



Pursuit Race

TATA Steel Sailing Club (Margam)
Eglwys Nunydd Reservoir, Margam, Port Talbot



Organising Authority: Tata Steel Sailing Club (Margam)
Sailing Instructions

1. Rules

Racing will be governed by the 'Rules' defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, and these Instructions.

2. Notices to Competitors

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

3. Briefing

There will be a competitors' briefing at the Race Office at 13:30 on the day of the race.

4. Signals made ashore

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be hoisted at the signal mast by the Race 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

There will be one race that is scheduled for 14:00.

6. Class Flag

The Class Flag will be Code Flag "G".

7. Racing area, course plan and marks

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

8. The Course

Boats will sail the course as shown on the course plan, and **must not** sail through the start/finish line at the end of every lap.

9. The Start (changes Rules 26, 29.1, 29.2 and Race Signals)

- 9.1 The race is a pursuit race with classes starting according to start numbers allocated to each class. The start numbers allocated to classes will be on display at the Race Office throughout the day.
- 9.2 At 4 minutes before the first class start the warning flag, code flag "G" will be displayed, 2 minutes before the first class start the preparatory flag, code flag "P", will be displayed. The first class starting signal will be 2 minutes later and will be signalled by the warning flag and preparatory flag being removed
- 9.3 At the starting signal a signal board adjacent to the signal mast will display two numeral zeros, which will then indicate the official time in minutes and correspond to the start numbers of classes. These will change each minute and each change of numerals will, if possible, be accompanied by a sound signal.
- 9.4 The starting signal for each class shall be the change of numerals to the number advertised as the start number for the class.

- 9.5 The starting line will be shown by a transit from two masts on the shore, and an outer distance mark which may not be exactly in line with the transit. An inner distance mark may be laid, and in this case boats approaching the line to start shall pass between this mark and the outer distance mark.
- 9.6 Individual recalls will be signalled in accordance with Rule 29.1 except that code flag "X" will be flown for no longer than 30 seconds. This changes Rule 29.1.
- 9.7 General recalls will be signalled in accordance with Rule 29.2 except that code flag "First Substitute" will only be flown for 30 seconds and will be lowered without a sound signal. Classes subject to a general recall shall start on the start number two greater than their advertised number or two greater than their previous start number if they have previously been subject to a general recall. This changes Rule 29.2 and Race Signals.

10. Change of leg of the course

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

11. The Finish (Changes Rule 32)

- 11.1 The finish time will be 94 minutes after the warning signal.
- 11.2 2 minutes before the scheduled finish time, code flag "S" will be displayed with two sound signals to warn of the imminent finish.
- 11.3 A finishing line will be set up as near as practical on, and at right angles to, the line between the marks bounding the leg on which the leading boat is sailing. It will be set up ahead of the leading boat as near as is practical to the finish time. It will be the line between the mast of a race committee boat flying a blue flag and a boat flying a blue flag or a spherical buoy flying a blue flag.
- 11.4 Boats on the same leg of the course as the leading boat shall finish by crossing this finish line. It is all boats' responsibility to cross the finish line in the correct direction.
- 11.5 Boats on other legs of the course shall finish at the next mark across an imaginary finish line projecting from the mark at right angles to the rhumb line of the leg and on the rounding side of the mark. They must note their position relative to other boats ahead and behind them. They must advise Race Control of their relative finishing position when they come ashore.

12. Scoring

Boats will be scored in the order in which each first crosses a finishing line as defined in SI 11

13. Penalties

Penalties will apply in accordance with RRS 44.

14. Time Limit (Changes Rule 35)

Boats that have not finished within 30 minutes of the finish time will be scored as Did Not Finish. This period may be extended at the discretion of the Race Committee.

15. Protests

Protests and requests for redress shall be submitted to the Race Office within Protest Time which will begin as the last boat comes ashore and end 30 minutes later.