

NORTHAMPTON SAILING CLUB

Sailing Instructions for:

The British Moth Boat Association **National Championships 2010 and Open Meeting**

Wednesday 11th August to Saturday 14th August 2010 (Open meeting Saturday 14th August only)

Organisers

The Chairman & Committee of the British Moth Boat Association

Venue

Northampton Sailing Club
Pitsford Reservoir
Northampton Road
Brixworth
Northampton NN6 9DG

1 RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the “Rules” as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009 – 2012, subsequent amendments thereto, the Notice of Race, the rules of the British Moth Boat Association, and these Sailing Instructions. In the event of there being any conflict between the aforementioned, these sailing instructions will take precedence at all times.
- 1.2 The event will be designated category A in accordance with ISAF Reg. 20

2 Entries

Eligible boats may be entered by completing registration with the organising authority. Eligibility requirements for the boats are that they are currently registered with the BMBA and have a valid certificate and current buoyancy endorsement. Eligibility requirements for competitors are that they are current members of the BMBA.

3 Notice to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Notice Board, located on the Clubhouse Veranda Area in front of the Galley doors to Veranda.

4 Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 4.1 Any changes to sailing instructions will be posted before 1000 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1700 hours on the day before it will take effect
- 4.2 Changes in the Sailing Instructions will be signalled by displaying flag “L” from the flagpole. When no further changes have been made Flag “L” will be lowered after the start of the last race of that day.

5 Signals made Ashore

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be hoisted on the flagpole located on the Veranda at the North East corner of the Clubhouse.

5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 30 minutes” in race signal AP.

6 Schedule of Races

The race warning signal times are scheduled to be as follows:-

Wednesday	Briefing	12:15	Thursday	Race 4 (nationals)	14:30
Wednesday	Practice race	13:00	Friday	Race 5 (nationals)	11:00
Wednesday	Race 1 (nationals)	15:00	Friday	Race 6 (nationals)	14:00
Thursday	Race 2 (nationals)	10:00	Saturday	Race 7 (also race 1 of the open meeting)	10.00
Thursday	Race 3 (nationals)	12:00	Saturday	Race 2 (open meeting)	12.30
			Saturday	Race 3 (open meeting)	To follow

7 Class Flag Signals

British Moth Class Flag

8 Racing Area

Attachment A, (which will be available at registration) shows the location of the racing area.

9 The Courses

9.1 The approximate positions of the marks are shown in Attachment “A”.

9.2 The course configuration and the order of rounding of marks will be as shown on the course board on the stern of the committee boat and will be displayed no later than the warning signal. The letters refer to the marks and the background colour refers to the side they are to be rounded, (green marks to be rounded to starboard, red marks to be rounded to port). When “line” is included in the course boats will pass between the committee boat and the end of line mark on each lap.

9.3 The race officer will disqualify boats seen by the race team to have sailed the wrong course, including missing the line when set as part of the course.

10 Number of Rounds

Each race will last for approx. 60 mins.

11 The Marks

The course marks will be 1 metre Orange Spherical Buoys, with a designating letter as shown on Attachment “A”.

12 The Start

12.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the start signal

12.2 Times will be taken from the visual signals: failure of a sound signal shall be disregarded

Warning	Class flag	Raised	5 minutes	One sound signal
Preparatory	Flag P	Raised	4 minutes	One sound signal
	Flag P	Lowered	1 minute	One sound signal
Start	Class flag	Lowered		One sound signal

At the discretion of the race officer flags P, I, Z, or the Black flag may be flown as the preparatory flag.

12.3 The start line is defined as the line between the mast displaying an Orange flag on the committee boat and an end of line mark flying a flag from its mast.

12.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the start area.

12.5 A boat starting later than 4mins. after her start will be scored DNS.

13 Change of Position of the Next Mark

To change the position of the next mark, the race committee will move the original mark to a new position. If the change in the mark's position is significant, the change will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the new leg, although the mark may not yet be in its new position. The direction it has been / will be moved will be signalled by the boat at the previous mark showing Red for movement to Port and Green for movement to Starboard. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the moved mark may be relocated without further signalling to maintain course configuration.

14 The Finish

14.1 The finish line will be between the mast displaying a blue flag on the committee boat or a RIB, and the end of line marker or other mark of the course

14.2 At the discretion of the race officer he may sail backwards through the fleet noting each boat's position and finishing each boat at that time.

15 Time Limit

15.1 The time limit will be two hours. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat finishes or within the time limit, whichever is later, will be scored "DID NOT FINISH". This changes RRS 35 and A4.

16 Protests and Requests for Redress

16.1 Protests shall be written on forms available at the race control desk and delivered there within 30 minutes of the last boat finishing the race, or races are sailed "back to back" within 30 minutes of the last of "back to back" races.

16.2 The closing time for receipt of protests will be posted on the notice board and protest hearings will commence as soon as possible thereafter. The protests to be heard will be posted on the notice board at the end of the protest time limit.

17 Scoring

17.1 Nationals

- (a) The low point scoring system, rule A2, will apply except in that the boat finishing first will be awarded $\frac{3}{4}$ of a point.
- (b) Series ties will be broken using rule A8.1 and A8.2
- (c) Five races to be completed to constitute a Championship.
- (d) If five or less races are sailed then there will be no discards
- (e) If six races are sailed then one race will be discarded
- (f) If seven races are sailed then two races will be discarded

17.2 Open Meeting

- (a) The low point scoring system, rule A2, will apply except in that the boat finishing first will be awarded $\frac{3}{4}$ of a point.

- (b) Series ties will be broken using rule A8.1 and A8.2
- (c) Two races to be completed to constitute a Championship.
- (d) If two or less races are sailed then there will be no discards
- (e) If three races are sailed then one race will be discarded

18 Safety Regulations

18.1 Adequate personal buoyancy shall be worn at all times when afloat. This amends Rule RRS40.
Neither a wet suit nor a dry suit constitutes adequate personal buoyancy.

18.2 It is not permitted to land outside the club enclosure except in an emergency.

19 Declarations

19.1 Signing on before each race will not be necessary although it will be necessary to have entered the series to be eligible to start a race.

19.2 A declaration sheet will be displayed near the official notice board which must be signed within 30 minutes of the last boat finishing in each race ONLY by competitors who have retired.

20 Equipment and Measurement Checks

20.1 Before a boat is eligible to race, if applicable for her class, her valid measurement certificate and buoyancy test certificate may be required to be presented. If the measurement certificate is not available then RRS 78.2 applies.

20.2 Boats may be measured before or after any race at the discretion of the Race Committee.

21 Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. (See RRS 4. "Decision to Race".) The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

22 Insurance

Each participating boat and helm shall be insured with a valid Third Party Liability Insurance with a minimum Cover of £2.5million.

23 Rights to use Names & Likenesses

Competitors and / or their Guardians automatically grant to the organising Authority (and any party to which they may delegate this right), without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show (including via the internet), any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television, or any other form of media, of or relating to the event.