



RS Tera



Rooster UK RS Tera End of Season Championships

24th – 25th October 2020

Sailing Instructions

ORGANISING AUTHORITY (OA)

Draycote Water Sailing Club in conjunction with The UK RS Tera Class Association

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the SIs means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, be less than a disqualification.

0 COVID-19

COVID statement by taking part in any of the events covered by this notice of race, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force from time to time in respect of COVID-19 and for complying with the Draycote water sailing clubs COVID-19 procedures.

- Competitor briefing will be posted online the Thursday before the event.
- Entries must be pre-booked & paid.
- 6-10 boats per slipway – adhering to social distancing at all times, – please follow site marshals' directions.
- All sailors read the risk assessment available [here](#).
- If results are quick, the winners will be invited to a private prize giving, if not then posted out.
- Results will be posted online.
- The changing rooms will not be available, please arrive appropriately equipped for this
- The OA may cancel the event, cancel classes and reject or cancel entries in its absolute discretion, subject to RRS 76. In these cases, refunds will be issued less any costs incurred.
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Scan the QR code with your camera to be prompted to be added to the official event group.

This will be the official notice board for the event, where we will post notices, times, links to results and other useful information

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 – 2020.
- 1.2. International RS Tera Class Rules will apply. In addition:
 - 1.2.1. Electronic compasses or variations thereof will not be permitted [DP]
 - 1.2.2. All sailors must wear a whistle attached to their buoyancy aids [DP]
 - 1.2.3. All boats shall carry a painter of 6mm floating line at least 8m in length (measured from the fitment point) permanently attached to the standard fitment position in front of the mast [DP]
 - 1.2.4. Rear handles on the transom must have the plastic loops fitted as supplied by RS [DP]
 - 1.2.5. The scrutineering process which is intended to assist in compliance with the RS Tera Class Rules will involve boats being selected at random for checks during the event. That technical officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in the rules.
 - 1.2.6. Long hair must be tied back so it does not pose a threat to the sailor's safety.
- 1.3. Competitors shall sail in accordance with the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Racing Charter.
- 1.4. The Post-Race Penalty and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Dispute Process will be available. The Post-Race Penalty will be 30%.
- 1.5. All competitors will be required to wear personal floatation devices, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment, at all times while afloat. Flag Y will not be displayed. This changes RRS 40. [DP]
- 1.6. In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, these Sailing Instructions shall take precedence.

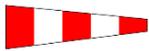
2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices will be posted on the online official WhatsApp group.
- 2.2. The race office may be contacted on the balcony outside the bar.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 08.30 on the day that they will take effect, except that changes to the schedule of races will be posted before 18.30 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the signal mast located at the front of the clubhouse.
- 4.2. When flag AP  is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 4.3. Flag D  displayed over the fleet flag with one sound means 'The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after flag D is displayed.' Boats are not to leave the beach until this signal is made. [DP]

5. SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Event	Time	Location
Thursday	22nd October	Online briefing	By end of the day	Online, links posted on group
Saturday	24th October	Registration	09.00-10.30	At site entrance (remain in vehicle)
		Race 1 warning signal	11.25	Draycote Water
		Race 2,3,4	ASAP after race 1,2,3	Draycote Water
Sunday	25th October	Race 5 warning signal	09:55	Draycote Water
		Race 6,7,8	ASAP after race 5,6,7	Draycote Water
		Last possible warning signal	15.00	

4 races planned per day but more or less may be sailed at the discretion of the Race Officer

- Prizegiving if possible, will be by invitation only, invitees will be notified via the WhatsApp group.

- Prizes & photos will be collected in a socially distanced manner and posted online.
- If it's not possible, prizes will be posted out – a decision will be made by the end of the protest time.

- 5.1. The pre-recorded race briefing will be made available through the online official notice board.
- 5.2. The Championship will consist of up to 8 races. The intention is that there will be no more than 4 races a day.
- 5.3. No warning signal will be made after 15:00 on 25th October 2020.

6. CLASS FLAGS

6.1. RS Tera PRO fleet PRO flag 

6.2. RS Tera SPORT fleet SPORT flag 

7. RACING AREAS

Racing will be on Draycote Water

8. COURSES

- 8.1. The diagrams in Attachment A show the course to be sailed.
- 8.2. The course and number of laps to be sailed will be displayed on a board on the Committee Boat.
- 8.3. A gate may be replaced by a single mark to be left to port.

9. MARKS

- 9.1. Marks 1, 2, 3p, 3s, 4p and 4s shall be orange dumpy race marks
- 9.2. The starting mark will be a boat displaying an orange flag or dan buoy with an orange flag
- 9.3. The finishing mark will be a dan buoy with a blue flag

10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1. Boats shall not sail at any time within 30 metres of the shore except at the club compound. Landing in an exclusion area is allowed only in an emergency.
- 10.2. Fishing boats, whether engaged in fishing or not. For this purpose, the area within which a fishing line extends from, or is being cast from a fishing boat, shall form part of the fishing boat.
- 10.3. Rescue boats and committee boats when not displaying definitive start or finish flags.

11. THE START

- 11.1. Races will be started by using RRS 26 with a 5-minute warning signal.
- 11.2. An attention signal will be made 10 minutes before the start by displaying an orange flag.
- 11.3. The Starting Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Boat and a mast displaying an orange flag on a pin-end boat, or a dan buoy with an orange flag.
- 11.4. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. [DP]
- 11.5. A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS (Did Not Start) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 11.6. In the main fleets, the PRO fleet will start first, followed by the SPORT fleet.
- 11.7. If there is a general recall  for the PRO fleet, the SPORT fleet will be started after the restart of the PRO fleet.

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1. The position of marks may be changed by less than 50m during a race. Such change will be made only if no boat is sailing towards the mark on that leg of the course. Flag C will not be flown to indicate this change, nor will "+" or "-" signs be displayed. This changes RRS 33.
- 12.2. If changes over 50m in any direction are required these will be signalled in line with RRS 33.

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1. The finishing line will be between a mast displaying a blue flag on the race committee boat and the finishing mark..
- 13.2. Scoring other boats:
- 13.2.1. After the first boat has sailed the course and finished, the race committee may score other boats based on their relative positions at a mark of the course or on a leg of the course.
- 13.2.2. When a race committee boat displays flag W  with two sounds, boats still racing may be finished by this race committee boat.
- 13.2.3. When a boat is scored in accordance with this instruction, she shall be given score for a place after all boats that have sailed the course and finished.
This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

15. TIME LIMITS

- 15.1. The time limit and target time for the leading boat in minutes is as follows:

<i>Time limit</i>	<i>Target time</i>
55	40

- 15.2. Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes may be scored according to their observed position on the course, which may be the position at the last mark rounded. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5. See also instruction 13.2.3

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 A system for Post-Race penalties, advisory hearings and arbitrations will be available. The Post-Race penalty will be 30% of the number of boats (rounding 0.5 upwards) entered in the relevant fleet.
- 16.2 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening must be made within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.3 For each fleet, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished last race of the day or 30 minutes after flag AP over A is displayed ashore.
- 16.4 Notices will be posted on the Jury Notice Board on the official group no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held online using video links, further instructions will be sent to the participants of the hearing.
- 16.5 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted on the Jury Notice Board to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.6 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress based on a PC decision shall be delivered no later than 20 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

17. SCORING

- 17.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply
- 17.2 One race shall be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.3 The total score for each boat will be the sum of her scores as follows:
- 17.3.1 If 4 or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 17.3.2 If from 5 to 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 17.3.3 If 8 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst 2 scores.
- 17.4 Points for the PRO and SPORT fleets shall be calculated separately.
- 17.5 A competitor may submit a request to review a boat's score in the race office.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.2. Competitors shall wear a personal flotation device at all times while afloat, except briefly while adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Flag Y will not be displayed. This changes RRS 40. [DP]
- 18.3. A boat that retires from a race shall notify an official boat as soon as possible.

19. REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the race committee. Requests for substitution of equipment shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity. A competitor may submit a request to the race office [DP]

20. OFFICIAL BOATS

- 20.1 There will be no support boats at this event, only safety fleet.
- 20.2 Personal equipment such as food bags, drinks, spare parts and extra clothing will not be stored on any official boat for the duration of the event. Competitors should ensure that they carry sufficient food and water on their own boat. [DP]
- 20.3 Support persons shall not enter the race area in any small craft such as dinghies, kayaks or small motor craft from the time of the preparatory signal until the last boat has finished [DP]

21. TRASH DISPOSAL

Sailors must store take any rubbish ashore and put in bins.

22. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in 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. [DP]

23. PRIZES

- 23.1 Prizes will be given as follows:- Pro fleet: 1st – 3rd, Sport fleet: 1st – 3rd.
- 23.2 The titles will be awarded as follows:

RS Tera Pro End of Season Champion:	First RS Tera Pro Overall
RS Tera Sport End of Season Champion:	First RS Tera Sport Overall

24. 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 competitor 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 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) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e) 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;
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any competitors briefing held for the event.

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25. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent

26. Local information

SHALLOWS: Competitors are advised to check the Notice Board for notification of shallows. Shallows are marked with large yellow round buoys.

All entrants and authorised guests will be deemed to be guests of Draycote Water Sailing Club during the period of the open meeting and, as such, will abide by all of the club rules and by-laws and may sail only the boat entered for the open meeting.

All entrants and authorised guests shall also comply with the following Water Authority Regulations. We reserve the right to disqualify any competitor without a hearing any competitor who does not comply with these local rules (this changes RRS 63.1 and A5):

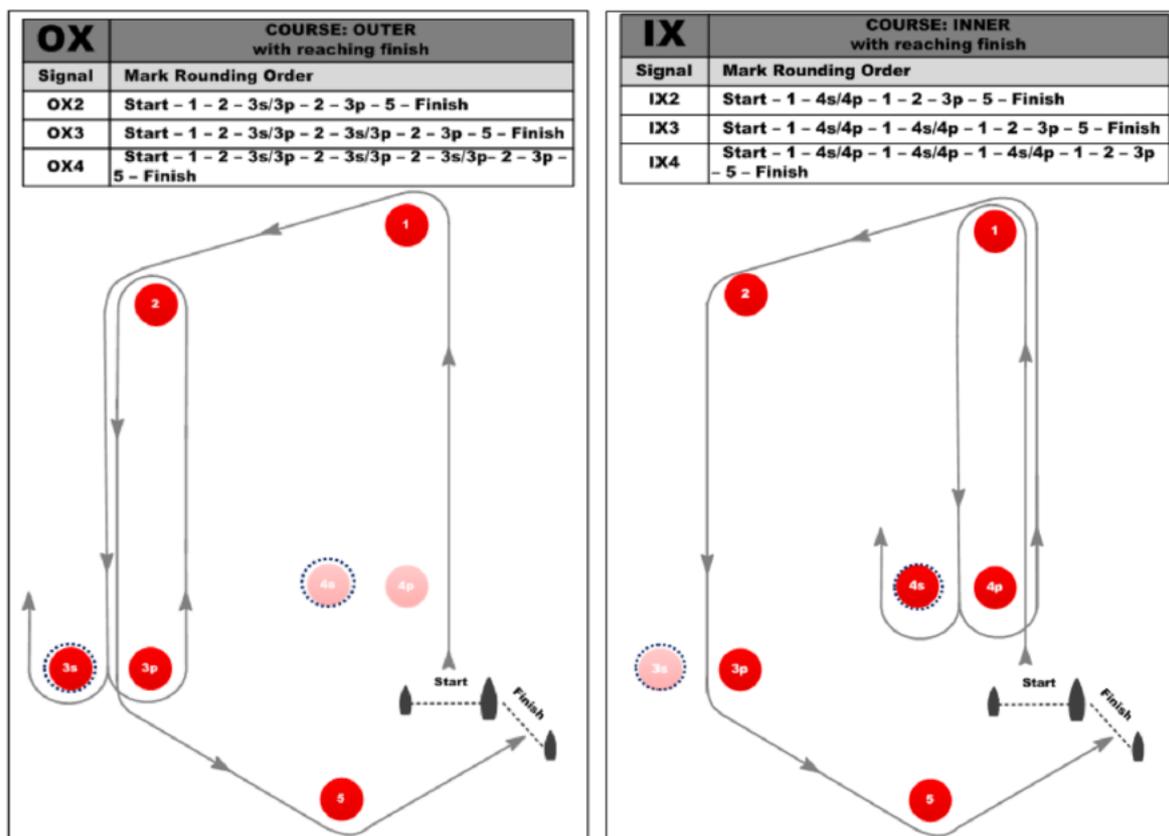
(a) No parking of vehicles on any roadways, slipways or grass areas. All vehicles shall be parked in the sailing club main car park or Severn Trent pay & display car park once the trailer and boat are unloaded. All competitors must follow the instructions of the marshals during unloading, loading and car parking.

(b) Dogs are not allowed on the site. They may be walked in the adjacent Country Park.

(c) All competitors must follow the Check, Clean, Dry programme before arriving at Draycote and commit to following it having left Draycote before their next launch.

All visitors will be required to sign a disclaimer to this effect.

ATTACHMENT A - COURSES



FURTHER INFORMATION:

The UK RS Tera Class Association would like to thank Draycote Water Sailing Club for all their help in putting this event on, together with all the volunteers who have offered to help us. There may be significant changes in Government and/or local Government COVID-19 guidance, regulation and operating procedures between the issue date of this document and the event date, we will endeavour to keep competitors informed. We would, however, ask that all competitors and volunteers take action to keep themselves informed of any changes in guidance.

Part of our operational plan is shown below

- We will, as an Organising Authority, take a considerate and conservative approach to the racing and the wind strength, water state and the ability of competitors. This may mean postponements to starts.. We will however endeavour to meet the programme as laid out in the Notice of Race.
- We have to maintain control of launching/recovery and the dinghy park. There will be special requirements for launching, recovery and the hygiene of boats and equipment, it is the responsibility of every competitor to make themselves aware of those regulations and to follow them, this includes labelling with their competitor number the boat trolley.
- Competitors, parents and guardians should be prepared to provide their own PPE, should Government guidelines change. This may include amongst other items, hand sanitiser and face masks. Please make yourselves aware of the current regulations and guidance.
- Social distancing and gatherings should be in accordance with regulation, including any mitigation.
- Personal equipment such as food bags, drinks, spare parts and extra clothing will not be stored on any official boat for the duration of the event. Competitors should ensure that they carry sufficient food and water on their own boat.
- The changing facilities onsite will be closed, except for the toilets.
- Catering facilities will be limited and all transactions should be by card payment only.

Should you have any questions please contact Marcus at rsterasecretary@gmail.com who will try to help.

SI ATTACHMENT B – EXONERATION PENALTY & ARBITRATION

B1 Exoneration Penalty

- B1.1 A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 (boat vs boat), or RRS 31 (touching a mark) or 42 (propulsion), may, before the start of any protest about the same incident, notify the race committee that she accepts a 30% scoring penalty as stated in RRS 44.3(c), except that the minimum penalty is two places if that does not result in a score worse than DNF).
- B1.2 This penalty **does not** reverse an OCS (On the Course Side) score, a disqualification under RRS 30.3 (Black flag) or a penalty under Appendix P. It is not available for a breach of RRS 2 (Fair sailing) or for gross misconduct under RRS 69. Nor is it available to a boat that caused injury or serious damage, or gained a significant advantage by her breach: in these circumstances, her penalty is to retire.
- B1.3 When an exoneration penalty is accepted:
- (a) Neither the boat nor the protest committee may revoke or remove the penalty.
 - (b) The boat shall not be penalised further in a protest hearing when the protest committee decides that it was appropriate to the facts found and the applicable rules.

B2 Arbitration

- B2.1 When a protest or request for redress is lodged, a boat may at the same time request arbitration, or the protest committee or race committee may offer it.
- B2.2 If the parties and a member of the protest or race committee agree that arbitration is suitable, an arbitrator (who may be that member of the protest committee) will call a hearing. The normal rules for a hearing will apply, except that if the arbitrator decide that a boat that is party to the hearing has broken a rule for which the exoneration penalty is available, the party will be invited to accept that penalty, and, if it is accepted by a protested boat, the protesting boat will be allowed to withdraw the protest, changing RRS 63.1.
- B2.3 When there is not an agreement to use arbitration, or when, after arbitration, a protest is not withdrawn or the exoneration penalty is not applicable to the facts, there will be a normal protest hearing, at which the arbitrator may be a member of the protest committee. RRS 66 and 70 (reopening and appeal) do not apply to the arbitration decision since this is not a protest committee decision or procedure. A boat may still accept an exoneration penalty at any time before the start of a protest hearing and receive its protection from further penalisation.
- B2.4 When redress is offered and accepted by boats at the arbitration, all parties, the protest committee or race committee may seek to have this reviewed by asking for a full hearing. When redress is offered and not accepted or not offered at all, all parties may ask for the request to be heard before a protest committee.

B3 Advisory Hearing

- B3.1 When there is an incident that will not result in the lodging of a protest or request for redress, a boat, protest committee or race committee may request an advisory hearing and notify any boat involved in the incident. An adviser will then call a hearing to learn what may have happened and will state whether any rule appears to have been broken, and by which boat. A boat may as a result notify the race office that she accepts an exoneration penalty when it applies to the incident, or choose to retire. (She does not have to do this.)

SOME EXPLANATIONS OF THE SYSTEMS IN SI ATTACHMENT B - NB - NOT RULES!!!!

If you are involved in an incident on the water - you may want to protest another boat. To do so you must immediately hail 'Protest'. Later you can fill in a protest form and deliver it at the race office before the protest time limit ends.

Many times you can chose between arbitration and a regular protest hearing. You can read more about that in SI Attachment B, but here is some information about each system:

Protest hearing	Arbitration
<p>Sometimes you have to wait before your protest can be heard.</p> <p>There will normally be 3 - 5 judges hearing the protest.</p> <p>They will decide whether the protest is valid.</p> <p>If valid, they will hear it.</p> <p>If they find that anybody broke a rule - they will disqualify that boat.</p>	<p>There will normally be 1 judge hearing the protest - and this is much faster than a normal protest hearing.</p> <p>He will decide whether the protest is valid. If valid, he will hear the protest.</p> <p>You cannot bring any witnesses to an arbitration hearing.</p> <p>If the arbitrator finds that anybody broke a rule, he will suggest that the boat that broke a rule accepts an exoneration penalty (30%).</p> <p>If the penalty is accepted, the protestor will be asked to withdraw the protest.</p> <p>If this happens - the case is closed.</p> <p>If this does not happen - the case goes to a normal protest hearing.</p> <p>If a boat has accepted an exoneration penalty in arbitration - she cannot be penalised further in a hearing about the same incident later on.</p> <p>It arbitration goes to a full hearing - the decision may be the same - but it may also be different.</p>
Advisory hearing	
<p>If you have been involved in an incident - but you don't want to protest anybody, maybe you want to learn what the rules are in that situation anyway..., and then you can ask for an advisory hearing.</p> <p>This can be a good way to learn more about situations that happen on the water - and nobody will get disqualified or penalised.</p> <p>If you are told in an advisory hearing that you did break a rule in the situation - you can ask to get a penalty or to retire - but you don't have to.</p>	