

**INTERNATIONAL 12sqM SHARPIE
EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

18 TO 23 AUGUST 2019

**ITCHENOR, CHICHESTER HARBOUR, UK
ORGANISING AUTHORITY: ITCHENOR SAILING CLUB**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) including the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) prescriptions.
- 1.2 In the event of conflict between the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes rule 63.7.

2.0 COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board which is located in the Members Room at Itchenor Sailing Club.

3.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 3.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the ISC flagstaff.
- 3.2 Boats shall not go afloat until the Class Flag (see SI 6.1) above the IC Numeral Pennant for the racing area is displayed ashore and a sound signal made.

4.0 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be displayed on the Official Notice Board not less than two hours before the scheduled warning signal on the day they will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

5.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES AND PROGRAMME

5.1 Ten races are scheduled. Five races shall constitute a valid Championship.

5.2 Regatta programme

Date	Programme	Times (BST)
Sunday 18 Aug	Arrival Registration Measurement Free sailing Competitors Briefing and Opening Ceremony	From 1100 1200 to 1800 1800
Monday 19 Aug HW 1447 Ht 4.5m	Races 1 and 2	First warning signal not before 1030 (1130 if Outside Harbour)
Tuesday 20 Aug HW 1517 Ht 4.4m	Races 3 and 4	First Warning Signal not before 1030 (1130 if Outside Harbour)
Wednesday 21 Aug HW 1551 Ht 4.3m	Races 5 and 6	First Warning Signal not before 1030 (1130 if Outside Harbour)
Thursday 22 Aug HW 1631 Ht 4.2m	Races 7 and 8	First Warning Signal not before 1030 (1130 if Outside Harbour)
Friday 23 Aug HW 1721 Ht 4.0m	Race 9 and 10	First Warning Signal not before 1030 (1130 if Outside Harbour)

5.3 Additional races may be sailed on any day at the discretion of the Race Committee to achieve the schedule. No warning signal will be made after 1500 hrs on Friday 23rd August.

5.4 Daily briefings will be held at 0900 in front of the ISC flagstaff.

6.0 CLASS FLAG

6.1 The Class Flag will be the Sharpie 12sqM Class Flag

7.0 RACING AREA

7.1 The racing area will be inside or outside Chichester Harbour. It is intended that racing will take place within, but not necessarily limited to, the areas shown on Appendix 1 attached. The course areas are: 1 – Harbour, 2 -- Bracklesham Bay, 3 – Hayling Bay and 4 – Chichester Lake.

8.0 START

8.1 Races will be started in accordance with rule 26.

8.2 The start line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on a boat at the other end of the starting line (pin end boat) or the course side of an orange inflatable starting mark.

8.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after the starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes rules 63.1, A4.1 and A5.

9.0 COURSES

9.1 Courses will be Course A (triangle/sausage) or Courses B or C (windward/leeward) as set out in Appendix 3.

9.2 The letter signifying the course to be sailed for each race will be displayed on the Committee Boat. The number displayed after the course letter will indicate the number of laps to be sailed. The approximate bearing and distance to mark W1 may be displayed on the Committee Boat.

10.0 MARKS

10.1 The marks of the course will be orange pillar inflatables.

10.2 A new mark as provided in SI 11.1 will be a purple pillar inflatable.

11.0 CHANGE OF COURSE

11.1 The race committee may change the course to be sailed after the start. When changing the course the race committee will lay a new mark W1 and remove the original mark(s) as soon as possible. IC Flag C with repetitive sounds will be flown by a race committee boat adjacent to mark(s) L3.

11.2 When in a subsequent change the new mark W1 will be replaced it will be replaced by the original colour of mark

11.3 If Course A has been displayed mark G2 may be repositioned

11.3 If Course B or C have been displayed a new mark SP2 will not be laid.

11.4 This amends rule 33.

12.0 SHORTENING COURSE

12.1 If a race is shortened in accordance with rule 32 after the first boat finishes a boat still racing will be scored when she next crosses the finish line. Her place at the finish line will be adjusted for the number of laps competed.

13.0 FINISH

13.1 The finish line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Boat and the course side of a mark of the course or a finish mark or a staff on a boat displaying an orange flag. Boats that have finished shall keep clear of the finish line.

14.0 TIME LIMITS

14.1 The target time for a race will be 50 minutes with a time limit for the first boat to finish of 90 minutes.

14.2 Boats finishing more than 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did not finish without a hearing, this changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

15.0 PENALTY SYSTEM

15.1 The penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 and rule 31 shall be a One Turn Penalty (one tack and one gybe in the same direction). This changes rules 44.1 and 44.2.

16.0 PROTESTS

16.1 Protest forms are available at the Race Office. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

16.2 The protest time limit will be posted on the Official Notice Board. The time limit for protests and requests for redress is 45 minutes after the last boat arrives back at the Itchenor Sailing Club directly from the race area. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.

16.3 Notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. The location of and time of the hearings will also be posted at the same time.

16.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b) within the time limit for protests.

16.5 Breaches of SIs 8.3, 13, 15.1, 17, 18, 19 and 23 and rule 55 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a).

16.6 For infringements of the rules other than Part 2 and rule 31 the protest committee may award a lesser penalty than DSQ.

17.0 REPLACEMENT OF CREW

17.1 For a boat to qualify for Championship points the helm and crew must be those named at registration. Any change of crew must be for bona fide reasons and agreed in writing by the race committee prior to racing.

18.0 SIGNING IN AND SIGNING OUT

18.1 Before racing a boat shall be signed out by a member of her crew personally completing the signing out sheet. Immediately on returning ashore a boat shall be signed in by a member of her crew completing the signing in sheet.

18.2 A boat that fails to comply with this SI will be required to pay £10 to the RNLI but may be penalised for a second or subsequent offence.

19.0 SAFETY

19.1 On arrival in the racing area each day, each boat shall sail past the stern of the Committee Boat on starboard tack and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the race committee.

19.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible and if leaving the racing area shall report to the Beachmaster on return to the Club.

19.3 The highest part of the Winner Bank just south of the Winner buoys is hazardous, even at high water, and especially when there is a fast flowing ebb tide and light winds. When the signal for racing area 2 or 3 (Bracklesham Bay or Hayling Bay) is displayed in accordance with SI para 3.2 boats shall proceed to and return from the racing area via the navigation channel leaving the Winner buoys to the south as shown on Appendix 1.

19.4 When the signal for racing area 2 (Bracklesham Bay) is displayed in accordance with SI para 3.2 boats shall proceed to and return from this racing area by leaving the sunken targets shown on Appendix 1 to the north east.

19.5 When the signal for racing area 3 (Hayling Bay) is displayed in accordance with SI para 3.2 boats shall proceed to and return from this racing area by passing 150m south of Chichester Bar Beacon shown on Appendix 1.

20.0 SCORING

- 20.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A 4.1 of the rules will apply.
- 20.2 Five races shall be completed to constitute a valid Championship.
- 20.3 If between 5 and 8 races are completed there will be one discard. If 9 or 10 races are completed there will be 2 discards.

21.0 OFFICIAL BOATS

- 21.1 The Committee Boat is 'Betivuka' a Mitchell 28 blue monohull. The pin end boat is Transit a 22 foot blue monohull with outboard engine. See Appendix 2.
- 21.2 Race committee support boats/ribs will display a white flag with black numbers.

22.0 PRIZES

- 22.1 Prizes will be awarded for the Championship and daily races. Prizes for the Championship will be presented at the prize giving after racing on Friday 23 August. Daily prizes will be awarded after the conclusion of each day's racing.

23.0 TRASH

- 23.1 Boats shall not deposit trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard a race committee support boat/rib.

24.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK

- 24.1 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."

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 organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
- (f) The provision of support 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 familiarize themselves with any risks specific to this venue or the event drawn to their attention in any rules and information provided for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing for the event.
- (h) The fact that a Race Committee may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities set out in this paragraph.

29.0 Insurance

29.1 Boats are required to be adequately insured including insurance against third party claims of at least £3,000,000 or equivalent in foreign currency. Competitors are also advised to effect their own Personal Accident insurance.

Appendix 1.



Appendix 2

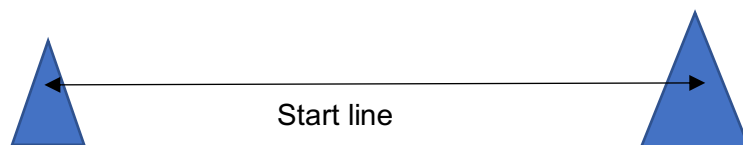
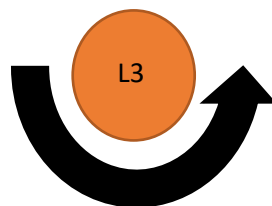
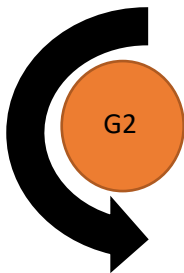
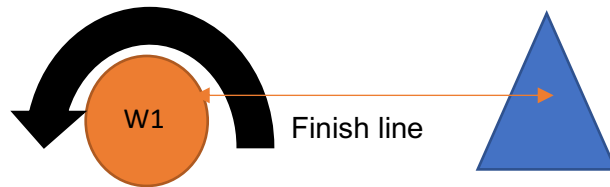
Committee Boat
"Betivuka"



Pin End
"Transit"

Appendix 3

Course A (Triangle/Sausage)



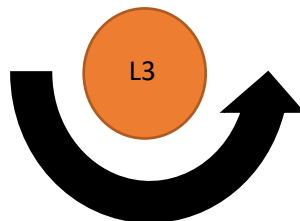
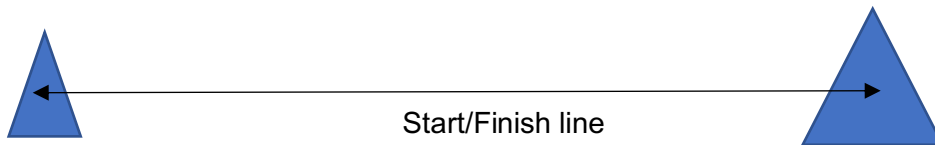
A2 Start – W1 – G2 – L3 – W1 – L3 – W1 (Finish)

A3 Start – W1 – G2 – L3 – W1 – L3 – W1 – G2 – L3 – W1 (Finish)

A4 Start – W1 – G2 – L3 – W1 – L3 – W1 – G2 – L3 – W1 – L3 – W1 (Finish)

All marks left to port

Course B (Windward/Leeward)



B2 Start – W1 – SP2 – L3 – W1 – SP2 – L3 – (Finish)

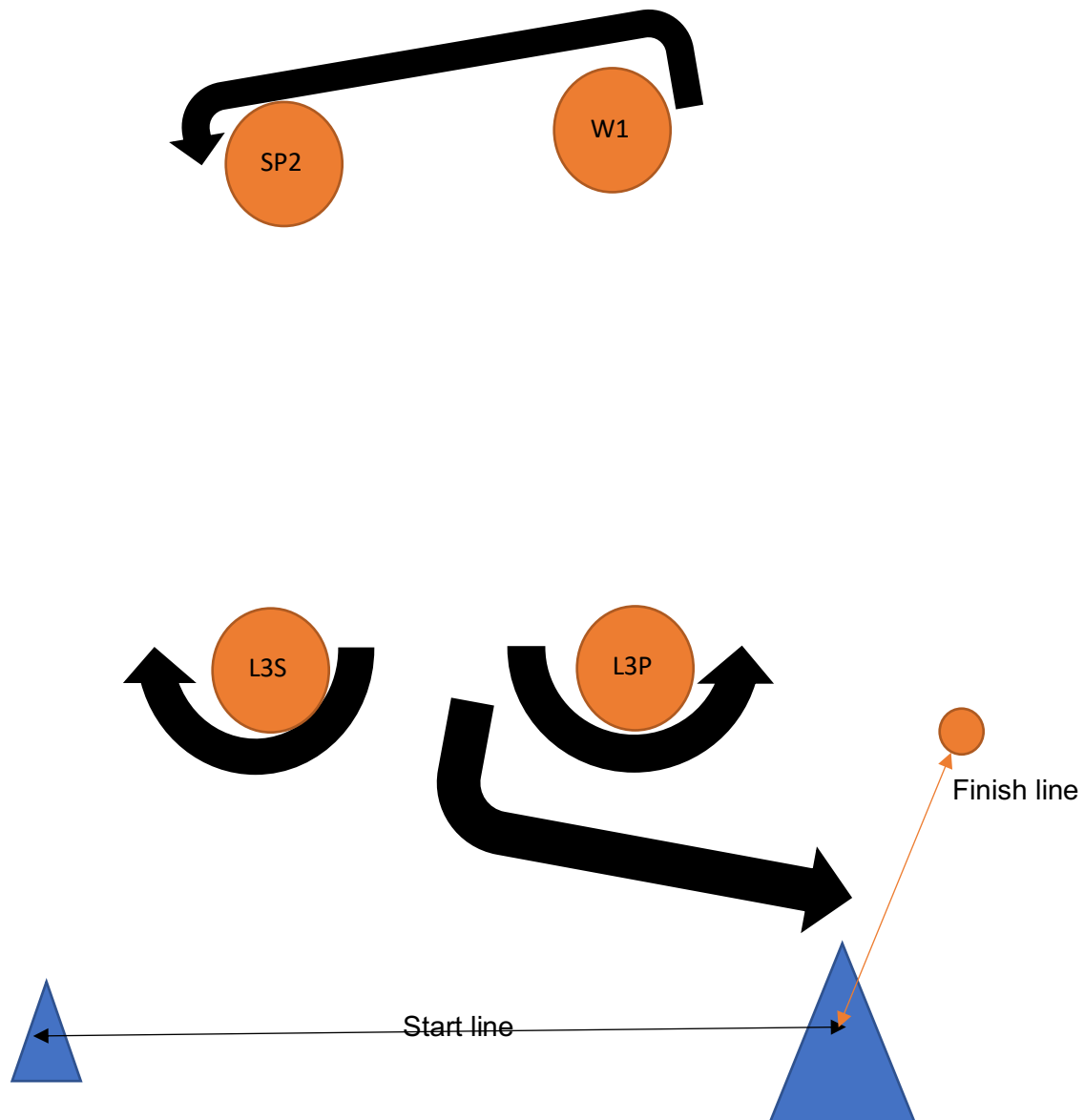
B3 Start – W1 – SP2 – L3 – W1 – SP2 – L3 – W1 – SP2 – L3 – (Finish)

B4 Start – W1 – SP2 – L3 – W1 – SP2 – L3 – W1 – SP2 – L3 – W1 –
SP2 – L3 – (Finish)

All marks left to port

After the start the Start/Finish line may be reduced in length

Course C (Windward/Leeward)



C2 Start – W1 – SP2 – L3P/L3S)– W1 – SP2 – L3P – Finish

C3 Start – W1 – SP2 – L3P/L3S – W1 – SP2 – L3P/L3S – W1 – SP2 – L3P – Finish

C4 Start – W1 – SP2 – L3P/L3S – W1 – SP2 – L3P/L3S – W1 – SP2 – L3P/L3S – W1 – SP2 – L3P - Finish

All marks left to port, except at L3S

If L3S is not laid all boats shall round L3P