

IBRSC Sailing instructions and Notice of Race for Lockdown races – From April 2021

The normal sailing instructions (as on the web site) will apply with the following changes. Sections in parentheses are explanations not part of the instructions.

Notice of Race supplement to normal series.

To give a little more variety and because we are running races back to back we will start the first PURSUIT race at 10:30, and make the second race a HANDICAP race with three starts (Fast, Slow, and Topper). If fewer than three Toppers the toppers will start at the same time as Slow (watch the flags). We will use shore starts.

10:30 (Toper 4.2 start) Pursuit

Approximately 11:30 (as soon as practicable) Handicap Races 3 starts

Fast, Flag H (handicap lower than Laser/ITCA) and Aero 5's (Aero, Phantom, EPS, RS200/400 etc)

+2 mins Slow, Laser Flag (Handicap equal or above Laser/ITCA except Toppers) – (Lasers, Solos etc.)

+4 mins Toppers, Flag T (both rigs provided at least 3 boats) If fewer than three boats Toppers start with Slow.

The first series start on Sunday 4 Apr and runs until the Club championship on 6 June so the last Sunday is 30 May and the last Saturday is 5 Jun.

(This applies to Sunday and Saturday series. We will review the program before the end of this series to see how we might change as lockdown eases, but we expect to resume a more 'normal' pattern after the club championship in June with a break after the first race and then two back to back single start handicap races. The program on the web shows Pursuit first race of the month and Class Handicap for the other am races.)

Changes to standard sailing instructions

SI 6: Entry via the board is no longer required, but to ensure you are correctly identified in results if you are not the usual sailor / registered keeper of a boat on the membership database you should tell the Race Officer or email the sailing secretary – if you are in a club boat this is essential. We will record results against sail numbers and fill in names where we can – these can be retrospectively corrected but it is more work. If you didn't tell the Race Officer or need a correction send your class/sail number and which race to sailing-sec@islandbarn.org.uk

(Results by number for anything that might be a club boat Laser/Topper etc. will be a separate entry each race because I can't tell if it is the same sailor. If you tell the RO your name/sail number your results will go against your name and you will have a proper series result.)

Race officer should send a scan of the results sheet to the same address. (Better than handling paper from a distancing perspective). If RO can't scan (cell phone picture mailed is usually readable) an email with the class/sail number and where available names is good enough.

SI 8 course: The course will be shown by mark numbers displayed by the start line. (The course may and often will be changed between races – please check before each start, Pursuit courses are generally longer than Handicap courses.)

SI 10 start line: The start line will be between the shore start flagpole and an outer distance mark which will normally be a regular sailing mark of the course but can be an adjacent moveable mark. An inner distance MAY but does not have to be set. (Shore start to allow distancing between Race Officer and Assistant – start should be close to a regular club mark so we can do whole laps but to get the right angle a moveable outer may be used.)

Pursuit races will be 45 minutes from the Topper 4.2 start. (Pursuit races minimise start line crowding and allow staggered launch). Start times will be posted in the clubhouse windows and on the web site.

Pursuit instructions are changed as:

There will be a start hoot every 30 seconds. The half minutes will be indicated by the numbers being held up on their side most significant on the top - read vertically downwards. The timing of numbers remains the similar up for approximately 10 seconds before to 10 seconds after (rather than 20 seconds before to give the poor person holding them up 10 seconds break to change number).

(PLEASE KEEP AWAY FROM THE LINE UNTIL IT IS YOUR START – it might be some else's start).



12 minutes



12 ½ minutes

At the end of 45 minutes there will be a long hoot and the safety boat will drive back down the fleet to note positions. **Please do not head in or alter position until SB has noted you.** (This may take longer than usual because SB will likely be single handed. SB driver may use radio to RO to call out the sail numbers as an easier way to record than drive and write with one person, but the viability of that needs checking).

Start times will be published and put on the club house window as well as the web site. Please observe social distancing as you look.

SI 16 protests

We strongly discourage protests during phase lockdown. An arbitration may be held with social distancing, but competitors are strongly advised to keep well clear of each other. (Please do not push your luck and regard avoid all contact - regard one metre apart as if contact). If in doubt make your turns at the earliest opportunity where you will not get in anyone's way.

Race Series

There will be a PURSUIT race of 45 minutes on Sundays first start (Topper 4.2) at 10:30. As soon as practicable following the Pursuit race there will be a similar length HANDICAP race which will have fleet starts.

1. First start, flag H for all boats faster (on handicap) than Laser/ITCA,
2. Second start lasers and all boats other than toppers.
3. Third start Toppers but If fewer than three Toppers they should start with the Lasers.

All boats will sail complete laps and be timed for Handicap results. The results will be extracted to give fleet results as well as an overall handicap. The Pursuit and Handicap series will be scored separately (so if you only want to do one race you will have enough races to count to that series).