



K6 Open Meeting
RS Vareo Inland Championships 2024
420 National Grand Prix Open Meeting
Oxford Sailing Club
Club Rules and Sailing Instructions

4 and 5 May 2024

Welcome to Oxford Sailing Club.

While you are sailing here you are an associate member of The Club and are bound by its rules. You should take particular note of the following as contravention risks disqualification from the entire event.

CLUB RULES

1. No animals are allowed on site other than the car park and the countryside walk.
2. Vehicles and road trailers must be parked in the designated car park. Unloading near the clubhouse/Reservoir should be limited to 10 minutes after which the vehicles must be removed to the car park.
3. No one may stay overnight on the site, and therefore camping and caravans are not permitted. **Vehicles may NOT be left on site overnight.**
4. Paddling and swimming in the reservoir are not allowed.
5. Boats shall keep clear of all Thames Water fixtures and installations, and must remain at least 20 metres from fishermen and fishing boats which may be regarded as obstructions to sea room.
6. Adequate personal buoyancy must be worn at all times when afloat or on the pontoon, and if of the inflatable type then it must be sufficiently inflated to support the wearer.

We wish you good luck and hope you enjoy your sailing at Oxford Sailing Club.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. These sailing instructions; the appropriate class rules (except as altered by these sailing instructions); the Notice of Race, Oxford Sailing Club (OSC) Articles and bylaws and any temporary regulations introduced by OSC or Thames Water will apply during the event.
- 1.3. All competitors and their guests shall be deemed to be associate members of OSC. Rule 76.1 is modified such that the Club reserves the right to reject or rescind the entry of any boat or competitor, or to exclude members of his party at any time before or during the event.
- 1.4. Rule 77 governing class insignia, national letters and numbers on sails is amended to the effect that, under exceptional circumstances, the Race Committee may permit a boat to use sails carrying a distinguishing number other than that required.
- 1.5. Change to RRS31, **this sailing instruction applicable to the RS Vareo and K6 Class only.**
If a boat touches a start or finish mark they shall complete a one-turn penalty as described in RRS 44.2. Touching other rounding or passing marks is permitted.
- 1.6. A boat shall not manhandle a mark when it results in an advantage, if a boat does so she shall promptly retire. A boat that infringes this Sailing Instruction will be scored DSQ in the race she has just finished; this changes RRS 63.1 & A5.
- 1.7. **This sailing instruction is applicable to the RS Vareo and K6 Classes only.**
Rule 44.1 is changed so that the two turns penalty is replaced by a one turn penalty.

1. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 1.1. Notices to competitors shall be posted on the Official Notice Board which will be located in the foyer of the clubhouse.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any change to these sailing instructions shall be posted at least one hour before the start of the race in which it will take effect and international Code flag 'L' will be flown.

3. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 3.1. Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the mast situated at the South end of the clubhouse.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. Start times are as follows:
420 Race 1 13:00 on 4/05/2023
Race 2 Immediately following Race 1
Race 3 Immediately following Race 2

Race 4 10:30 on 5/05/2023

Race 5 Immediately following Race 4

Race 6 Immediately following Race 5

K6 Race 1 5 mins after 420 Race 1 start
Race 2 5 mins after 420 Race 2 start
Race 3 5 mins after 420 Race 3 start
Race 4 5 mins after 420 Race 4 start
Race 5 5 mins after 420 Race 5 start
Race 6 5 mins after 420 Race 6 start

Vareo Race 1 5 mins after K6 Race 1 start
Race 2 5 mins after K6 Race 2 start
Race 3 5 mins after K6 Race 3 start
Race 4 5 mins after K6 Race 4 start
Race 5 5 mins after K6 Race 5 start
Race 6 5 mins after K6 Race 6 start

- 5.2. On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 14:00.
- 5.3. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before the warning signal is made.

6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1. The 420 class flag is 'C'.
- 6.2. The K6 class flag is 'Orange with black K6 lettering'.
- 6.3. The Vareo class flag is 'RS Vareo'.

7. RACING AREA

- 7.1. The racing area is Farmoor 2 reservoir.

8. COURSES

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- 8.1. The trapezoid leading into offset windward-leeward course shall be sailed:
The diagram in Appendix A indicates the relative position of the marks but does not indicate the angles between the legs.
- 8.2. The course configuration and order of rounding of marks will be as follows:
 - 8.2.1. In all cases Mark A is the intended windward mark.
 - 8.2.2. Marks A, S, B, C2 & Committee Boat are to be left to port, and C1, Finish Mark are to be left to starboard
 - 8.2.3. All rounds: A, S, B, C1/C2, B, C1/C2, B, C2, Finish.
- 8.3. **Three (3) rounds/laps** will be sailed; the boats will round the leeward 'C1/C2' gate **Three (3)** times and then proceed to the finish line directly astern on the committee boat.

K6 and RS Vareo

- 8.4. The windward-leeward course shall be sailed:
The diagram in Appendix A indicates the relative position of the marks but does not

indicate the angles between the legs.

- 8.5. The course configuration and order of rounding of marks will be as follows:
 - 8.5.1. Mark A is the intended windward mark.
 - 8.5.2. Marks A, S & D are to be left to port.
 - 8.5.3. All rounds: A, S, D
- 8.6. **K6: Four (4) rounds/laps** will be sailed; the boats will round the leeward 'D' mark Four (4) times and then proceed to the finish line directly astern on the committee boat.
- 8.7. **RS Vareo: Three (3) rounds/laps** will be sailed; the boats will round the leeward 'D' mark Three (3) times and then proceed to the finish line directly astern on the committee boat.

9. MAGNETIC BEARING OF MARK A

- 9.1. The magnetic bearing of mark A from the Committee Boat will not be displayed.

10. COURSE MARKS

- 10.1. Marks A, B, C1/C2 and D are tall orange cylinders.
- 10.2. Spreader Mark S is Yellow finger mark.
- 10.3. The start mark is Dhan Buoy with Orange Flag (port side of committee boat)
- 10.4. The Finish mark is Dhan Buoy with Blue Flag (directly astern of committee boat)
- 10.5. Additional or alternative marks may be used as described on the Official Notice Board.

11. THE START

- 11.1. Races will be started as follows:

First start (420): in accordance with RRS 26.

Subsequent starts including general recalls:

 - 11.1.1. 5 min (previous class start): class flag raised.
 - 11.1.2. 4 min 'P'/'Z'/'U'/'Black flag' raised.
 - 11.1.3. 1 min: 'P'/'Z'/'U'/'Black flag' lowered.
 - 11.1.4. 0 min: class flag lowered.
- 11.2. The starting line is defined as the line between the forward mast of the Committee Boat and the start mark.
- 11.3. When the Race Committee vessel is on station it will fly an orange flag which will be lowered one minute (with one sound signal) before the start sequence commences.
- 11.4. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other classes.
- 11.5. **RECALLS**
 - 11.5.1. **Individual Recall**

When at a boat's starting signal any part of her hull is on the course side of the starting line, the race committee shall promptly display flag X with one long sound signal. The flag shall be displayed until the hull of each such boat has been completely on the pre-start side of the starting line.
 - 11.5.2. **General Recall**

When at the starting signal the race committee is unable to identify boats that are on the course side of the starting line, the race committee will signal a general recall (display the First Substitute with two long sound

signals). The warning signal for a new start for the recalled class shall be made one minute after the First Substitute. Subsequent fleet starts will follow the recalled new start.

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1. The Race Committee may adjust the course by moving or substituting marks. When the course is changed by substitution of a mark, a boat will be stationed near the start of the first leg affected and will fly flag C. She will draw attention to this by making intermittent sound signals. In alteration of rule 33, the compass bearing of the new mark or green/red triangular flags will not be displayed.

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1. The finishing line will be between the Race Committee vessel's Stern mast (flying the blue finishing flag) and the finishing mark (Dhan buoy with blue flag directly astern).
- 13.2. Shorten Course: Given the split courses NO shorten course will be signalled; the boats will complete the full course.

14. TIME LIMIT

- 14.1. The time limit for the leader in each race will be 75 minutes. Any boat not finishing within 20 minutes of the leading boat or within the time limit, whichever is later shall be scored in their observed positions on the course or last mark rounding position if recorded. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5. Boats finished in this way will be advised of the fact by a safety boat and should stop racing thereafter. The Race Officer may extend the 20 minute time limit at his discretion.
- 14.2. The end of the finishing period will be signalled by the lowering of the blue flag with one sound signal.

15. HEARING REQUESTS

- 15.1. Protests shall be written on the forms available from reception and lodged there within 30 minutes of the last boat completing the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is the later.
- 15.2. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 15.3. The Protest Committee will meet as soon as possible after the day's racing.

16. SCORING SYSTEM

- 16.1. The Low Point Scoring System, as detailed in Appendix A of the RRS, will apply.
- 16.2. When less than four races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores.
- 16.3. When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1. Adequate personal buoyancy shall be worn at all times when afloat or on the pontoons. Dry or wet suits alone do not constitute personal buoyancy.

18. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 18.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.
- 18.2. When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

19. TRASH DISPOSAL

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

20. PRIZES

- 20.1. Prizes will be given for each class as defined by the Notice of Race.
- 20.2. The highest placed Oxford based K6 will receive the John Hall Trophy.

Appendix A - Course Information

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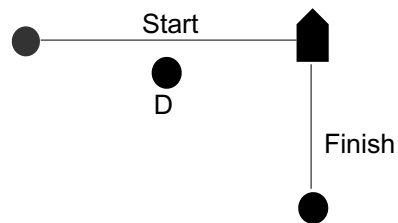
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A
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S

420 course	A, S, B, C1/C2 B, C1/C2 B, C2, Finish.
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K6 course	A, S, D A, S, D A, S, D A, S, D Finish.
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RS Vareo course	A, S, D A, S, D A, S, D Finish.
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C1 ●
C2



A	Orange 6' Tower
S	Yellow Finger
B	Orange 6' Tower
C1	Orange 6' Tower
C2	Orange 6' Tower
D	Orange 6' Tower
Start	Black 6' Tower
Finish	Blue Flag Dhan