

SUNBEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Friday 4th – Sunday 6th September 2020

Organising Authority (OA): St Mawes Sailing Club

in conjunction with the Sunbeam Association

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

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

2. COVID STATEMENT [NP][DP]

By taking part in any of the events covered by this notice of race, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations and guidelines in force from time to time in respect of COVID-19 and for complying with the COVID-19 procedures of any club that they may visit during the event.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted to the class website. Competitors will be alerted to notices via the class WhatsApp group. Failure to receive an alert shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1 Except as provided in SI 4.2, 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.

4.2 Routine information contained in these SI, e.g. mark descriptions and course configurations, may be changed by VHF announcement. Failure to receive this information shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

No signals will be made ashore. Announcements of postponement or abandonment will be made by WhatsApp.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Schedule

Date	Activity	Time	Low Water
Friday 4 th September	Three races back-to-back	First warning signal 1055	1411 0.7m
Saturday 5 th September	Three races back-to-back	First warning signal 1055	1437 0.9m
Sunday 6 th September	Two races back-to-back	First warning signal 1055	1457 1.0m

- 6.2 One extra race may be sailed on Sunday to compensate for a race not completed on Friday or Saturday.
- 6.3 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 approximately five minutes before a warning signal is displayed.
- 6.4 No warning signal will be made after 1500 on Sunday.

7. CLASS FLAG

The class flag displayed at the warning signal will be international code flag "V".

8. RACING AREAS

- 8.1 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).
- 8.2 The normal course will be area 1. If conditions dictate e.g. wind, sea state, commercial shipping, then either area 2 or area 3 will be used, and an announcement will be made on marine VHF channel **77** and an official vessel, or vessels, will direct boats to the appropriate area.

9. THE COURSE

- 9.1 Courses will be windward / leeward (WL). 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.
- 9.2 The course selected will be signalled by VHF.
- 9.3 Shortening the course. If the race committee signals by VHF a shortened course as boats approach Mark 2 then boats shall instead proceed to the finish line. This changes RRS 32.2.

10. MARKS

- 10.1 Marks 1 and 2 will be orange or yellow conical inflatable buoys.
- 10.2 Mark 1a will be a yellow spherical plastic buoy.
- 10.3 The mark at the starboard end of the start line will be the race committee signal vessel. The mark at the port end will be a yellow or orange conical inflatable buoy.
- 10.4 The finish line marks will be the race committee signal vessel at the port end and a yellow or orange conical inflatable buoy at the starboard end.

11. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS [NP][DP]

- 11.1 Commercial and naval shipping. Areas around commercial and naval vessels under way and constricted in their ability to manoeuvre or constrained by their draft are designated as moving exclusion zones. Such exclusion zones extend to 100m on all sides of the vessel and around any tugs, pilot/harbour authority boats and official boats escorting the vessel. A boat shall not enter the exclusion zone, and, if becalmed, shall use any method of propulsion to move out of the way. This shall only be sufficient to move out of the exclusion zone by the safest possible route and shall not offer the boat significant advantage in the race.
- 11.2 Diving activity. Exclusion zones extend 25m 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. A boat shall not enter the exclusion zone.

12. THE START

The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the mark at the starboard end, and the course side of the mark at the port end.

13. CHANGE TO THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark. The change will be signalled on VHF marine channel **77**. This changes RRS 33.

14. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the mark at the port end and the course side of the mark at the starboard end.

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

16. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES [NP]

16.1 Time limits and target times are as follows:

Target time	Mark 1 time limit	Time limit	Finish window
50-60 mins	40 mins	90 mins	20 mins

16.2 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit, then the race shall be abandoned. This changes RRS 35.

16.3 Boats failing to finish 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.

17. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

17.1 Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be posted to the class WhatsApp group within the appropriate time limit. Protests need not be on a form so long as they comply with RRS 61.2.

17.2 The protest time limit is 2 hours after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing, whichever is later.

17.3 The schedule of hearings will be sent by WhatsApp to competitors named as parties or witnesses. Hearings will be held using Zoom.

17.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be sent via WhatsApp to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

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

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

17.7 A boat may accept a discretionary penalty for the breaches stated in SI 17.6 before a hearing concerning the same incident by submitting a request to the WhatsApp group.

17.8 Adding to RRS 66, if all racing is abandoned ashore on the last scheduled day of racing a request to reopen a hearing shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the abandonment is posted to WhatsApp.

18. SCORING

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

18.2 Eight races are scheduled. A minimum of 4 races shall be completed to constitute the championship.

18.3 When fewer than 4 races are completed, no race shall be excluded.

18.4 When 4 to 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

18.5 When 8 races have been completed, a boat's series scores shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst and second worst scores.

18.6 To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat shall post a message to the class WhatsApp.

19. SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP][NP]

19.1 The race committee will protest a boat for a breach of these safety regulations.

19.2 Boats not leaving the harbour for a scheduled race shall promptly notify the race officer (07779 513591 or 07528 573669).

- 19.3** On arrival in the racing area, boats shall sail closely to the race committee signals vessel, clearly showing their sail numbers.
- 19.4** 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 officer as soon as possible after returning ashore.
- 19.5** All boats shall maintain a listening watch on VHF channel **77**.

20. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

There is no restriction on the substitution of competitors or damaged/lost equipment.

21. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS [DP]

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.

22. OFFICIAL VESSELS

- 22.1** The race committee signals vessel will be the white sloop *Melkin*.
- 22.2** The mark-layer will be marked with the letters "StMSC" on the hull.

23. SUPPORT BOATS [DP]

- 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]

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]

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]

- 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 use marine VHF channel **77** to make announcements to competitors, including during the pre-start period. Any announcement, failure to make an announcement, or failure to receive an announcement shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

27. PRIZES

- 27.1** Sunbeam Association prizes will be awarded in accordance with the NoR. The class association may award additional prizes depending upon the number of boats entered.
- 27.2** No daily prize-giving or series prize-giving will take place. Depending on further developments regarding the pandemic, an overall prize-giving will be held at a later date or arrangements will be made to distribute prizes.

28. RISK STATEMENT

- 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;
 - (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 and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing for the event.
- 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

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

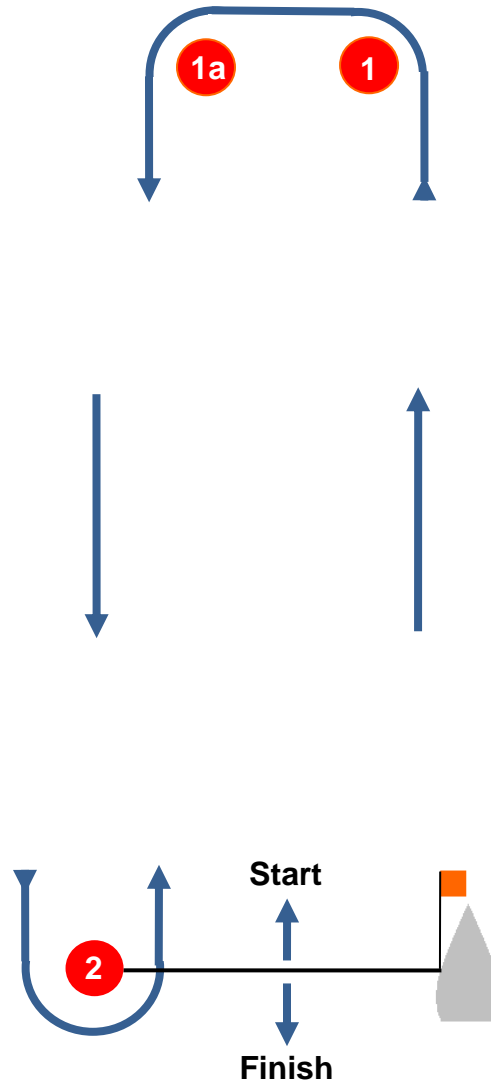
Addendum A

Indicative course areas



Addendum B

Course illustration and mark rounding order



Mark Rounding Order:

Course WL2* **Start - 1 - 1a - 2 - 1 - 1a - Finish**
Course WL3** **Start - 1 - 1a - 2 - 1 - 1a - 2 - 1 - 1a - Finish**

* normal course

** likely course for area 3