



**2018 Solo Open**  
**TATA Steel Sailing Club (Margam)**  
**Eglwys Nunydd Reservoir, Margam, Port Talbot**  
**14<sup>th</sup> April 2018**



Organising Authority: Tata Steel Sailing Club (Margam)

## Sailing Instructions

### 1. Rules

1.1. Racing will be governed by the 'Rules' defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 – 2020* & National Class Association rules, and these Instructions which change *RRS 32, A2, A3* and *Race Signal AP*.

### 2. Notices to Competitors

2.1. Notices to competitors and any changes to these Instructions will be posted at the Race Control Office.

### 3. Changes To Sailing Instructions

3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 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

3.2. **Briefing** There will be a competitors' briefing at the Race Control Office at 10.00am.

### 4. Signals made ashore

4.1. Signals made ashore will be hoisted at the signal mast at the Race Control Office.

4.2. If 'AP' is displayed ashore, it will be removed (with sound signal) at least 10 minutes before the next warning signal. This changes *Race Signal AP*.

### 5. Schedule of races

5.1. Four races are scheduled as follows:

Race 1 starts 11.00.am Races 2 to follow before lunch

Lunch scheduled between 1300hrs and 1400hrs

Race 3 will start after lunch with Race 4 to follow

### 6. Class Flag

6.1. The Class Flags will be confirmed at the briefing.

### 7. Racing area, course plan and marks

7.1. These will be described at the briefing and shown on the board at the Race Control Office.

7.2. Boats shall sail the course as shown on the course plan, and shall be required to sail through the start/finish line at the end of every lap.

### 8. The Start

8.1. The **start line** will be between the mast displaying an Orange Flag on the Committee Boat and the starting mark. An inner distance mark may be laid and in this case boats shall pass between this mark and the outer distance mark when approaching the line to start and on subsequent laps.

### 9. Change of leg of the course

9.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark to the new position.

### 10. The Finish

10.1. Each boat shall sail until international code flag 'S' is displayed. The leading boat will finish when next crossing the finishing line and other boats will finish thereafter. Any boat more than one round behind the leading boat may be finished on next crossing the finishing line and given the position held at that time. This changes *RRS 32* and *A3*.

10.2. The **finishing line** will be between the mast displaying an Orange Flag on the Committee Boat and the finishing mark, or between a staff on a support boat displaying international code flag 'S' and the adjacent rounding mark.

## 11. Areas That Are Obstructions

11.1. The following areas are designated as obstructions:



## 12. Scoring

12.1. The event will be scored using *RRS* Appendix A, except that each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with her worst score excluded if 3 or more races have been completed. This changes *RRS* A2.

12.2. Two scored races are required for the results to be considered a series.

## 13. Penalties

13.1. Penalties will apply in accordance with *RRS* 44.

## 14. Time Limit

14.1. It is intended to race for approximately 45 minutes. Failure to achieve this shall not be cause for redress.

14.2. Any boat not finishing within 20 minutes of the leading boat may be finished on the course by a support boat displaying flag W.

14.3. In the event of abandonment, places may be awarded from positions at the end of the previous completed lap.

## 15. Protests

15.1. Protests shall be written on forms available at the Race Control Office and delivered there within Protest Time which will begin as the last boat comes ashore at the end of each sailing session and end 30 minutes later.

## 16. Safety Regulations

16.1. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible via the shore team as applicable

## 17. Replacement of Crew or Equipment

17.1. Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Officer

17.2. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will be allowed

## 18. Equipment and Measurement Checks

18.1. Equipment and Measurement Checks will be carried out as required by the National Solo Class Association

## 19. Prizes

19.1. Prizes will be given for first, second and third place

## 20. Disclaimer Of Liability

20.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See *RRS* 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

## 21. Insurance

21.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2M per incident or the equivalent.