



DQSC Frostbite OPEN MEETING - 2023



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

The Organising Authority is Dell Quay Sailing Club, Apuldram,
Chichester, PO20 7EE

1 RULES

The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Official communications will be posted on the Official Notice Board, located in the clubhouse a minimum of one hour before the published start time of the regatta.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change in the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board a minimum of one hour before the published start time of the event.
- 3.2 Changes to sailing instructions may be made on the water by the patrol boat informing all competitors.

4 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the Club House and on the WhatsApp DQSC Racing Group.

5 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 5.1 Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

6 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the DQSC Race Box.
- 6.2 Flag D with one sound means 'Boats shall not leave the shore until this signal is removed. The warning signal will not be made before the scheduled time or less than 10 minutes after flag D is displayed.'

7 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 7.1 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is shown in the Notice of Race

- 7.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag may be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

8 COURSES

- 8.1 The course for each race will be displayed in the club house on the course board. The course is confirmed when the slider on the course-board has been moved from 'provisional' to 'confirmed' by the race officer.
- 8.2 A change to the course already displayed will be signalled by displaying flags L and C on the race box, until the warning signal of the race affected.

9 MARKS

Marks are either fixed racing marks as shown in Addendum A1 and/or orange cylindrical inflatables.

10 OBSTRUCTIONS

Fishing lines from the Quay are considered obstructions.

11 START

- 11.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with each warning signal made 5 minutes before each starting signal by displaying class flag 'H'.
- 11.2 The starting line will be closed 10 minutes after the start of an event; any boat not then started will be scored as DNS. (*This changes RRS A4.1*).
- 11.3 **Shore based starts:** The starting line is the extension of a line between the striped, orange post on the Race Box and the striped, orange post (moveable transit) on the edge of the quay. An inner distance mark may be laid. NOTE - the racing mark 'Quay' does not form part of the start line.

12 FINISHES

- 12.1 **Shore-based finishes:** The DQSC Club Finish Line is the extension of a line between the striped, orange fixed post on the Race Box and racing mark Quay. An outer distance mark may be laid but will not necessarily lie on the line. Note - The mark 'Quay' denotes the finish line, not the moveable transit.

12.2 Shortened course - RRS 32.2 is changed as follows:

Races may be shortened on the DQSC club finish line in a northerly or southerly direction:

(a) Sailing through the finish line in a Northerly direction: the race committee displays flag S with 2 sounds.

(b) Sailing through the finish line in a Southerly direction: the race committee displays flag S with a numeral pennant 1, with 2 sounds.

Additionally, races may be shortened by displaying a flag S with a red or green pennant on a patrol boat; boats will then return to finish on the club line, after rounding the next mark to port or starboard in accordance with the displayed pennant.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 The RYA Alternative Disputes Resolution (DQSC modified) will be implemented. Details are available on the [DQSC website](#) and on the club official notice board.

13.2 A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing or rule 31 may, after finishing the race concerned and before the start of any related protest hearing, notify the race committee that she accepts an Exoneration Penalty – a 30% scoring penalty (SCP) calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c), except that the minimum penalty is three places and she shall not be scored worse than the number of boats that came to the starting area. However, if the boat caused injury or serious damage or, despite taking a penalty, gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach her penalty shall be to retire.

13.3 When an Exoneration Penalty is accepted: (a) Neither the boat nor a protest committee may then revoke or remove the penalty. (b) The boat shall not be penalised further in a protest hearing when the protest committee decides that it was appropriate to the facts found and the applicable rules.

14 TIME LIMIT

14.1 The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit, and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below. This changes RRS 35.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
60 mins	120 mins	+30 mins

- 14.2 These time limits may be extended at the race officer's discretion.
- 14.3 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 14.4 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalised or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.
- 14.5 Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

15 HEARING REQUESTS

- 15.1 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. This time may be changed at the Race Officer's discretion. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 15.2 Hearing request forms are available from the race officer.
- 15.3 Notices will be posted on the official Notice Board no later than 60 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Race Box, beginning at the time posted.

16 SCORING

- 16.1 A boat's series score is half the number of races started plus one, rounded down.
- 16.2 The Average Lap System may be used: when specific boats (at the race officer's discretion, sail a different number of laps.) The elapsed time of each boat shall be divided by the number of laps sailed and then corrected according to the appropriate handicap number, provided all laps are identical.
- 16.3 In the event of a mistake in the results, please notify the RO on the day.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 Declarations are not required. All competitors shall sign-on a minimum

of 30 minutes before published start time and sign-off within 60 minutes of finishing the last race. This time limit may be extended at the Race Officer's discretion.

- 17.2 Failure to comply with 18.1 will result in a scoring penalty of 15% to be applied to the race nearest in time to the infringement, calculated as specified in RRS 44.3 (c).
- 17.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is allowed.

19 BOATS AND COMPETITORS IN DIFFICULTY

When the race committee considers that a boat or competitor is in difficulty it may instruct the boat or competitor to accept outside help, retire or sail ashore. Competitors shall obey such instructions.

SI ADDENDUM A1

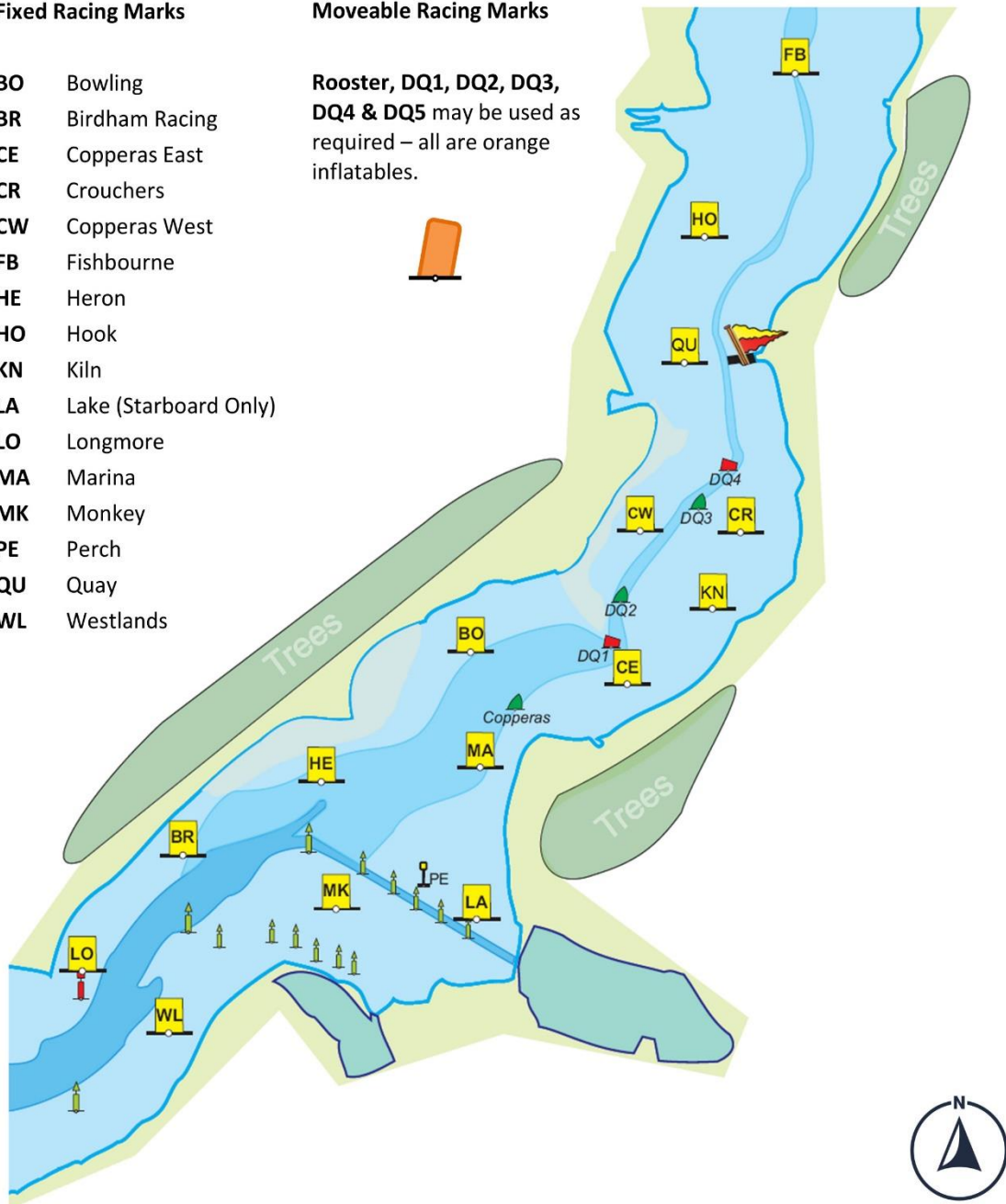
Racing Marks of Dell Quay Sailing Club & Chichester Yacht Club

Fixed Racing Marks

BO	Bowling
BR	Birdham Racing
CE	Copperas East
CR	Crouchers
CW	Copperas West
FB	Fishbourne
HE	Heron
HO	Hook
KN	Kiln
LA	Lake (Starboard Only)
LO	Longmore
MA	Marina
MK	Monkey
PE	Perch
QU	Quay
WL	Westlands

Moveable Racing Marks

Rooster, DQ1, DQ2, DQ3, DQ4 & DQ5 may be used as required – all are orange inflatables.



Notes