Sailing Instructions
Draycote Water Sailing Club

Buzz & ISO Inlands Open Meeting
Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd October 2011

To Be Held At Draycote Water Sailing Club
In Conjunction With the Buzz and ISO Class Associations

Draycote Water, Kites Hardwick, Rugby, CV23 8AB.
Tel. 01788 811153 office@draycotewater.co.uk

1 RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the current rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, the RYA Prescriptions, the Rules of the Class Association, the particular rules of Draycote Water Sailing Club and in accordance with the RYA Charter. Except as any of these are changed by these Sailing Instructions

2 ADVERTISING

2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 The event is open to Buzz and ISO boats only.

3.2 The boat shall be registered with the Class Association

3.3 Boats shall have a valid Class Certificate available for inspection if requested.

3.4 The entry fee for the event is £30.00 payable at Registration, Cheques payable to Draycote Water Sailing Club.

3.5 Responsibility

3.5.1 Those competitors under the age of 18 years, at the time of the event shall be required to complete and lodge the parental/guardian's consent form included in the entry form with the Race Committee prior to the start of racing.

3.5.2 Each boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims to the sum of at least £2,000,000. Helms (boat owners) must complete DWSC standard form to confirm that they comply with this.

3.5.3 Competitors are entirely responsible for their own safety, whether afloat or ashore and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or, anywhere else reduces this responsibility.

3.5.4 It is for the competitors to decide whether their boat is fit to sail in the conditions in which it will find itself. By launching or going afloat, the competitors confirm that the boat is fit for those conditions and they are competent to sail and compete in them.

3.5.5 Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the owners and/or competitors, nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the organising authority, the race committee, the race officer, patrol boats and beach masters.

3.5.6 The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities.

4 Safety

4.1 Personal Buoyancy

Adequate personal buoyancy shall be worn at all times whilst on the water. Wet suits and dry suits are **not** adequate personal buoyancy. **This changes Rule 40**

4.2 Exposure Proof Clothing

During the months of December, January, February and March, all persons on the water shall wear exposure proof clothing. For the purpose of this instruction 'Exposure proof clothing' shall mean an adequate expanded neoprene wet suit providing protection from neck to ankle or a dry suit providing watertight cover from neck to ankle.

4.3 The safety of a boat and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/person in charge who must ensure that the boat and crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of the race. Neither these sailing instructions nor any inspection of the boat limits reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner/person in charge for the boat, the crew, and her management. The race organizers shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/person in charge or crew, as a result of their taking part in the race or races. Moreover every Owner/Person in Charge warrants the suitability of the boat for the race or races.

5 Distinguishing Numbers

All boats shall compete under their registered numbers to comply with Rule 77. Under exceptional circumstances a boat may be permitted to carry sail numbers or letters in contravention of her class rules provided that written application, stating the circumstances, is made to the Race Committee prior to the event. If such permission is granted no further change will be permitted.

6 Notices to Competitors.

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at the entrance adjacent to the main Club flagstaff.

7 Changes in Sailing Instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 30 minutes before race time on the day it will take effect and shall be valid for all subsequent races in the series unless notified to the contrary. The posting of such notice will be signalled using a halyard of the Club flagstaff.
Competitors should note that signals may be flown from halyards at the Club flagstaff in connection with the control of club racing.

8 Schedule

8.1 The series will be a maximum of 6 races, 4 Saturday & 2 Sunday

8.2 Registration online at http://www.sailracer.org/events/event-v2.asp?eventid=86925 or between 10.00.–11.00hrs Saturday in the Clubhouse Lounge.

8.3 Briefing at 11.00 in front of the wet bar/OD box.

8.4 First Warning Signal 12.00 Noon, Saturday.

8.5 Subsequent Starts to follow.

8.6 Sunday first Warning Signal not before 10.30hrs

8.7 Subsequent starts to follow

8.8 Schedule may be changed to suit prevailing conditions.

9 Class Flags

Class flag(s) will be as designated on the Official Notice Board:

10 Course

The course will be windward/leeward in accordance with the Club's standard Windward / Leeward sailing instructions available on www.draycotewater.co.uk (or as may be modified and posted on the Official Notice Board). Details of the course will be posted on the Official Notice Board to assist visitors. At the Race Officers discretion, a large cylindrical orange bouy may denote the windward mark instead of, or be attached to, a Club mark.

10.1 The Start

10.1.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying a Green flag or shape on the Race Committee boat and a Red Buoy starting mark.

10.1.2 The Start line shall also constitute a downwind gate for all subsequent laps of the course.

10.1.3 Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area, and of all boats whose preparatory signal has been made.

10.1.4 A boat shall not start later than six minutes after her starting signal.

10.1.5 A race may not be started if, in the opinion of the Race Officer, the wind is so light that there is a risk that a significant number of boats may not complete the course before the expiration of the Time Limit set by the finish of the leading boat.

10.2 Change of Course after the Start

10.2.1 Change of Position of Marks

The position of marks may be changed during a race in the event of a wind change. Such change will be made only if no boat is sailing towards the mark on that leg of the course. Flag C will not normally be flown to indicate any change, nor will "**+**"or "**-**"signs be displayed. **This changes rule 33**

10.3 The Finish

The finishing line will be the starting line, crossed down wind.

At the discretion of the race officer, any competitor failing to finish within a reasonable time period of the first boat finishing that race may be finished on the course by a Committee Boat or safety boat displaying International Code Flag 'W. Any competitor so finished will score the number of points in accordance to their finishing position in that race. **This changes RRS 28.1**.

11 Time Limit

The time limit will be two hours from the start for that class. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat of her class finishes or within the time limit, whichever is later will be scored "Did not finish". **This changes rule 35**.

12 Declarations

Competitors retiring from a race will be required to declare their retirement on the Retirement Sheet on the Open Meeting Notice Board as soon after coming ashore as possible. The standard codes of the RRS will be used: Appendix A11 Scoring Abbreviations.

13 Protests

13.1 Protests shall be written on forms available at the Race Office and delivered there within 30 minutes after the time of the last boat's finish, except when races have been notified to competitors as being run contiguously, ('back-to-back'). In this case protests for all 'back-to-back' races must be made within 30 minutes of the time the last boat finishes for the last of them. The Race Committee may extend the time limit in exceptional circumstances.

13.2 The jury will hear protests in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible.

13.3 **Rule 66 is changed** by adding this sentence: "On the last day of racing, a party to a hearing may ask for a reopening no later than one hour after being informed of the decision".

14 Scoring

The low point scoring system rule **A2** will apply, modified so that each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with her worst score discarded if 5 or more races have been completed. The scheduled number of races will be published on the Official Notice Board, of which 2 races shall be completed to constitute a series.

15 Support Boats

Team leaders, coaches, and other support personnel shall not be in the racing area from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished, or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement will be the disqualification of all boats associated with the support personnel who so do.

16 Radio Communications

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions whilst racing, nor receive radio communications not available to other boats.

17 Local Rules

All sailing, including club racing, is controlled by Draycote Water Sailing Club and may take place only when the Club Burgee is flying on the flagstaff in front of the Clubhouse. The Race Committee may decide to control the open meeting solely from a Committee Boat when normal club sailing has been abandoned or sailing is outside normal club sailing times. In this case the Committee Boat will fly the Club burgee meaning that only Open Meeting competitors may sail. All entrants and authorized guests will be deemed to be temporary members of Draycote Water Sailing Club during the period of the Open Meeting and, as such, will abide by all of the Club rules and by-laws and may sail only the boat entered for the open meeting.

All entrants and authorized guests shall also comply with the following **Water Authority Regulations**:-

a) **No parking** of vehicles on any roadways, slipways or grass areas. All vehicles shall be parked in the sailing club main car park once the trailer and boat are unloaded.

b) **Dogs** are not allowed on the site. They may be walked in the adjacent Country Park

c) Draycote Water Sailing Club reserves the right to make a condition of entry that a visiting boat be properly disinfected.

18 Obstructions

18.1 Fishing boats, whether engaged in fishing or not, shall rank as obstructions. For this purpose, the area within which a fishing line extends from, or is being cast from, a fishing boat, shall form a part of the fishing boat.

18.2 Rescue boats and Committee Boats when not displaying definitive start or finish flags, shall similarly rank as obstructions.

19 Exclusion Areas

Boats shall not sail at any time within 30 metres of the shore except at the Club compound, nor, during the fishing season, within the buoyed area in Toft Bay or within 80 metres of Draycote reservoir banks. These areas rank as obstructions.

Landing in an exclusion area is allowed only in an emergency.

The pontoon and moorings in front of the Clubhouse are for use only by official boats.

Competitors shall keep clear of the club racing finish line, which lies between the clubhouse and the mark lettered OL in front of the clubhouse.

20 Penalty System

RSS Rule 44.1 (2 Turns, 1 turn for touching a mark) will apply.

21 Prizes

21.1 Prizes will be awarded, to 1st, 2nd and 3rd boats of each class.

22 Social Arrangements and Club Rules

22.1 On arrival, all visiting boats should follow instructions to go to the special visitor rigging area/landing shores, which are beyond the Clubhouse and the windsurfing shore. After unloading, vehicles must be parked in the main car park. Visitors must not park vehicles or trailers in the windsurf car park. Failure of Competitors or Support Team to follow these instructions may result in exclusion/disqualification.

22.2 Further information including a map of the site is available from the Open Meeting page of the club website.

23 Rights to use Names & Likenesses

23.1 Competitors automatically grant to the organising authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event.

24 Further Information

24.1 For further information please contact Draycote Water Sailing Club, Kites Hardwick, Nr Rugby, Warwickshire, CV23 8AB, 01788 811153 office@draycotewater.co.uk

24.2 The organiser is Richard Botting: 07824 380227 or rmbotting@tiscali.co.uk