

Bart's Bash 2017: SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 - 2020.

1.2 Local rules and/or bye-laws of Host Clubs may apply. These will be detailed in the Supplementary Sailing Instructions for each location.

1.3 The Supplementary Sailing Instructions may details changes to rules.

1.4 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence. If there is any inconsistency between these Sailing Instructions and the Supplementary Sailing Instructions, these Sailing Instructions will prevail.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted as described in the Supplementary Sailing Instructions.

3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted by midday on 15th September 2017 at www.bartsbash.com

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed as described in the Supplementary Sailing Instructions

5. SCHEDULE OF RACE

5.1 The Race start time and finish time must take place between 00:00 on the 16th September and 23:59 on 17th September 2017.

5.2 The Schedule of Racing, including a briefing if applicable, will be published in the Supplementary Sailing Instructions of each Host Club.

5.3 Any race taking place outside of these times will need written authorisation from the Bart's Bash team and may not be included in the main results.

6. SUPPLEMENTARY SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The following items will be described in the Supplementary Sailing Instructions to be published by the applicable Host Club:

- a) Schedule, including race times and briefing times if applicable
- b) Changes to be made to the Supplementary Sailing Instructions including the time and date as to which such changes are to be published
- c) Class Flags
- d) Signals Made Ashore
- e) The Racing Area
- f) The Course, including Marks, Waypoints and their positions where applicable
- g) Areas that are obstructions
- h) The Starting procedure
- i) Change of the next leg of the course
- j) The Finishing procedure
- k) Official (and/or) Support Boats (if any)
- l) Safety Regulations
- m) Local rules and regulations
- n) Any membership requirements to race at the Host Club
- o) Any time limits set by the Host Club

7. TIME LIMIT

The Race start time and finish time must take place between 00:00 on the 16th September and 23:59 on 17th September 2017.

8. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

8.1 Protests and requests for redress will be managed by the Host Club(s) which the craft(s) involved are racing from, if this facility is made available by the Host Club.

8.2 Time limits for protests and requests for redress will be detailed in the Supplementary Sailing Instructions.

8.3 Results must be submitted to the Bart's Bash website by the Host Clubs ***within 1 week*** of the event, and any subsequent amendments to the uploaded results should be detailed in writing to results@bartsbash.co.uk within **14** days, therefore protests must be organised, heard, concluded and results amended if necessary within **a** 7 day time limit.

9. SCORING

The Race will be scored based on average boat speed handicapped using each class' Bart Number. Given the variety of conditions by which the event is to be held on a worldwide basis, any handicap results may be inaccurate and no responsibility is accepted in respect thereof.

10. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in the case of an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones or similar devices.

11. RISK STATEMENT

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". Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each participant agrees and acknowledges that:

- (a) 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;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- (d) Subject to clause 12, it is their responsibility to ensure that they have adequate insurance in place to cover death, injury, damage or loss (including to third parties caused by their own actions or omissions).
- (e) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;

(f) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;

(g) Each participant accepts that it is their responsibility to follow the Host Club's Supplementary Sailing Instructions including their safety instructions at all times;

(h) Participation of children under the age of 16 years is the responsibility of their parent or guardians.

12. INSURANCE

Each craft is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £2 million; this minimum may be amended as appropriate, in the sailing instructions of the host club.