FERNHURST BOOKS DRAYCOTE DASH
Part of the Navigators and General Sailjuice winter series
Saturday 21 & Sunday 22 November 2026

Organising Authority (OA) is Draycote Water Sailing Club.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

1.1. This event is governed by the rules as defined in *the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028.*

1.2. Competitors shall sail in accordance with the *RYA Racing Charter*.

1.3. Competitors must abide by the RYA anti-doping policy.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTION

2.1. Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 30 minutes before the first warning signal on the day it will take effect and shall be valid for all subsequent races in the series.

2.2. Changes to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it takes effect.

3. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

3.1. The official notice board will be the event page online.

3.2. The race office will be The Waterside Reception, which can also be contacted via the online form.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with all reasonable requests from race officials, club volunteers, marshals and staff.

4.2. [DP] All Competitors and support persons must abide by Draycote Water Sailing Club's and Water Authority's rules and regulations. Failing to comply may result in disqualification without a hearing. **This changes RRS 63**

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1. Signals made ashore will be made on the club flag pole located on the patio in front of the clubhouse.

5.2. When AP is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes in race signals AP. **This changes RRS 'Race Signals'**.

5.3. [DP] Flag D with one sound signal means 'boats shall not leave the shore until this signal is made; the warning signal shall not be less than 30 minutes after Flag D is displayed'

5.4. Signals ashore made under a class flag only apply to that class.

5.5. Competitors should note, signals may be flown from the flagpole in connection to club racing, these will be flown under a club flag.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1.

Date	Activity	Time (not before)
Saturday 21 November 2026	Race 1 warning signal	11:00
	Race 2,3,4	ASAP after race 1, 2 or 3
Sunday 22 November 2026	Pursuit Race Datum	11:00

6.2. 4 races are planned for Saturday but fewer may be sailed at the discretion of the race officer.

6.3. If no racing occurs on Saturday, then up to 4 handicap races will be run on Sunday and the pursuit race will not.

6.4. To alert boats that racing will begin shortly, the orange start line flag will be raised with one sound signal 2 minutes before the first warning signal of the first race of each day's racing.

7. CLASS FLAGS

7.1. **Saturday:**

7.1.1. Start 1 – Flag Numeral One

7.1.2. Start 2 – Flag Numeral Two

7.1.3. Start 3 – Flag Numeral Three

7.2. **Sundays** pursuit race – Flag Numeral One

8. RACING AREA

8.1. The racing area is Draycote Water.

8.2. Competitors should note club racing may also be taking place on the water.

9. COURSES

9.1. **Saturday**

9.1.1. The diagrams in 'SI Addendum 1' shows the course, including approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks to be passed and the side each mark is to be left.

9.1.2. Note the start/finish line must be crossed at the end of each, and every, lap.

9.1.3. The number of laps is not predetermined and competitors may sail different number of laps even within the same fleet/start.

9.2. **Sunday**

9.2.1. The course will be displayed on the Clubhouse balcony adjacent to the main flagpole.

10. ROUNDING MARKS

10.1. **Saturday**

10.1.1. All rounding marks will be orange dumpy race marks.

10.1.2. The starting mark will be a boat or danbuoy displaying an orange flag

10.1.3. The finishing mark will be a boat or danbuoy displaying an orange flag.

10.2. **Sunday**

10.2.1. All rounding marks will be blue club racing buoys and/or one orange dumpy. (paper maps available free from the race office).

10.2.2. Where present, boats shall sail between the rounding mark and a boat displaying an orange flag acting as a gate.

10.2.3. The starting mark will be a boat or danbuoy displaying an orange flag.

10.2.4. The finish mark will be a boat or danbuoy displaying a blue flag.

11. OBSTRUCTIONS & EXCLUSION AREAS

11.1. Boats shall not sail at any time within 30 meters of the shore except in an emergency or in front of the club compound

11.2. Fishing boats whether engaged in fishing or not, this includes the area the line extends from or being cast in.

11.3. Rescue boats or committee boats when not displaying defined start or finish signals.

11.4. Other areas (inc shallows) are marked by yellow buoys and shall not be entered.

12. THE START

12.1. **Saturday.**

12.1.1. The start line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee vessel and the start mark.

12.1.2. [DP] Boats who's warning signal has not been made shall keep 50m clear of the start line in any direction.

12.1.3. The start signals for each fleet will be at 3-minute intervals with the warning signal at 3 minutes, the preparatory signal at 2 minutes and Preparatory removed at 1 minute before the start. **This changes RRS 26.**

12.1.4. Boats failing to start with 3 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. **This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2**.

12.1.5. If there is a general recall the recalled fleets start sequence will be immediately after the 3rd scheduled start sequence. If the recall is for the last start the warning signal for a new start shall be made 1 minute after the 1st substitute is removed. **This changes RRS 29.2**

12.2. **Sunday.**

12.2.1. The start line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee vessel and the start mark.

12.2.2. [DP] Boats shall keep clear of the starting area until after the start signal for the previous start.

12.2.3. The race will be started using **RRS Rule 26** to signify datum with the below amendments. This changes **RRS Rule 26**:

12.2.3.1. Each class will be allocated a start time in minutes after datum; this will be their start time and will be displayed on the official notice board.

12.2.3.2. When the official clock displayed on the committee boat reaches a scheduled start time a single sound signal will be made.

12.2.3.3. In the event of failure of the clock, it will be replaced by a number board showing the time after datum in minutes only.

12.2.3.4. Clocks onshore are to be treated as advisory.

12.3. Should an individual recall be required it will be signalled as RRS 29.1 but only for 30 seconds. **This changes RRS 29.1**

12.4. **RRS Rules 30.3 and 30.4** are changed so that only the last 4 digits of a sail number will be displayed on the committee boat. This changes RRS 30.3 and 30.4

13. CHANGES TO THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

13.1. The position of marks may be changed by less than 50m during a race, such a change will only be made if no boat is sailing towards the mark. Flag C will not be flown to indicate this change, nor will "+" or "-"signs be displayed. **This changes RRS 33**.

13.2. If a change of more than 50m in any direction is required this will be signalled in line with RRS 33.

14. THE FINISH

14.1. **Saturday**

14.1.1. The finish line will be between the flag pole on the committee vessel and the finish mark.

14.1.2. When the committee boat displays flag S with 2 sound signals a boat will finish when they next cross the start/finish line regardless of the number of laps completed. Boats with a GL of 1200 or higher may be finished without flags/signals if in the opinion of the race officer they will delay the scheduled races significantly. **This changes RRS 32.2.**

14.2. **Sunday**

14.2.1. The finish line will be one or more of the below, competitors are only to pass through one finish, if sailing through a second is unavoidable, they must inform the committee boat they have already finished, failure to do so will result in the lowest finishing position being awarded. **This changes RRS 61.4(b).**

14.2.1.1. A rolling line between 2 ribs displaying blue finishing flags

14.2.1.2. A committee boat displaying a blue finishing flag and an adjacent rounding mark.

14.2.1.3. A blue finishing flag ashore and a rounding mark.

14.2.2. The finishing window opens 120 minutes after datum and will be signalled by 1 sound signal from the committee boat(s). Boats should continue racing until crossing a finishing line after this signal and during the finishing window.

14.2.3. Competitors are advised to note boats ahead and behind them at the finish in case of queries in finishing, trackers may also be used for this.

15. NOT USED.

16. TIME LIMITS

16.1. **Saturday**

16.1.1.

Mark 1-time limit	Race Target Time	Finishing Window	Max Race Time
15 minutes	35 -45 minutes	10 minutes	60 minutes

16.1.2. If no boat passes mark 1 within the mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned.

16.1.3. Failure to meet the race target time will not be grounds for redress, this changes RRS 62.1(A)

16.2. **Sunday**

16.2.1. The race time is 120 minutes with a finishing window of 10 minutes

16.3. Boats failing to finish within the finishing window after the 1st boat to sail the course and finish or within the time limit, whichever is later will be scored "Did not finish". **This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5**.

17. HEARING REQUESTS

17.1. The Protest time limit will be 30 minutes after the last boat in her class finishes the last race of the day or 'no more racing today' is signalled by the race committee, whichever is later.

17.2. The protest time will be displayed on the official notice board (see SI 3.1).

17.3. Hearing request forms are submitted online or to the race office.

18. SCORING REQUESTS

18.1. Requests to review a boats score will be submitted online to the race office.

18.1.1. For Average lap this must be completed by datum of the pursuit race.

18.1.2. For the Pursuit race, this must be at least 10 minutes before prize giving.

19. SAFETY REGULATIONS

19.1. [DP]A boat retiring from a race shall inform the race committee or safety boat before returning to shore.

20. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUPIMENT

20.1. [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorised by the race committee in writing. The request must be at the first reasonable opportunity; this may be after the race.

21. EQUIPMENT MEASURES AND CHECKS

21.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with class rules, NOR or SI.

22. GPS TRACKING UNIT

22.1. Failure to collect and carry a tracker may result in a scoring penalty without a hearing of 10% on the first race of the day sailed calculated as stated in **RRS 44.3(c). This changes RRS 63 and A5**.

22.2. Failure to return the tracker within the protest time may also result in a scoring penalty without a hearing of 10% on the last race of the day sailed calculated as stated in **RRS 44.3(c). This changes RRS 63 and A5.**

23. NOT USED.

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25. SUPPORT TEAMS

25.1. Support teams and vessels will not be allowed on the water.

26. TRASH DISPOSAL

26.1. Trash must not be placed on support vessels and must be carried by competitors until returning to shore.

27. BERTHING

27.1. [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the dinghy park for the duration of the regatta unless instructed otherwise.

28. NOT USED.

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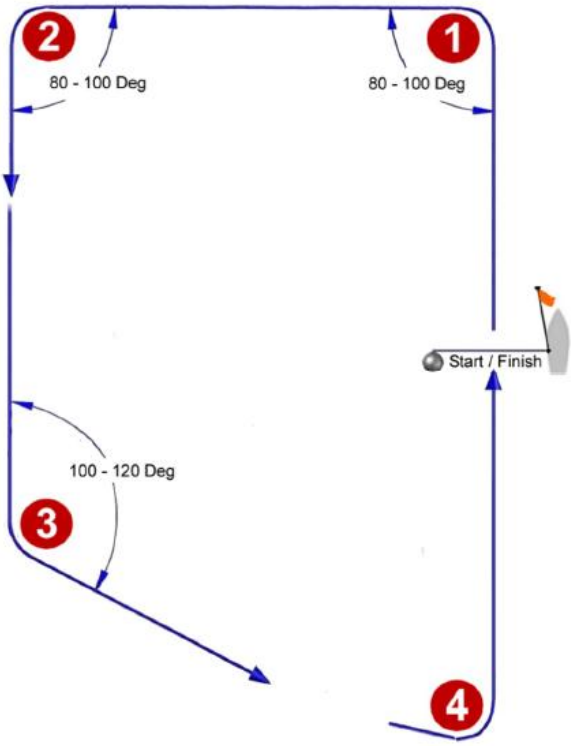
32. INSURANCE

32.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

SI Addendum 1



Course

Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – Start / Finish Until Shorten Course signal made

End of Sailing Instructions