



BCYC Merlin Rocket Inland Championships 8th and 9th June 2024

**Bristol Corinthian Yacht Club at Cheddar Watersports,
Cheddar Reservoir. BS26 2DL**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 All races shall be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA, the rules of the Merlin Rocket Owners Association, except as any of these are changed by these sailing instructions.
- 1.2 The Organising Authority shall be Bristol Corinthian Yacht Club (BCYC) in conjunction with the Merlin Rocket Owners Association (MROA).
- 1.3 Where there is a conflict between the Class Rules, the Notice of Race (NoR) and these Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence, followed by the Notice of Race. This changes RRS 63.7.

2 CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- 2.1 Entries. Each eligible boat must enter by using the online entry system and making payment before racing. Entries up to 23.59 on 31st May 2024 will cost £60 . Late entries will be permitted up to 23:59 on Friday 7th June, the late entry supplement will cost an additional £15.
- 2.2 Eligibility. Each competitor must be a member of the MROA.
- 2.3 Sail Numbers. All boats must display their distinguishing numbers and Class emblems as required by RRS 77. Any competitor wishing to sail under numbers other than the registered number of the boat must submit a written request to the Race Committee before racing.
- 2.4 During the event a substitute crew will only be permitted in exceptional circumstances and with the prior permission of the Race Committee as set out in the NoR.
- 2.5 Personal Buoyancy Adequate personal buoyancy must be worn at all times by all persons going afloat. RRS 40 applies (IC flag Y is not required). Wet or dry suits alone do not constitute adequate buoyancy.
- 2.6 Advertising World Sailing Regulation 20, Advertising Code, applies.
- 2.7 Interference. Competitors are reminded that other classes may be taking part in races

and are requested to accord all boats their proper rights and courtesies. Attention is drawn to RRS 23 "Interfering with another Boat".

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located inside the main entrance on the right-hand side.

4 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Any change to the instructions will be posted not later than 30 minutes before the start of the next race, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 19.00 on the day before it will take effect. It is the responsibility of competitors to check for all changes that have been posted correctly.


5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpoles on the balcony in front of the club.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP. This changes race signals AP.

6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Nine races are scheduled.
- 6.2 First warning signal on Saturday 8th June, 11.55. First warning signal on Sunday 9th June, 10.55.
- 6.2 No more than 6 races will be sailed in one day.
- 6.3 No warning signal will be made after 14:25 on Sunday 9th June.
- 6.4 There will be a competitor's briefing in front of the club house on Saturday 8th June at 11.00.

7 CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 The Class Flag will be Flag 'O' .


8 THE COURSE

- 8.1 Addendum A shows the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be passed.

The triangle sausage course TS will be signalled by displaying numeral pennant 1



on the committee boat.

The trapezoid course TZ will be signalled by displaying numeral pennant 2  on the committee boat.

- 8.2 The number of laps to be sailed by the fleet will be shown on number boards on the port side of the Committee Boat.
- 8.3 Shortening Courses on Triangle Sausage Course only (special case) - When the

Committee Boat is anchored in its normal position and displays Flag S is with two sound signals, the meaning of flag S is changed to: 'The course is changed, and the leeward mark on that lap is the last mark of the course. After completing the same number of laps as the leader, pass the mark to port and proceed to the defined finish line to finish'. This changes RRS 32.

9 MARKS

Marks 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be orange pillar buoys. The start and finish marks will be orange dumpy buoys. The spreader mark will be a small yellow spherical buoy.

10 THE START

- 10.1 The start line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Boat and the course side of the starting mark.

11 THE FINISH

- 11.1 The finishing line will be between the mast of the committee boat flying a blue flag and the finishing mark.
- 11.2 The race committee may give a finishing place to any boat as follows:
- a) The race committee may award a finishing place to a boat still on the course by displaying flag W to her with a sound signal. The signalled boat shall be deemed to have finished, and the score awarded shall be the position she was observed in at the time of the signal. This changes RRS 28.1 and RRS A5,
 - b) Boats finished this way will not have grounds for redress.

12 TIME LIMIT

- 12.1 Boats not finishing within 15 minutes of the leading boat in their class will be scored DNF.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 *RRS Appendix P applies as changed by SI 13.2.*
- 13.2 *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.

14 PROTESTS

- 14.1 Protests shall be written on forms available at the reception desk and delivered there

within 45 minutes of the time of the last boat's finish of the day or when racing was abandoned for the day.

15 DECLARATIONS

- 15.1 Any helmsman who does not finish a race (DNF), or who subsequently retires after finishing (RET) shall sign the Declaration Form next to the Official Notice Board within 30 minutes of coming ashore. The form will be posted on the notice board inside the Clubhouse. If the form of declaration is not available, then the race officer should be informed. (NB. The signing of a declaration is not required if a boat completes a race correctly)

16 SCORING

- 16.1 Scoring will be in accordance with RRS Appendix A. Other scores are to be: -

DNF, RET, NSC Number of starters in that race plus 1

OCS, UFD, BFD Number of starters in that race plus 2

DNC & DSQ Number of starters in the series plus 2

This changes RRS A5.2 and A5.3

- 16.2 The number of races to count will be as follows: Three races or less no discard. Between four races and seven races, one discard. Eight or more races, 2 discards. This changes RRS A2.1.

17 RISK STATEMENT

- 17.1 RRS 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone".

Sailing by its nature is 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 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 organiser 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 be practically provided in the circumstances.
- (g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules or information produced for the venue or event and to attend any competitors briefing held for the event.

18 CLUB REQUIREMENTS / INFORMATION

- 18.1 All visiting boats must be washed down at the rear of the club before going in the water.
- 18.2 Please be aware that the side slopes in front of the club house are steep and can be very slippery when wet. The slopes are less steep and easier to launch from beyond the steel posts either side of the club house.

19 INSURANCE

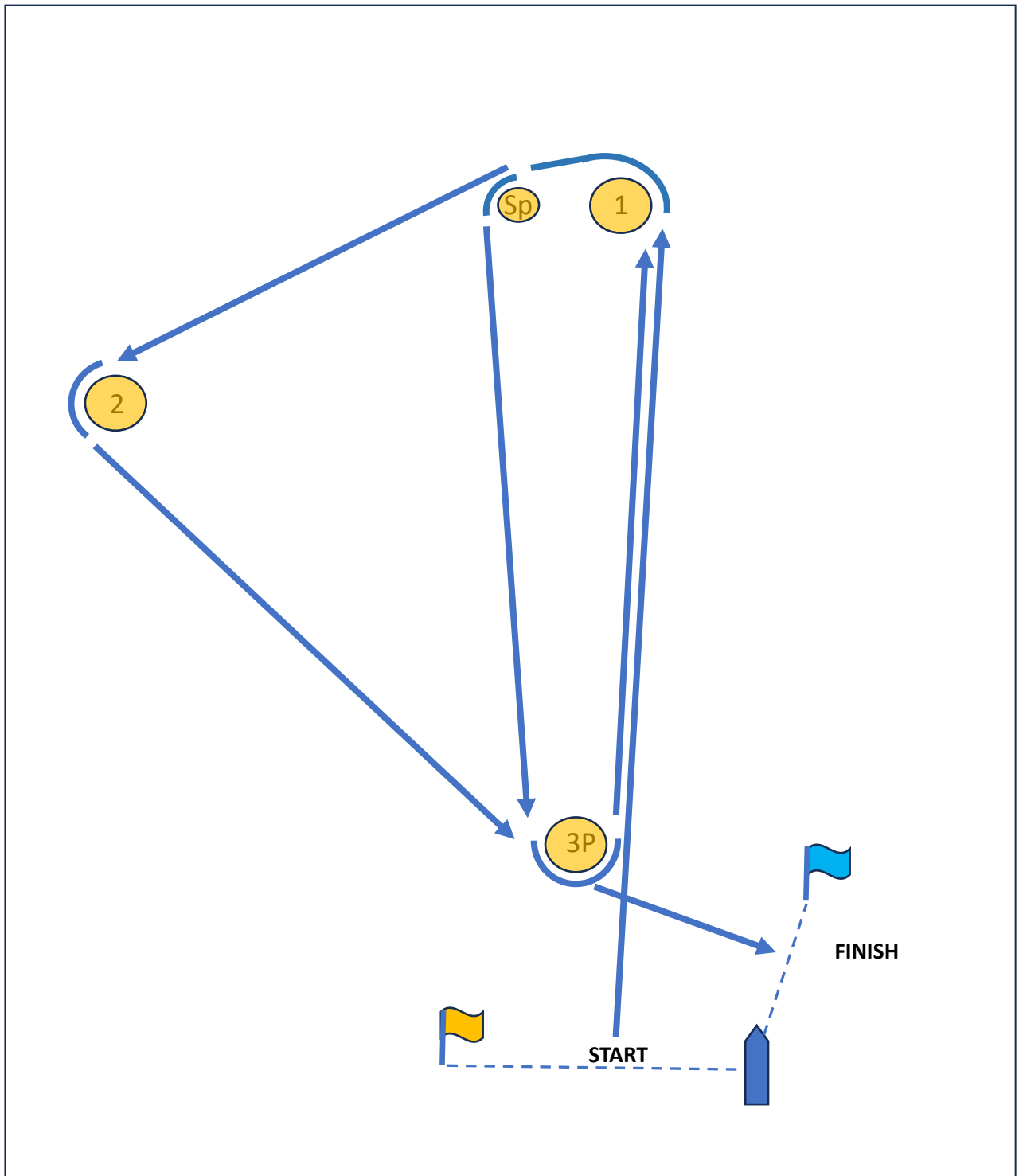
- 19.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 Pounds Sterling per incident or the equivalent.

20 PRIZES

- 20.1 Prizes may be awarded as notified in the NoR

ADDENDUM A – Courses

Course	TS Triangle Sausage
Laps Displayed	Mark Rounding Order
2	1, Sp, 2, 3, 1, Sp, 3, Finish
3	1, Sp, 2, 3, 1, Sp, 3, 1, Sp, 2, 3, Finish
4	1, Sp, 2, 3, 1, Sp, 2, 1, Sp, 2, 3, 1, Sp, 2, Finish
5	1, Sp, 2, 3, 1, Sp, 2, 1, Sp, 2, 3, 1, Sp, 2, 1, Sp, 2, 3, Finish



Course	TZ Trapezoid
Laps Displayed	Mark Rounding Order
1	1, 2, 3, Finish
2	1, 2, 3, 4, 1, 2, 3, Finish
3	1, 2, 3, 4, 1, 2, 3, 4, 1, 2, 3, Finish
4	1, 2, 3, 4, 1, 2, 3, 4, 1, 2, 3, 4, 1, 2, 3, Finish

