

Marconi SC Keelboat Championships 2021

Sunday 29th August

NOTICE OF RACE 1.

1. THE EVENT

1.1 The Marconi Sailing Club 2021 Keelboat Championships will take place on Sunday 29th August 2021 at Marconi Sailing Club and will be sailed in the clubs fleet of SB20's. Racing will follow the format of The British Keelboat League (BKL).

1.2 The Organising Authority is the Marconi Sailing Club.

1.3 Sailing Programme

a. Race office opens from 0930 in the club marque.

b. Registration will be from 0930 until 1000 unless extended by the organising authority.

c. The briefing will be at 1000 in the marque. Attendance by all crews is mandatory, fully dressed in sailing kit and ready to go afloat.

d. The time of the warning signal for the first race will be 1200 hrs.

e. The time of the last warning signal will be 1700 hrs.

2. RULES

2.1 The Series will be governed by :

2.1.1 the RRS (including Appendix U));

2.1.2 the byelaws of Marconi Sailing Club. The bylaws can be seen in the club members handbook. The most relevant of those bylaws are set out in Addendum 1 of this Notice; and

2.1.3 rules for the handling of boats, which will be set out in the Sailing Instructions.

2.2 All races will be umpired.

2.3 The right of appeal will be denied in accordance with RRS 70.5 (a).

2.4 RRS 14 shall apply to all boats at all times whether racing or not.

2.5 Racing will commence just after low water. The Sailing Instructions will contain provisions requiring boats to keep in the deep water channel whilst navigating to the racing area, and remaining within the boundaries of the race area in order to avoid grounding.

2.6 The Sailing Instructions will also contain provisions providing for penalties to be taken differing from the provisions in Appendix D, but providing for lesser penalties when taken voluntarily by competitors than those imposed by the umpires.

3. ENTRY

3.1 A team shall comprise crews for SB20s where over 50% of the crew per team, have previously sailed SB20s.

3.2 Each boat crew may consist of any gender, be 3 or 4 in crew numbers and each crew must be over 14 years of age. There are no weight requirements.

3.3 Communication between the organising authority and participants shall be conducted primarily by e-mail, the club weekly newsletter and the club website

3.4 In the case of the event being cancelled in the days leading up to the event, a notice will be posted on the club website and each team captain (or parent of team captain if captain is under 18 years) will be contacted by email.

4. RISK STATEMENT

4.1 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".

4.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. All those taking part should be fully aware and conscious of the actual and potential risks involved in active watersports, including drowning, hypothermia and other physical injuries including head injuries.

4.3 They should be especially aware of the particular risks in BKL style racing where boats are manoeuvred in close proximity and where the actions of other competitors, the action or inaction of the organisers, the umpires and drivers of other escort craft can also endanger their safety.

4.4 By taking part in the event, each and every competitor agree and acknowledge that: (i) 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; (ii) they are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore; (iii) they accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions; (iv) they have checked that their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event; (v) they have checked that they and their fellow crew members are fit to participate; (vi) the provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities; (vii) the provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

5. SAFETY

5.1 A 50N CE personal flotation device (PFD) for each member of the teams shall be worn at all times when afloat, including when walking on the pontoons.

5.2 All participants must abide by the safety considerations detailed in the clubs Byelaws and it's codes of practices.

6. FORMAT

6.1 The event will include as many races as are possible within the day and will be scored using a high points scoring system.

6.2 The course will be a 15 minute windward/leeward layout as used in the British Keelboat League.

6.3 Teams will change boats throughout the series.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available in due course on the Marconi SC website

7.2 The schedule of races will be distributed at the 1000 hrs briefing.

8. REGISTRATION & BRIEFING.

8.1 All crew members of teams must attend the registration and briefing in the club marque at 10:00hrs.

8.2 Registration will be from 0930 until 1000 unless extended by the organising authority.

8.3 The briefing will be at 1000 in the marque. Attendance by all crews is mandatory, fully dressed in sailing kit and ready to go afloat.

9. PRIZES & PRIZEGIVING

9.1. Prizegiving will be held shortly after completion of racing on Sunday 29th August.

9.2 The Osea Cup will be presented to the overall winners of the event and will be retained for 12 months or until the next Keelboat Championships are held.

9.3 The Keelboat Cup will be presented to the highest scoring team of young sailors. The organising authority reserves the right to determine the definition of 'young sailors' and will make this known to the competing teams at the briefing.

9.4 In the event of a young sailor team winning the event overall, Keelboat Cup will be awarded to the next highest scoring young sailor team.

9.5 The Osea Cup and the Keelboat Cup will remain the property of the Marconi Sailing Club.

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Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

1.1 These sailing instruction change RRS 26, 29.1, 33, 35, 49.1, 60.1(b), 62, 62.1, 63.1, A4, A5 and Race Signals.

1.2 Attachments L and U also make part of the changes to RRS

2. RACE SIGNALS & VHF COMMUNICATION

2.1 The committee boat will be anchored at the starboard end of the start line and will be indicated by a Marconi Sailing Club flag flying from it's mast. Should the start line need to be moved during the event, the flag may be transferred to a different boat that will then become the committee boat.

2.2 The committee boat will NOT use flags to indicate the start sequence.

2.3 The committee boat will use VHF Channel M2 / P4 to broadcast the start sequence and to indicate OCS of those boats starting.

2.4 Each team shall provide it's own handheld VHF capable of transmitting and receiving on VHF Channel M2 / P4 which should be worn and operated by a single member of the team.

2.5 Failure to hear the communications from the committee boat will not be grounds for redress.

3. SAFETY

3.1 Participants will abide by the Safety requirements indicated in points 4 and 5 of the NOR.

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.

6. SAIL COMBINATION

6.1 The race committee will communicate to the fleet prior to the start of a race the sail combinations that are to be used. Where a spinnaker is NOT to be used for a race this will be

10.1 Crews are responsible for checking that their boat is in a safe and seaworthy condition to race, prior to each race.

10.2 Before the warning signal of a race, and within 2 minutes of boarding a new boat, teams should indicate using the VHF Channel, that their boat is subject to a breakdown.

10.3 The time allowed to repair a broken-down boat will be at the discretion of the committee.

10.4 After the warning signal for any race, the race will not be postponed or abandoned due to break-down of a boat.

10.5 The break-down of a boat that cannot be repaired within the available time which prevents a team from sailing in a race will not be grounds for redress.

10.6 In the event that a boat cannot be repaired and therefore cannot be sailed in the remaining races, and requires teams to sail fewer races than the other teams, then the event will be scored on average points scored for the races sailed by the teams.

11. OBSTRUCTIONS

11.1 The following are defined as obstructions:

(a) The areas of the Marconi moorings, Stone Moorings and boats moored in the Osea Island mooring area inside of the 8 knot speed limit buoys.

12. RACE AREA

12.1 The race area to be used will be communicated at the briefing

12.2 Likely race areas include: Steeple Bay, St Lawrence Bay, An area between Marconi race mark S, the 8 knot speed limit buoys off Osea Island and Marconi navigation buoy.

12.3 The race area may move during the day

13. FOOD DRINKS AND HOSPITALITY

13.1 Crews should take sufficient, food and drinks afloat with them to sustain them for a full day of sailing.

13.2 Each Team should provide a single bag, into which the whole teams food can be stored. The logistics of having a single bag for every crew member will prove problematic to manage given the number of bags that this would amount to.

13.3 A hospitality vessel will be at anchor in close proximity to the race area on which the teams food bag will be stored. When teams are scheduled to be 'not sailing', the ribs will transfer the team to the hospitality vessel where they will be able to access their food and make use of the toilets onboard the hospitality vessel.

13.4 Unless for safety reasons, crews will not be returned to the Marconi club until racing has been completed.

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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.

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Attachment U : Umpired Fleet Racing

This attachment changes RRS 17, 28.2, 31, 41, 44, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64.1, 65, 66, 70 and definition 'proper course' and is based on World Sailing Appendix (F) version September 17, 2020; with rule changes approved by the RFA under RRS 86.3.

U1. CHANGES TO THE DEFINITIONS, THE RULES OF PART 1 AND 2, AND RULE 70

U1.1 Add to the definition Proper Course: 'A boat taking a penalty or manoeuvring to take a penalty is not sailing a proper course.'

U1.2 Add new rule 8 to Part 1:

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The umpires will assume that the state of a boat, or her relationship to another boat, has not changed, until they are certain that it has changed.'

U1.3 Rule 17 is deleted.

U1.4 When Rule 20 applies, the following arm signals are required in addition to the hails:

- (a) for 'Room to tack', repeatedly and clearly pointing to windward; and
- (b) for 'You tack', repeatedly and clearly pointing at the other boat and waving the arm to windward.

U2. CHANGES TO OTHER RULES

U2.1 Rule 31 is replaced with 'While racing, neither the crew nor any part of a boat's hull shall touch a starting mark before starting, a mark that begins, bounds or ends the leg of the course on which she is sailing, or a finishing mark after finishing. In addition, while racing, a boat shall not touch a race committee vessel that is also a mark.'

U2.2 Add to RRS 41: '(e) help to recover from the water and return on board a crew member, provided that the return onboard is at the approximate location of the recovery.'

U2.3 Rule 64.1(a) is changed so that the provision for exonerating a boat may be applied by the umpires without a hearing, and it takes precedence over any conflicting rule of this attachment.

U3. ON WATER PROTESTS AND PENALTIES

U3.1 The first sentence of rule 44.1 is replaced with: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when, in an incident while racing, she may have broken one or more of the rules of Part 2 (except rule 14 when she has caused damage or injury), rule 31 or rule 42.'

U3.2 On Water Protests by Boats and Penalties

- (a) While racing, a boat may protest another boat under a rule of Part 2 (except rule 14) or under rule 31 or 42; however, a boat may only protest under a rule of Part 2 for an incident in which she was involved. To do so she shall hail 'Protest' and conspicuously display a red flag at the first reasonable opportunity for each. She shall remove the flag before, or at the first reasonable opportunity after a boat involved in the incident has taken a penalty voluntarily or after an umpire's decision.
- (b) A boat that protests as provided in rule U3.2(a) is not entitled to a hearing. Instead, a boat involved in the incident may acknowledge breaking a rule by voluntarily taking a One-Turn Penalty in accordance with rule 44.2. An umpire may penalize any boat that broke a rule and was not exonerated, unless the boat took a penalty voluntarily.

U4. Penalties and Protests Initiated by an Umpire

U4.1 When a boat

- (a) breaks rule 31 and does not take a penalty,
- (b) breaks rule 42
- (c) breaks a rule identified within the Sailing Instructions as subject to an Umpire Initiated Penalty.
- (d) commits a breach of sportsmanship, including but not limited to deliberately breaking a rule, or gains an advantage despite taking a penalty,
- (e) fails to comply with rule U5.2 or to take a penalty when required to do so by an umpire, or

an umpire may penalize her without a protest by another boat. The umpire may impose one or more One-Turn Penalties to be taken in accordance with rule 44.2, each signalled in accordance with rule U5.1(b), or disqualify her under rule U5.1(c), or report the incident to the protest committee for further action. If a boat is penalized under rule U4.1(e) for not taking a penalty or taking a penalty incorrectly, the original penalty is cancelled.

U4.2 An umpire who decides, based on his own observation or a report received from any source, that a boat may have broken a rule, other than rule U5.2 or rule 28 or a rule listed in rule U3.2(a), may inform the protest committee for its action under rule 60.3. However, he will not inform the protest committee of an alleged breach of rule 14 unless there is damage or injury.

U4.3 The last sentence of rule 28.2 is changed to 'She may correct any errors to comply with this rule, provided she has not rounded the next mark or finished.' A boat that does not correct any such error shall be disqualified under rule U5.1(c).

U4.4 An umpire may penalise a boat for a breach of Rule 14 in accordance with Attachment X.

U5. Umpire Signals

U5.1 An umpire will signal a decision as follows:

(a) The umpire boat will come close to the boats involved in the protest and hail their decision whilst pointing to the boat that the verbal decision is being communicated to.

(b) The umpire boat may re-position itself so that it comes within hailing distance of each boat that it is communicating with.

(c) The umpire boat will NOT display flags.

(d) The umpire boat may transmit their decision on VHF Channel (M2 / P4)

U5.2 Imposed Penalties

(a) A boat penalized under rule U5.1(a) shall take a two turn penalty in accordance with rule 44.2

(b) A boat disqualified under rule U5.1(a) shall promptly remove itself from the race course area.

U6. PROTESTS; REQUESTS FOR REDRESS OR REOPENING; APPEALS; OTHER PROCEEDINGS

U6.1 No proceedings of any kind may be taken in relation to any action or non-action by an umpire.

U6.2 Rule 60.1 is replaced with 'A boat may protest another boat or request redress provided she has complied with rule U3.2(a) and U6.3

U6.3 A boat intending to

- (a) protest another boat under a rule other than rule U5.2 or rule 28, or a rule listed in rule U3.2(a),
- (b) protest another boat under rule 14 if there was contact that caused damage or injury, or
- (c) request redress

shall hail and inform the race committee as soon as possible after finishing.

U6.4 The race committee will promptly inform the protest committee about any protests or requests for redress made under rule U6.3.

U6.5 The third sentence of rule 61.1(a) and all of rule 61.1(a)(2) are deleted.

U6.6

- (a) Protests and requests for redress need not be in writing.
- (b) The protest committee may take evidence and conduct the hearing in any way it considers appropriate and may communicate its decision orally.
- (c) If the protest committee decides that a breach of a rule has had no effect on the outcome of the race, it may impose a penalty of points or fraction of points or make another arrangement it decides is equitable, which may be to impose no penalty.

U6.7 The race committee will not protest a boat

U6.8 The protest committee may protest a boat under rule 60.3. However, it will not protest a boat for breaking rule UF3.6 or rule 28, a rule listed in rule U3.2(a), or rule 14 unless there is damage or injury.

U6.9 In rule 66 the third sentence is changed to 'A party to the hearing may not ask for a reopening.'