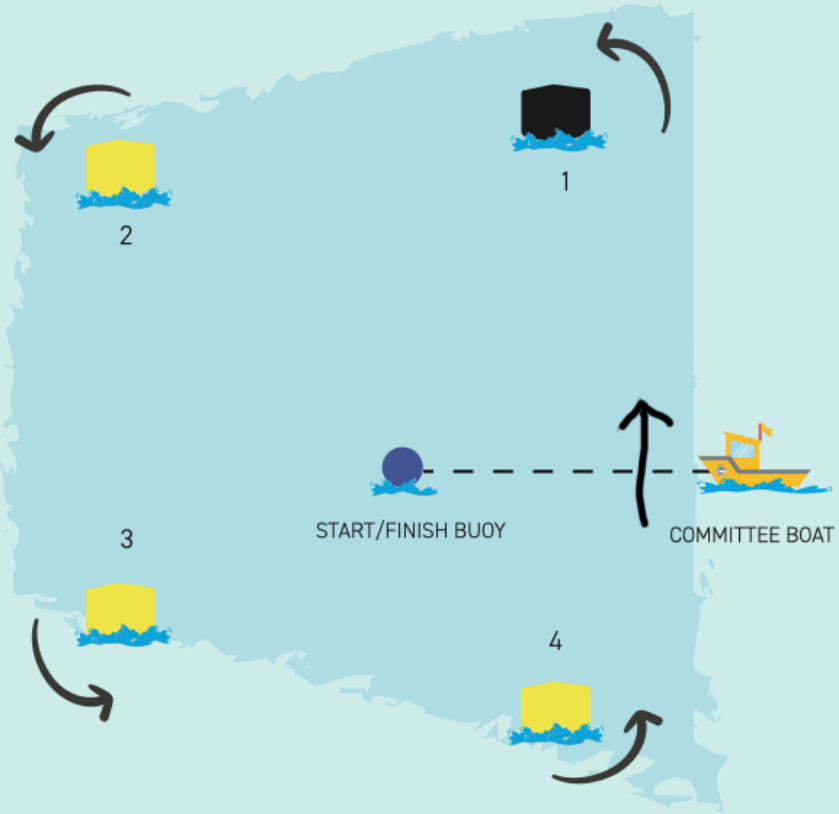
24 Insurance

- 24.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per event or equivalent.

Appendix 1 – Course - Rectangulaire Course

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COURSE MAP



MARK COLOURS ARE CORRECT

COURSE TO BE SAILED: 1, 2, 3, 4, START/FINISH

Europes 3 Laps

TIDE TIMES:

HIGH- 10:50

LOW - 17:24

HEIGHT - 6.3m

Appendix B

RACE SIGNALS WHEN USING FLAGS

IN THE EVENT OF A POWER OR COMPUTER FAILURE
THE FOLLOWING FLAGS WILL BE USED

