

**Event:** Old Joe 2026      **DATE:** 6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> June 2025

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

### **Addendum A: Event Specific Rules**

These rules are the required event rules that augment UKTRA standard Sailing Instructions.

#### **1. A1: Additional Rules**

A1.1 RRS D2 applies. Races will be umpired.	<b>Yes</b>
A1.2 RRS 20 is changed. The Arm Signals in RRS D1.1(e) are required.	<b>No</b>
A1.3 (1) A boat capsized after her starting signal, with her masthead in the water, shall retire promptly. (2) A boat capsized after her starting signal, with both gunwales touching the water or her mast stuck in the bottom, shall retire promptly.	<b>(2)</b>
A1.4 Providing the flag remains on the mark, a boat may touch any part of the flag of a mark that does not surround the staff of the mark. This changes RRS 31.	<b>Yes</b>
A1.5 RRS 40 (Personal Flotation Device) applies at all times while afloat.	<b>Yes</b>
A1.6 Competitors shall wear a wet or dry suit at all times while afloat.	<b>No</b>
A1.7 Spinnakers, trapezes and the gear specifically provided for the utilisation of these shall not be used.	<b>n/a</b>

#### **A2: Course and Marks, Starting Signals, Prohibited Areas, Other Local Rules**

A2.1 The course will be an S course, each as defined in Addendum C.

A2.2 The visual starting signals will be **battens**.

The times of starting signals will be: **3,2,1**.

The horn will sound once for each starting signal.

A2.3 The course marks will be: **Orange spherical marks**

A2.4 The following are prohibited areas that a boat shall not enter or cross. They rank as obstructions:

A2.4.1 The 5m area of shallow around the central Island

A2.5 The racing area and any relevant obstructions will be described during the race briefing on Saturday morning.

A2.6 Shallow water is to be avoided. These shallow areas will be specified in the competitors race brief.



### **A3: Communication with Competitors**

A3.1 The location of the Official Noticeboard is **inside the clubhouse**

A3.2 a. Signals ashore position is the club flagpole unless a different location is specified in the appendix to these SIs.

b. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 10 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

### **A4: Intended Format -**

Format codes, and the format and scoring rules that apply for each, are stated in Addendum B.

Stage	Format Code	Additional Information
1	HLS	kSail Single Change Swiss League. No team be matched against another team more than once in six consecutive matches.
2	KO	Finals, 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> from Stage 1. First to score 2 race wins. Peti-Finals(if time allows), 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> from stage 1. First to score 2 race wins.
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### **A5: Other Addenda that Apply**

K: Supplied Boats	x	L: Keelboat Rules	M: Breakdown Delays	x	N: Other Rules	
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## **1 Rules**

1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) including Appendix D, Team Racing Rules. Competitors should note that the current version of rule D1.2(a)(1) concludes: '... contact between boats on the other team'.

1.2 Add to RRS D2.3 "(g) breaks SI 6.1, A2.4 or a rule in SI Addendum L (if applicable)". Breaches of these rules may therefore be penalised by the umpires without a protest.

1.3 Addenda A, B and C to these Sailing Instructions (SIs) always apply. Other addenda apply only when stated in SI A4 (Format Code) or A5. Green text is for guidance only.

1.4 The right of appeal is denied in accordance with RRS 70.3(b).

## **2 Eligibility and Registration**

2.1 To become eligible a team shall register as required by the Notice of Race

2.2 After registration, a team member may only be changed with the prior consent of the race committee, which will only be given when the team member is unexpectedly unable to sail.

## **5 Starting Signals, Starting Marks and Finishing Marks, Starting Procedure**

5.1 The visual starting signals and times are specified in SI A2.2.

5.2 Attention may be drawn to an imminent warning signal by a series of short sound signals.

5.3 Starting signal times shall be taken from the start of each sound signal. The failure of a visual signal shall be disregarded. This changes RRS 26.

5.4 When the starting signal is also the warning signal for the next race, 3 battens or shapes will be displayed.

5.5 The starting line will be from the mast of a committee vessel and the nearby starting mark. The finishing line will be from the mast of a committee vessel and the nearby finishing mark.

5.6 When a boat is subject to RRS 29.1, the race committee may hail the sail numbers of premature starters.

5.7 A boat shall not start more than 2 minutes after her starting signal.

5.8 After a general recall, succeeding races may be delayed for the recalled race.

## **6 Event Continuity**

6.1 A boat shall not be sailed in a manner that is likely to cause damage.

6.2 Before starting and after finishing or retiring, boats shall sail to minimise any delay to the race schedule and without interfering with any race in progress.

6.3 The race committee may move a mark at any time. RRS 27.2 and RRS 33 are deleted. 6.4 The time limit for a race will be 30 minutes.

## **7 Protests, Requests for Redress, Scoring and Penalties**

7.1 Protests and requests for redress that have not been decided afloat shall be notified to the race office within 10 minutes after the relevant incident or, if the incident is afloat, within 10 minutes after coming ashore.

7.2 When the outcome of a protest or request for redress would not affect which teams qualify to a later stage, the protest committee may refuse to hear it. This changes RRS 63.2(a).

7.3 When the race umpires decide that a boat has broken RRS 14 and there is damage or injury, they may penalise her team by half a race win without a hearing. The boat will be informed as soon as practical and may request a hearing. Any penalty after a hearing will be in accordance with RRS D3.3(a).

7.4 When a boat breaks SIA1.3 or 5.7, 6 points shall be added to her score without a hearing.

7.6 After a hearing, the penalty for a breach of a rule, other than a rule of RRS Part 2, RRS 31 or RRS 42, that has had no effect on the outcome of a race, shall be at the discretion of the protest committee, and may be no penalty. This changes RRS D3.3. 8

## **8 Risk Statement**

8.1 Rule 3 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 competitor agrees and acknowledges the risk statement included in the Notice of Race. If the Notice of Race does not include a risk statement, the RYA Risk Statement in Addendum A to Appendix J of the RYA publication of the RRS shall apply.