



2026 Comet Open Meeting
Tata Steel Sailing Club (Margam) Eglwys Nunydd Reservoir, Margam, Port Talbot 11th April 2026



Organising Authority: Tata Steel Sailing Club (Margam)
Comet Class Association

Sailing Instructions

1. Rules

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the 'Rules' defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025 – 2028, the Comet Class Association rules, and these Instructions which change 32, A2, A3, A4, A5, 40 and Race Signals AP and Y.

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.

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 **Registration** - Competitors shall register at the Clubhouse from 09:30 a.m. on Saturday.
5.2 **Briefing** -: A competitors' briefing will be held at the Race Control Office at 11.00 a.m. on Saturday.
5.3 Three races are scheduled as follows:
• Race 1 Saturday 12.00.p.m. Races 2 to 3 to be announced.
5.4 No Warning signal will be made after 4.00pm

6. Class Flag

- 6.1 The Class Flag 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.
Boats shall not pass through the start finish line in any direction except at the end of every lap.
7.3 A change of course after launching will be communicated via a separate board on the committee boat. Attention will be drawn to competitors with audible sounds and a display of Flag C as below:



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 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

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 will 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 races have been completed. This changes RRS A2.
- 12.2 One scored race is 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 60 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.
- 16.2 Competitors will be required to wear adequate personal buoyancy at all times whilst afloat – except for a short period whilst changing clothing. Flag 'Y' will not be displayed; this changes RRS rules 40.1 and Race Signals 'Y'. Wet suits and dry suits do not comply with this.

17. Replacement of Crew or Equipment

- 17.1 Substitution of helm is not allowed. Should a boat change helm, it will be regarded as a new entry into the event and a new application form and fee be submitted.
- 17.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will be allowed.
- 17.3 Changing the rig option chosen for the series is not allowed.

18. Equipment and Measurement Checks

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

19. Prizes

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

19.2 Further category prizes may be awarded.

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 £5,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.