

RS Tera Eastern Championships 2018

Part of the RS Tera Eastern Region Traveller Series

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Saturday 19th – Sunday 20th May 2018

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

Burnham Sailing Club in conjunction with the RS Tera Class Association UK

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020* and the International RS Tera Class rules. See Notice of Race.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS


Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located outside the main entrance.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS


Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09:30am on the day that they will take effect, except that changes to the schedule of races will be posted before 16.00pm on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the signal mast on the club start line.

4.2 When flag AP  is displayed ashore the first warning signal will be made not less than 45 minutes after the flag is lowered.

4.3 Boats shall not leave the pontoon until called out by the event rib crews

- 4.5 Competitors shall wear personal buoyancy at all times afloat, except briefly while adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Flag Y  will not be displayed. This changes RRS 40.

5. REGISTRATION & EQUIPMENT INSPECTIONS

- 5.1 Competitors shall complete all registration requirements before racing.

6. SCHEDULE

The championship will consist of 8 races. The intention is that there will be no more than 4 races a day. However, the race committee may decide that additional races will be sailed in order to complete the programme.

On the last scheduled day for racing, no warning signal will be made after 15.00.

At the Race Officers Discretion it is likely that all races during a day will be sailed without time to go ashore between races.

7. FLEET FLAGS

Will be shown to competitors at the competitors' briefing.

8. RACING AREAS

Racing area will be described at the competitors' briefing.


9. COURSES

- 9.1 The PRO will describe at the competitors' briefing, the courses to be sailed for each fleet, the order in which the marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.

10. MARKS

- 10.1 The colour and shape of all course marks will be confirmed at the competitors briefing and also posted on the official notice board.
- 10.2 Starting marks will be the race committee signal boat flying an orange flag at the starboard end and a boat or buoy with an orange flag at the port end
- 10.3 Finishing marks will be the race committee signal boat flying a blue flag at the starboard end, and a boat or buoy with an orange flag at the port end.

11. THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26. (5, 4, 1, go).
- 11.2 An orange attention signal will be displayed at least than 5 (FIVE) minutes before the warning signal (10 minutes before start).
- 11.3 The starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the starting marks.
- 11.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 11.5 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS (Did Not Start) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 11.6 The PRO fleet will start first, followed by the SPORT fleet. The starting signal for the PRO fleet will be the attention signal for the SPORT fleet.
- 11.7 If there is a general recall  for the PRO fleet, that fleet will get a new warning signal 1 minute after flag 1st substitute is lowered. The SPORT fleet will be started after the restart of the PRO fleet.


12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position, or lay a new mark (of a different colour) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1 Finishing marks will be a race committee signal boat flying a blue flag at the starboard end, and a boat or buoy with an orange flag at the port end.
- 13.2 Scoring other boats:
- 13.2.1 After the first boat has sailed the course and finished, the race committee may score other boats based on their relative positions at a mark of the course or on a leg of the course.
- 13.2.2 When a race committee boat displays flag W with two sounds, boats still racing may be scored by this race committee boat.
- 13.2.3 When a boat is scored in accordance with this instruction, she shall be given score for a place after all boats that have sailed the course and finished.
- SI 13.2 change RRS 35, A4 and A5.

14. SHORTENING COURSE

If the course is shortened for one fleet only, the fleet flag will be flown below flag S  to indicate which fleet flag S refers to. If flag S is flown without any fleet flag, the course is shortened for both fleets.

15. TIME LIMITS

- 15.1 The time limit and target time in minutes is as follows:

<i>Time limit</i>	<i>Target time</i>
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1 hour	45 minutes
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- 15.2 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored according to their observed position on the course, which may be the position at the last mark rounded. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5. See also instruction 13.2.

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 A system for exoneration penalties, advisory hearings and arbitrations will be available. The exoneration penalty will be 30% of the number of boats (rounding 0.5 upwards) entered in the relevant fleet. See SI Attachment B for details.
- 16.2 Protest forms are available at the BSC clubhouse. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.3 For each fleet, the protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat has returned to shore after the last race of the day or 30 minutes after flag AP over A is displayed ashore.
- 16.4 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 16.5 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.6 Breaches of instructions 4.3, 4.5, 5.1, 6, 11.4, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22 will not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches (and for breaches of class rules) may be less than DSQ (disqualification) if the jury so decide.
- 16.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day or no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.
- 16.8 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 16.9 A list of boats that have been penalised by the jury for breaking RRS 42 will be posted on the official notice board.

17. SCORING

The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply

- 17.1 1 race shall be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.2 (a) When up to 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

- (b) When from 5 to 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores except her worst score.
 - (c) When 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores except her worst 2 scores.
- 17.3 Points for the PRO fleet and the SPORT fleets shall be calculated separately.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 A mandatory tally system will be used and will be explained at the briefing and on registration.
- 18.2 Every time a boat does not comply with the tally system, the race committee will add a 5 points penalty to the boat's score without a hearing.
This changes RRS A4. A list of boats that have been so penalised will be posted on the official notice board.
- 18.3 A competitor that retires from a race shall, as soon as possible after coming ashore, sign a declaration sheet in the race office.

19. SUPPORT BOATS

All support boats will adhere to the RS Tera Class Association UK safety Policy as published on the RS Tera Class Association UK website

All support boats shall register at registration and comply with local and event regulations.

Each support boat shall carry a VHF radio and should also carry a mobile phone, call sign and telephone number to be advised to the event Safety Officer

The VHF channel used on the racing area will be advised at the competitors briefing

Kill cords shall be worn whilst engines are running, the course safety officer will be looking out for compliance on this issue, there are no excuses and boats may be requested to leave the race area immediately if kill cords are not being used appropriately.

The official event photographer may move between the starting line and course marks in order to photograph the event, this boat will display a distinguishing flag.

20. TRASH DISPOSAL

As sailors, we seek to protect and restore our oceans and coastal waters. Boats shall not intentionally put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and officials boats. The penalty for breaking RRS 55 is at the discretion of the Race Management Team and may be less than disqualification.

21. RADIO COMMUNICATION

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.

22. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £ 2 million per event or the equivalent

23. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

RRS 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.'

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 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) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £2,000,000 against third party claims;