



2023 October Regatta
Tata Steel Sailing Club (Margam)
Eglwys Nunydd Reservoir, Margam, Port Talbot
28th/29th October 2023



Organising Authority: Tata Steel Sailing Club (Margam)

Sailing Instructions

1. Rules

Racing will be governed by the 'Rules' defined in the *2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing* & National Class Association rules, and these Instructions which change *RRS 32, A2, A3 and Race Signal AP*.

2. Notices to Competitors

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

3. Briefing There will be a competitors' briefing at the Race Control Office at 11.00am on the Saturday.

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: Five races are scheduled

Race 1 Saturday 12.00.pm, subsequent races will be announced at the event.

Sunday's first Race Start will be at 11.00.am, subsequent races will be announced at the event.

6. Class Flag The Class Flags will be confirmed at the briefing. Fleet starts for fleets with 7 or more boats, registered prior to the first day of the regatta, to be decided 15 minutes before 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 will sail the course as shown on the course plan, and will 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.

8.2 Boats failing to start within 4 minutes of their starting signal will be classified as "DNS".

9. The Finish

9.1 Each boat will 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*.

9.2 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.

10. Scoring

10.1 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 4 or more races have been completed. This changes *RRS A2*.

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

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

12. Time Limit

12.1 The target time for each race is approximately 60 minutes. Failure to achieve this shall not be cause for redress.

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

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