



# Dam to Dam Open 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1 RULES

1.1 The event will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (RRS)*.

### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board in the Kielder Water Sailing Club clubhouse.
- 2.2 Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 1 hour before the scheduled warning signal of any race affected.

### 3 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 3.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Club signal mast.
- 3.2 When the AP flag is displayed ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 20 minutes after flag AP is removed. **This changes the meaning of AP in Race Signals.**

### 4 PERSONAL FLOATATION

- 4.1 Flag Y will not be displayed. Personal Floatation Devices shall be worn at all times afloat and on the jetty. **This changes Rule 40.**

### 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 The schedule will be:

Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May
9:30 – 11:30 hrs: Registration	10:30 hrs: First Warning Signal
12:00 hrs: Competitor Briefing	1 x Race will be sailed
13:00 hrs: First Warning Signal	
1 Race will be sailed	

5.2 Races will be of long duration, taking in the entire length of the reservoir, weather dependent.

### 6 STARTING ORDER AND CLASS FLAGS

6.1 There will be a massed start of all classes for both races. The starting flags will be announced at the time of the briefing.

### 7 SAILING AREA

- 7.1 The racing area will be Kielder Water. (See map in appendix 1)
- 7.2 Boats shall not enter the prohibited areas marked as such on the map displayed in the clubhouse. These areas rank as obstructions.

### 8 COURSES AND MARKS

8.1 The course will be announced at the briefing.

## **9 SIGNING ON AND OFF BOARD**

- 9.1** All competitors must complete the procedure for signing on and off the water. The procedure will be explained during the briefing.

## **10 THE START**

- 10.1** Starts will be governed by **Rule 26**; the time sequence being 5-4-1-0.

- 10.2** The Start line will be announced at the briefing.

## **11 THE FINISH**

- 11.1** The Finish line will be announced at the briefing, unless the course is shortened to a rounding mark under rule 32.2(a).

## **12 TIME LIMITS**

- 12.1** Time limits will be announced at the briefing. **This changes Rule 35.**

## **13 PROTESTS**

- 13.1** Protest forms are available at the race office.

- 13.2** Protest Time Limit. A protest shall be delivered to the race office not later than one hour after the last boat finishes the last race of that day.

- 13.3** Notice of Protests will be posted on the Official Notice Board no later than 10 minutes after the protest time limit, to inform competitors of the hearings to which they are parties or are named as witnesses.

- 13.4** Breaches of Sailing Instructions 4, 7 and 16 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. **This changes rule 60.1(a).**

## **14 SCORING**

- 14.1** The series will be scored using the Low Point scoring system in Appendix A4 of the racing rules.

- 14.2** The two races held on the Sunday and Monday will constitute the series to compete for the Dam to Dam Endurance trophy.

- 14.3** Corrected times will be calculated using the Portsmouth Yardstick system.

## **15 DISCARDS.**

- 15.1** There will be no discards.

## **16 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 16.1** Declaration sheets will be posted in the clubhouse.

- 16.2** Declaration sheets shall be signed within 1 hour of the finish of the last boat in the last race of the day. Any helm failing to sign the declaration sheet will be scored DSQ without a hearing. **This changes rule 63.1**

- 16.3** A boat that retires from a race or from the event shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

## **17 REPLACEMENT OF CREW**

- 17.1** Substitution of crew will not be allowed without the prior approval of the race committee.

## **18 BOAT IDENTIFICATION.**

- 18.1** Distinguishing sail numbers shall be clearly visible. If sail numbers cannot be distinguished, a boat may be scored DNF without a hearing. **This changes rule 63.1**

- 18.2** A variation of sail numbers shall be notified to the Race Office and may be accepted by the Race Committee.

## **19 TRASH DISPOSAL.**

- 19.1** Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.

- 19.2** The penalty for breaking rule 55, Trash Disposal, is at the discretion of the protest committee (DPI) and may be less than disqualification.

**Appendix 1**

