

# Venetian Trophy 2021

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Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Welsh Harp, Birchen Grove

London NW9 8SA

## Sailing Instructions

This event is subject to the Covid 19 guidelines as laid out by the UK Government. All people associated with this event must comply with these conditions.

Competitors must familiarise themselves with [The Clubs' Covid 19 guidelines](#).

### 1. RULES.

1.1 Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-24, the rules of the GP 14 class association and these sailing instructions.

1.2 Racing Rules 27.1 and 40 will be changed as follows;

Adequate personal buoyancy must be worn by all competitors when afloat. Neither a wet-suit nor a dry-suit constitutes adequate personal buoyancy. Flag Y will not be displayed.

### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS.

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the WHSC Clubhouse

2.2 A race briefing will be held at 10.15.am outside the WHSC clubhouse.

### 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be displayed on the official notice board at least 30 minutes before the start of the race on the day it will take effect, except any change to the schedule of races this will be posted by 20.00hrs on the day before it will take effect.

### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be flown from the Sailing Club flag pole located outside the WHSC clubhouse.

4.2 When flag 'AP' is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 5 mins in the Race Signal "AP'.

### 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.2. The scheduled time of the warning signal for race 1 is 11.00 a.m. followed by race 2, then Lunch. Race three will be after lunch followed by race 4. The Race Officer may alter this schedule depending on the weather forecast.

### 6. CLASS FLAGS

6.1. Class flags will be used.

### 7. RACING AREAS

7.1 The racing area will be on the Welsh Harp Reservoir.

### 8. THE COURSES

8.1 The course and the number of laps will be displayed on the committee boat before the warning signal is sounded.

## **9. MARKS**

8.2 The course marks will be spherical orange buoys.

## **10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS**

The following areas are designated as obstructions:

10.1 The two Blue Buoys mark the end of two separate underwater hazards protruding from the shore and an imaginary line from each blue buoy directly to the adjacent bank is deemed an obstruction to sea room.

10.2 Boats shall not pass between the Yellow Boom and the Dam. This ranks as an obstruction to sea room, and boats entering without good cause may be disqualified...

## **11. THE START**

11.1 Races will be started using Rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

11.2 The starting line will be between the mast of the Committee Boat and a white buoy.

## **12. THE FINISH**

12.1 The finishing line will be between the mast of the Committee Boat displaying a blue flag and a white bouy.

12.2 A Shortened Course will be indicated by the Committee boat flying International Code Flag S, accompanied by 2 sound signals. This signal will be made from the Committee Boat as the lead boat rounds the last mark of the course prior to the Finish Line. Boats shall continue to round marks of the course in the required order until the Finish Line is reached.

## **13. PENALTY SYSTEM**

13.1 The scoring penalty, Rule 44.3 will not apply.

## **14. TIME LIMITS**

14.1 The time limit is 60 minutes. When the first boat finishes within the last 20 minutes of that time, the Time Limit will be extended to 20 minutes after the finishing time of the first boat. No boat shall finish after the expiry of the time limit. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

14.2 If no boat has passed the first mark of the course within 30 minutes the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a)

14.3 A tail-end boat that has lost contact with the body of the fleet may be informed on the water, towards the end of the race, that she need not complete that lap, but may return to the starting area for the start of the next back-to-back race. An appropriate finishing position will be recorded by the Race Committee. Failure to take advantage of this provision may result in any following back to back race being started before that competitor has returned to the starting area. This shall not be the basis for a redress request under Rule 62(a). This alters Rule 35.

## **15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

15.1 The RYA Arbitration system may be available.

15.2 Protest forms are available in the clubhouse. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

15.3 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

15.4 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Protest Room, located in the WHSC clubhouse. Times will be displayed on the Official Notice Board

15.5 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

15.6 A breach of RRS 55 Trash Disposal may result in a penalty less than disqualification at the discretion of the Protest Committee.

## **16 SCORING**

16.1 The scoring system is as follows: 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a series

(a) When fewer than 3 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When 3 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## **17 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

17.1 A capsized boat, whose mast is stuck in the mud, may receive assistance from the safety boat only to bring her mast up to the surface of the water, without having to retire. This alters rule 4

## **18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

18.1 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the Race Committee

## **19. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

19.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

## **21. OFFICIAL BOATS**

21.1 Official boats will be identified at briefing and on a notice on the Notice Board

## **22. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

22.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

## **23. PRIZES – see NOR**

## **24. RISK STATEMENT**

Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone"

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;

b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and other property whether afloat or ashore.

- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;

## **25. INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3 million per event or the equivalent and competitors shall sign a declaration to that effect when registering.

Welsh Harp Sailing Club is a volunteer-run RYA Sailing & Windsurfing Club based near Wembley at the Welsh Harp, Birchen Grove, London, NW9 8SA.