



BEWL VALLEY SAILING CLUB (BVSC)
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR TOPPER TRAVELLERS
OPEN MEETING 8th April 2012



1. Rules

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the Royal Yachting Association and Class Associations, as appropriate, except as any of these are changed by these sailing instructions.

- 1.2 Racing rules 1.2, 27.1, 40 and Race signals "Y" and "AP" will be changed as described below.

2. Entries

Eligible boats, as defined in the Notice of Race, may be entered by completing registration with BVSC.

3. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the eastern end of the Clubhouse.

4. Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted a minimum of 30 minutes before the race to which it first applies.

5. Signals Made Ashore

5.1 Racing signals made ashore will be displayed on the mast at the Race Box. If a postponement is signalled ashore, the first warning signal for subsequent races to be sailed will NOT be made until at least 30 minutes after the removal of "AP". **This changes race signal "AP".**

5.2 Signals displayed on the Clubhouse mast are NOT race signals but are important to competitors. Such signals may be:

Red Ensign from Gaff—Craft may Launch.

Flag 'U' - WARNING—The sailing risk is higher than normal.

Flag 'N' - NO SAILING PERMITTED

6. Schedule of Races

The schedule of races is advertised in the Notice of Race for the event.

7. Format of Races

- 7.1 Depending on the number of entries, competing boats may be divided into fleets for ease of race management.

- 7.2 Fleets will be started at five minute intervals in the order indicated on the official notice board.

8. Fleet Flags

- 8.1 The Fleet Flag for the Topper Traveller will be: **International Code Flag 'T'**

9. Racing Area

The racing area will be shown on the official notice board.

10. The Course

- 10.1 The intended course will be displayed on the official notice board.

- 10.2 A revised course may be indicated on the Committee Boat by the display of predefined mark identities.

11. Marks

Marks, other than starting and finishing marks, will be orange inflatable buoys or buoys displaying an orange flag.

12. The Start

12.1 Races will be started in accordance with Rule 26.

12.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat at the starboard end and a staff displaying a white flag on a buoy or boat at the port end.

13. The finish

13.1 The finish will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and, at the port end, a nearby rounding mark, or a buoy or boat displaying a white flag.

13.2 When the shortened course signal (Flag S) is displayed all signalled boats will be finished on the next occasion that they cross the finishing line.

14. Declarations

14.1 Within 30 minutes of the last boat in a fleet to finish each race, or the last race of a sequence of races sailed 'back to back', for each sailed race the helm shall, on the declaration sheet, indicate and sign for all penalties taken.

14.2 Competitors who have retired before finishing (DNF), or after finishing (RAF), are requested to mark and sign the declaration sheet accordingly.

15. Protests

15.1 Protests shall be written on forms available at the race box and shall be delivered there within 30 minutes after the time of the last boat's finish in the race concerned or the last race of a sequence of races sailed back to back containing the race concerned.

15.2 Protest notices will be posted on the official notice board as soon as possible after the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a hearing or named as witnesses.

16. Scoring

The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A for a **SHORT** series will apply. Each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. Discards may be applied in accordance with the Notice of Race.

17. Support Boats

17.1 No support boats are to be used with the exception of those directly under the control of BVSC.

17.2 The crews of all support boats and committee boats are designated members of the Race Committee.

18. Personal Flotation Devices

Adequate personal flotation devices to a minimum of 50 Newtons shall be worn at all times when afloat. Flag "Y" will not be flown. **This changes Race Signals 'Y' and Rules 1.2, 27.1 and 40.**