**Hurricane 5.9 2022 Nationals**

**Friday 19th August - Sunday 21st August**

**Sailing Instructions**

* **RULES**
* The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 - 2024*.
* Entrants and authorised guests are temporary members of Stone Sailing Club during the period of the event and shall comply with Club Rules and Bylaws. *Failure to observe these may result in exclusion from the club premises.*
* [DP] before a rule indicates that penalty other than disqualification may be applied by the Race Committee
* SAIL NUMBERS
* A boat shall not race with an incorrect sail number unless she has notified the Race Committee at registration. Even when such confirmation is received the Race Committee does not have the authority to amend the requirements of class rules. As a result, a boat could be protested for failing to comply with class rules.
* **CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**
* Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than 45 minutes before the start of any race affected.
* **COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS**
* Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located outside the clubhouse.
* From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
* **CODE OF CONDUCT**
* [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
* **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**
* Signals made ashore will be displayed will be displayed on the main flagstaff of the club bridge..
* When flag AP is displayed ashore ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 30 minutes’ in the Race Signal AP.
* **SCHEDULE**

6.1 On Friday 19th August the first warning signal is scheduled for 11.55. Race 1, 2 & 3 will sail back to back

6.2 On Saturday 20th August, the first warning signal is scheduled for 10.55. Race 4, 5 & 6 will sail back to back.

 6.2 On Sunday 21st August, the first warning signal is scheduled for 10.55 Races 7, 8 & 9 will sail back to back.

6.3 At the discretion of the race committee, races may be moved between any days to maximise the opportunity to complete all races in the event. However, racing on either day will not start earlier than the times specified above

6.4 No warning signal will be made after 14.30 on Sunday 21st August.

**7. CLASS FLAG**
 7.1 The class flag will be Hurricane logo flag.

**8 RACE AREA**
 8.1 The race area will be to the east of the club.

**9. COURSE**
 9.1 .See Addendum A.

**10 MARKS**

 10.1 See Addendum A

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

11.1. The following areas are designated as obstructions:

11.2. A safety boat in close attendance to a craft or competitor in difficulty is an obstruction and a prohibited area. Boats must not sail between the safety boat and the craft or competitor in difficulty.

**12. THE START**

 12.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal 5 minutes before the start.

 12.2 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark which will be a black buoy.

 12.3 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.

**13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

 13.1 Legs of the course may require changes to accommodate wind shifts and current conditions.

The windward mark may need to be moved. Changes to the windward mark and subsequent spacer mark will be notified via the committee boat flag code flag C and an audible sound signal. The replacement windward mark and spacer will be black. Subsequent races will use orange marks for the new start.

**14. THE FINISH**

 14.1. Number of rounds will not be specified, (See also 14.3) The committee boat will display the shortened course flag and two sound signals. We will endeavor but not guarantee to give early notice at the previous mark.

` 14.2 The finishing line will be between the mast on the committee boat (now flying a blue flag), and a black dan buoy.

 14.3. Each race will be approximately 45 minutes duration for the lead boat, at the discretion of the race committee.

14.4 Any lapped boats may be given their place without completing the full number of laps, notified on the water.

**15. PENALTY SYSTEM**

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

**16 HEARING REQUESTS**

16.1. The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

 16.2. Hearing request forms are available from the race office.

 16.3. 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 and the location of the hearings. Alternatively hearings may be held remotely may be after the event, the parties involved will be advised by email of the arrangements.

 16.4. Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under Rule 61.1(b).

 1**7.5. RYA Arbitration**

 17.5.1. The exoneration Penalty and the RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. Decisions from RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee but cannot be reopened or appealed.

**18. SCORING**

 18.1. The scoring system is APPENDIX A

 18.2. Three races is required to be completed to constitute a series.

 18.3. When four races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores.

18.4 When five, six or seven have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score

 18.5. When eight or nine races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race score, excluding her worst two scores.

**19. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

 19.1. [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity. Promptly after returning to shore, the boat shall notify the race office and no later than 30 minutes after the last boat finishes that race (or the last race before going ashore if races are sailed back-to-back).

Tally system in place, explained at the briefing

**20. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

 20.1. Unless otherwise specified in class rules, for the series of races comprising this event only the helm named on the entry form will be eligible.

 20.2. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized in writing 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 relevant class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.

**22. RISK STATEMENT**

Rule 3 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 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 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 held for the event.

**31. INSURANCE**

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

**32. OTHER INFORMATION**

 Any further changes or info will be displayed at the club notice board.

**ADDENDUM A see next page**

**Marks**: Windward spacer and gate marks will be orange pillar buoys

Starting marks will be a committee boat displaying an orange flag at the starboard end of the line, and a black dan buoy at the port end.

Finishing marks will be the committee boat mast, (the boat will be displaying a blue flag) and a black dan buoy.

**Course**:

Windward mark and spacer will be rounded to port, orange pillar buoys,(unless marks are substituted due to conditions, when they will be black buoys).

Leeward marks (Gate), can be chosen port or starboard

Final lap, must go through the gate to the finish line.

The finishing line will be between the mast on the committee boat (now flying a blue flag), and a black dan buoy.

