



# MERLIN ROCKET ALLEN INLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

## 07-08 October 2023

*Organising Authority: Llangorse Sailing Club (LSC) in conjunction with the Merlin Rocket Owners' Association (MROA)*

### **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI)**

Any amendment to the rules here specified will be posted on the MROA website; <http://www.merlinrocket.co.uk> no later than 7 Oct 23.

#### 1. RULES.

- 1.1. The Championships will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and the RYA Racing Charter.
- 1.2. The Exoneration Penalty and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes procedures shall apply (for information on the procedures, go to [www.rya.org.uk/go/rulesdisputes](http://www.rya.org.uk/go/rulesdisputes)). The outcome of an RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee, but an arbitration cannot be reopened or appealed.
- 1.3. RRS Appendix P applies and is changed as described in SI 14.

#### 2. CHANGES TO SI.

- 2.1. Changes to the SI will be posted 2 hours before the first race warning signal 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.

#### 3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS.

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the LSC clubhouse.
- 3.2. A racing and safety briefing will take place at 11.30am on 07 Oct 23 in front of the LSC clubhouse. If necessary, a further briefing will be held at 9.30am on 08 Oct 23.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- 4.2. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall place advertising provided by the organizing authority with care, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE.

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed in front of the LSC clubhouse.
- 5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced by 'not less than 20 minutes' in the race signal AP.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES.

1.1. For the schedule of races see Table One.

Day	Date	Timing	Event	Remarks
One	07 Oct 23	11.30	Racing and safety briefing	LSC Clubhouse Area
		12.55	Race One Warning Signal	Committee Boat
		TBA	Race 2 (back-to-back to Race One)	Committee Boat
		TBA	Race 3 (back to back to Race 2)	Committee Boat
2	08 Oct 23	10.25	Race 4 Warning Signal	Committee Boat
		TBA	Race 5 (back-to-back to Race 4)	Committee Boat
		TBA	Prizegiving (+1 hour from end of Race 5)	LSC Clubhouse Area

*Table One: MR Inland Championships Event and Race Schedule.*

1.2. No warning signal will be made after 13:25 on 08 Oct 23.

7. CLASS FLAG

7.1. The class flag for the MR will be International Code Flag O.

8. RACING AREAS.

- 8.1. The race area will be contained within the navigable area of Llangorse Lake and denoted by the location of the committee boat.
- 8.2. A schematic plan of Llangorse Lake that illustrates the position of exclusion zones and permanent club marks is at Annex A.

9. COURSES.

9.1. The following will be displayed on boards on the committee boat prior to each race warning signal:

9.1.1. LSC club marks denoting the course to be sailed.

9.1.2. The number of laps that constitute the race.

## 10. MARKS.

10.1. Marks will be defined by the Race Officer at the pre-event briefing.

## 11. THE START.

11.1. The starting line is a line between the mast of the Committee Boat displaying an orange flag and an Outer Distance Mark (ODM). An Inner Distance Mark (IDM) may be laid close to the Committee Boat, in which case competitors shall start between the IDM and ODM. Boats passing between the inner buoy and Committee Boat will be disqualified without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.

11.2. A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

11.3. Races will not start, or races in progress may be abandoned at the discretion of the Race Officer when:

11.3.1. Wind gusts exceed 25 knots for more than 30 seconds.

11.3.2. Wind gusts exceed 30 knots for any duration.

11.3.3. The race committee considers conditions are unsafe for sailing.

11.3.4. The wind is less than 4 knots for more than 5 minutes.

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

12.1. To change the next leg of the course the Race Officer will redesignate the original mark to another mark in a different position and notify boats of the mark designating the new end point of the next leg.

12.2. Boats will be notified by the display of Flag C accompanied by repeated sounds.

## 13. THE FINISH.

13.1. The finishing line will be between the mast of the finishing boat (Committee Boat) displaying a blue flag and a distance mark indicated in the course.

## 14. PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1. RRS Appendix P shall apply with P2.1 and P2.2 changed and P2.3 deleted as follows:

P2.1 First and Second Penalty.

When a boat is penalized under rule P2.1 for the first or second penalty during the event, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty under rule 44.2.

If she fails to take the penalty she shall be disqualified without a hearing.

P2.2 Third and Subsequent Penalties.

When a boat is penalised a third or subsequent time during the event, she shall promptly retire. If she fails to do so she shall be disqualified without a hearing and her score shall not be excluded. P2.3 is deleted.

#### 15. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES.

- 15.1. The target time for the first boat to finish shall be 50 minutes.
- 15.2. The time limit shall be 90 minutes for the first boat to finish.
- 15.3. If one boat finishes within the time limit then the time limit will be amended to 20 minutes after the finishing time of the first boat. Boats failing to finish within the amended time limit shall be scored in their observed positions on the course or the last mark rounding position if recorded. This changes RRS 35. Boats finished in this way will be advised of the fact by a safety boat and should stop racing thereafter.

#### 16. HEARING REQUESTS.

- 16.1. Hearing Request forms are available from the race office located in the LSC Clubhouse.
- 16.2. The time limit for logging a protest or a request for redress is 60 min after the last boat comes ashore.
- 16.3. LSC will provide the Protest Committee.

#### 17. SCORING.

- 17.1. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.2. When fewer than 3 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 17.3. When three or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

#### 18. SAFETY REGULATIONS.

- 18.1. [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Officer as soon as possible and sign the retirement sheet for the appropriate race(s) on the LSC club noticeboard within 20 mins of coming ashore.

#### 19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT.

- 19.1. Substitution of the person named as helm on the entry form will not be allowed.
- 19.2. Permission to substitute the person named as crew on the entry form will only be granted for reasons of injury, illness, serious unforeseen personal circumstances, or pre-arranged crew substitutions approved by the Organising Authority at or before registration.
- 19.3. Requests for substitutions shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity and shall be confirmed in writing before the end of the protest time limit on the first day the substitution comes into effect.
- 19.4. Substituted equipment may be required to pass an equipment check.

- 19.5. 'Request for Substitution of Crew' and 'Request for Substitution of Equipment' forms will be available at the Race Office in the LSC Clubhouse and shall be delivered there.

20. PRIZES AND PRIZEGIVING.

- 20.1. Prizes will be awarded as described in NoR, paragraph 17, Table 2 at the discretion of the Organising authority.
- 20.2. The Championships prizegiving will be run under the auspices of the MROA and will take place as specified at Table One.

**END OF SI**

LLANGORSE LAKE PLAN

ANNEX A



