

Sailing Instructions

British Keelboat League 2021

BKL Finals

Poole Yacht Club

24th to 26th September 2021



1. Rules

- 1.1. These Sailing Instructions change RRS 26, 29.1, 33, 35, 49.1, 60.1(b), 62, 62.1, 63.1, A4, A5 and Race Signals.
- 1.2. Boats are provided by the Organising Authorities, there are no class rules.
- 1.3. Attachments A, C & L to these sailing instructions always apply.

2. Eligibility

- 2.1. To become eligible, a crew shall register as required by the notice of race and pre-event information.
- 2.2. After registration only registered crew members may race. No change to the list of registered crew members may be made without the prior permission of the race committee.

3. Safety

- 3.1. RRS 40.1 applies at times whilst sailing or transferring between boats.
- 3.2. A boat shall neither make nor receive radio communications while racing.
- 3.3. Support Boats shall be clearly marked to identify the Team they are supporting. They shall maintain a listening watch on the Race Committee VHF Channel; they may not transmit on this channel except in an emergency. Unless requested by the Race Committee; support boats shall remain a minimum distance of 50 meters from any racing boat, mark, start line or finish line and shall not make waves in the racing area or otherwise affect racing.

4. Event Format and Scoring

- 4.1. The event will be a series of short fleet races with all boats competing in each race.
- 4.2. A High Point Scoring System will apply. No scores shall be excluded.
- 4.3. Points will be awarded with first place being equal to the number of boats available at the start of the event, second place will be one point less and so on.
- 4.4. The Score for DNC, DNS, OCS, NSC, RET or DSQ will be zero points. This changes RRS A4.
- 4.5. Before starting and after finishing or retiring, boats shall sail to minimise any delay to the race schedule and without interfering with any boat still racing.
- 4.6. The initial schedule of races will be displayed on the official notice board. Any changes thereto and schedules for subsequent races will be displayed not less than 10 minutes before the start of those races.
- 4.7. The schedule of races may be modified during the event in as fair and practical way as possible determined by the race committee taking into account the entries, weather conditions, time constraints and any other relevant factors. Any change shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b).
- 4.8. When crews have not sailed the same number of races, places will be calculated by the average points score (to 2 decimal places) of each crew in all races they have sailed.

5. Equalisation and Allocation

- 5.1. The organizing authority and race committee will take all reasonable steps to equalise the boats.
- 5.2. The race committee will allocate the boats to be used in each race. A boat shall remain the responsibility of the crew until handed over to the race committee or the next crew to use that boat.
- 5.3. Neither the allocation of boats, nor any variation between the boats and their equipment, shall be grounds for redress. This amends RRS 62.1.
- 5.4. The last crew on board a boat at the end of each sailing day shall return the boat to the dock and moor it to the satisfaction of the Organising Authority and are responsible for:
 - (a) folding, bagging and placement of the sails as directed.
 - (b) removing all trash, tape and marks.
 - (c) leaving the boat in the same state of cleanliness as when first boarded that day.
 - (d) releasing backstay tension.
 - (e) complying with any instruction from any person appointed by the OA.
- 5.5. A breach of SI 5.4 may be considered as damage and the cost of rectification charged against the Crew.

6. Sail Combinations

A breach of this rule may be subject to an Umpire Initiated Penalty, in accordance with NoR Attachment U.

- 6.1. The sail combination to be used will be signalled from the race committee boat; with or before the warning signal. The signals will have the following meanings.

Signal	Meaning
No Signal	All sails may be used
NN 2	Boats shall race with a single reef in their mainsail
NN 3	Spinnakers may not be used.

- 6.2. After the starting signal and at a windward mark, the Race Committee may signal a change to the use or otherwise of spinnakers.
- (a) Displaying Flag NN 9 with repetitive sounds to signal that Spinnakers are able to be used in the race.
 - (b) Displaying Flag NN 3 with repetitive sounds to signal that Spinnakers may not be used in the remainder of the race.

7. Courses and Marks

- 7.1. The Course and Marks are described in Attachment C – Course.
- 7.2. The race committee may change the course at the leeward mark. The signal shall be the display of Flag C with repetitive sounds and a coloured flag indicating the colour of the next windward mark. This changes RRS 33.

8. The Start

- 8.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying the British Keelboat League flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end the line and the course side of the starting mark at the port end of the line.
- 8.2. The number of the next race to start may be displayed on the committee boat no later than the warning signal.
- 8.3. Races will be started by using the following signals; Times shall be taken from the start of each sound signal; the failure of a visual signal shall be disregarded. This amends RRS 26.:

Minutes before Starting Signal	Visual Signal	Sound Signal	Means
3	British Keelboat League Flag	One	Warning Signal
2	P Displayed	One	Preparatory Signal
1	Course Signal (see SI 8.4)	One	One Minute
0	P Removed	One	Starting Signal

- 8.4. The Course Signal will be a flag of a single colour which will indicate which colour Windward Mark is to be used. The colours which may be used are listed in SI C3.1.
- 8.5. When a boat is subject to RRS 29.1, flag X need not be displayed later than 1 minute after the starting signal; this amends RRS 29.1. The race committee may hail the boat numbers or the total number of premature starters. The nature of this hail and the order in which the boat numbers are hailed shall not be ground for a claim for redress, this changes RRS 60.1 (b).
- 8.6. Attention may be drawn to an imminent warning signal by a series of short sound signals.
- 8.7. A boat that fails to start within 3 minutes of her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing, this changes RRS 63.1 and RRS A5.

9. The Finish

- 9.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a British Keelboat League flag on the signal vessel and the course side of the finishing mark. This changes RRS Race Signals.
- 9.2. The time limit for each race is 25 minutes; the target race time is 12 minutes.
- 9.3. Boats that start and are still racing two minutes after the second boat sailed the course will be scored for the place the umpires judge them to be in at that time without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5. This score shall not be grounds for redress, this changes RRS 60.1(b).

10. Breakdowns

- 10.1. Crews are responsible for inspecting their boats before racing.
- 10.2. Before the warning signal of a race or within two minutes of changing into a new boat, whichever is the later, a boat may display a red flag to signal breakdown or damage to the boat, her sails, or injury to her crew and request a delay to the next start. She shall proceed as soon as possible to a position just to leeward of the main RC boat and remain there unless otherwise directed.
- 10.3. The time allowed for repairs will be at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 10.4. After the warning signal of a race, it will not be postponed or abandoned due to breakdown unless the breakdown signal was displayed as required by SI 9.2.
- 10.5. Except when RRS 62.1(b) applies, failure to effect repairs in the time allowed, or breakdowns after the Warning signal shall not be grounds for redress, this changes RRS 62.
- 10.6. When to continue racing after damage or a breakdown risks further damage to the boat, she shall retire immediately.

11. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 11.1. Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted one hour before the start of the first race in which it will first take effect, except for changes to the schedule as allowed in SI 4.6.
- 11.2. Any changes made afloat will be communicated orally by the umpires.

12. Risk Statement and Damage

Competitors are reminded of their acceptance of the Risk Statement and Damage process as included in the Series Notice of Race.

Attachment A – Event Specific Rules

BKL Finals, Poole Yacht Club

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A1. Event Programme

Date	Event (& Notes)	Time(s)
Friday 24 th September	Registration	0830-1130
	Training – Pre Booked Sessions	0900
	Competitor Briefing	1215
	Dock out for First Race	1230
	First Warning Signal will not be before	1257
Saturday 25 th September	Dock Out for First Race	0830
	First Warning Signal will not be before	0927
Sunday 26 th September	Dock Out for First Race	0830
	First Warning Signal will not be before	0927
	Last Warning signal at approximately	1600
	Prize Giving (or as soon as possible)	1645

A2. Event Specific Rules and Byelaws

A2.1. The following local Rules will also apply:

- (a) Race boats in the vicinity of the RoRo turning basin shall follow instructions from race officials, umpires or marklayers when given.

A2.2. The following areas are defined as obstructions:

- (a) The area of the RoRo turning basin to the east of the club marina entrance delineated as the area east of a line running due north from "Cakes", a yellow race mark and north of a line running due east from "Cakes".
- (b) While racing, no part of a boats hull shall cross an imaginary straight line between any two adjacent trot moorings and/or moored boats.

A2.3. Additional Local Considerations:

- (a) A line of orange dumpy inflatables may be in place to indicate where shallow may exist at certain states of tide.

A3. Notices to Competitors

A3.1. Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Online Official Notice Board at <https://www.britishkeelboatleague.co.uk/official-noticeboard-2021/>.

A3.2. During the event, Notices to Competitors will also be placed on a notice board located under the balcony outside the changing rooms on the south side of the clubhouse

A4. Signals Made Ashore

A4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed Poole Yacht Club flagstaff on the south side of the clubhouse.

A4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore the warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after removal. This changes race signal AP.

A5. Racing Area

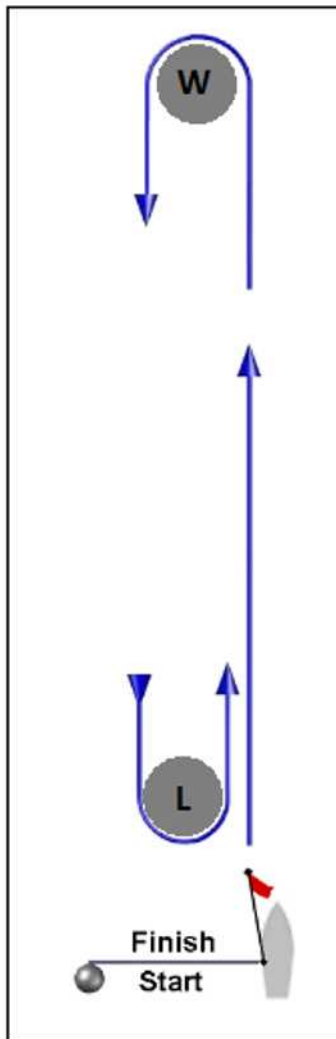
A5.1. The Racing Area will be the waters of Poole Harbour near the Club.

A6. Event Boats

A6.1. The event will be sailed in provided 6 metre keelboats with asymmetric spinnakers without lifelines.

A6.2. Where fitted, use of an engine is prohibited, where not fitted corrector weights are installed.

Attachment C – Course



C1. For the purposes of the definitions used elsewhere in these Sailing Instructions

C1.1. Mark W will be the Windward Mark

C1.2. Mark L will be the Leeward Mark

C2. Course – leaving W & L to Port.

C2.1. Start – W – L – W – Finish

C3. The colour of the Windward Mark to be used during a race will be indicated by the warning signal as per SI 8.4; or changed by a flag as displayed according to SI 7.2.

C3.1. The colours available for the Windward Mark are as follows

(a) Orange

(b) Black

(c) Blue

C3.2. Where practical, the Race Committee may remove any unused Windward Marks; failure to do so will not be grounds for redress; this changes RRS 60.1(b).

C4. The Leeward Mark will be Grey.

C5. The Starting and Finishing mark will be White.

Attachment L - Boat Handling Rules

A breach of the following Sailing Instructions may result in a penalty initiated by an umpire in accordance with NoR Attachment U.

L1 Actions Prohibited at All Times

The following actions are prohibited at all times, unless permitted by SI L2:

- (a) Adjusting or altering the tension of standing rigging, excluding the backstay when fitted;
- (b) Using the boom, shrouds (including any inner shrouds) above the turnbuckle or other device used to adjust the stay, to facilitate tacking, gybing or steering;
- (c) Extending the bowsprit except when the gennaker is being set, is set, or is being retrieved, the bowsprit shall be retracted at the first reasonable opportunity after the retrieval.
- (d) Using a winch to adjust the mainsheet, backstay or vang;
- (e) Using a reef line as an outhaul;
- (f) Omitting any headsail car or turning block before sheeting onto a winch, or cross winching;
- (g) Adding to, omitting or altering the equipment supplied. In particular, removing a pole downhaul, cutting or shortening of any sheets, control lines or other running rigging;
- (h) The removal or replacement of any equipment without the consent of the race committee;
- (i) Sailing the boat in a manner that it is reasonable to predict would cause damage;
- (j) Moving equipment from its normal stowage position except when being used;
- (k) Boarding a boat without the consent of the race committee;
- (l) Taking a boat from its berth or mooring without the consent of the race committee, or while flag AP is displayed ashore;
- (m) Hauling-out or cleaning surfaces below the waterline;
- (n) Marking directly on the hull or deck with permanent ink;
- (o) Perforating sails, even to attach tell tales;
- (p) The use of any equipment for a purpose other than that intended.

L2 Permitted Actions

Notwithstanding SI L1, the tools and equipment in SI L2.1 may be taken on board and the actions in SI L2.2 are permitted.

L2.1 The following tools or equipment may be taken on board:

- (a) Safety knives, each with retractable blade or sheath
- (b) Basic hand tools
- (c) Electrical tape
- (d) Rope (elastic or otherwise)
- (e) Marking pens
- (f) Tell tale material
- (g) Watches and timers
- (h) Shackles and clevis pins
- (i) Velcro tape

L2.2 The following are permitted tasks:

- (a) Any action considered necessary for the safety of the crew
- (b) Changing the number of purchase for the mainsheet
- (c) Lazy sheets and control lines may be used to aid hiking; this changes RRS 49.1.
- (d) Prevent fouling of lines, sails and sheets
- (e) Attach tell tales
- (f) Prevent sails being damaged or falling overboard
- (g) Make minor repairs and permitted adjustments.