



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

RS Tera Sport and RS Tera Pro Open Meeting

Sunday 28th September 2025

Frensham Pond Sailing Club

Pond Lane, Churt, GU10 2QA

1 RULES

- 1.1** The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing [RRS] 2025-2028 (including changes and corrections made by World Sailing)* together with the appropriate class association rules, the prescriptions of the RYA, the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions (SIs). In cases of conflict these SIs will take precedence.
- 1.2** Rule 44.1 is changed so that a boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while racing.

2 CLUB MEMBERSHIP

- 2.1** All competitors are entitled to the privileges of membership of the Club for the duration of the event.

3 HELMS

- 3.1** A boat may be helmed by more than one person, but the points obtained by different helms will not be cumulative. A competitor may helm only one boat. The Race Officer must be informed of any changes of helm.

4 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 4.1** Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board as defined during the briefing.
- 4.2** Organisational information may be published separately on a WhatsApp group:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/Hy87ja0CNPd5nrJg3WIUSC%20>

5 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1** Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted at least 30 minutes before the first race to which the change applies.

6 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 6.1** Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- 6.2** Competitors should note that Frensham Pond Sailing Club implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be expected to sail in compliance with it. The charter can be found at the front of the RYA edition of the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025–2028 (pages 4 & 5), or on the RYA website at <https://www.rya.org/racing/rules/racing-charter>

7 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 7.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Club flagstaff by the Clubhouse.
- 7.2** When code flag AP is displayed ashore the first warning signal will be made not less than 20 minutes after it is lowered.

8 SCHEDULE OF BRIEFING AND RACES

- 8.1** The briefing will be at approximately 10:00 in the Clubhouse.
- 8.2** Race 1: Warning signal will not be before 10:55.
- 8.3** The schedule for the remaining races will be given at the briefing.
- 8.4** The first warning signal for the final race shall not be made after 15.30

9 CLASS FLAGS

- 9.1** Class Flags will be the yellow Pro and white Sport RS Tera class flags.

10 SAILS, SAIL NUMBERS & RIGS

- 10.1** Except with the prior permission of the Race Officer no dinghy shall use any sails other than her own.
Permission will be refused if the sail number is the same as one of the other entries.
- 10.2** A boat must sail with the rig they have declared on their entry except with the prior permission of the Race Officer.

11 PERSONAL BUOYANCY

- 11.1** Rule 40.1 applies.

12 LAUNCHING

- 12.1** Competitors may not launch until the Event Safety Officer has given permission for them to do so.

13 RACING MARKS & COURSES

- 13.1** There are nine spherical racing marks, numbered 1 to 9 clockwise round the Pond. The odd-numbered marks are yellow, The even-numbered marks are a muddy pink. If other marks may be used, these will be described at the briefing.
- 13.2** The course will be described in terms of all or some of these nine marks and will be displayed on a board on the side of the committee boat. Green background indicates a starboard-handed mark, red a port-handed.
- 13.3** The number of laps will not be specified. All races will be shortened.

14 LOCAL RULES AND HAZARDS

- 14.1** The helm of a capsized boat may request a safety boat to assist with raising its mast to the water surface. This will be held not to infringe RRS 41.
- 14.2** Boats may not sail into the swimming areas, marked by lines of buoys and situated in the north-east sector of the pond perimeter.

15 THE START

- 15.1** Races will be started using RRS 26.1.
- 15.2** The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a committee boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 15.3** To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least 3 minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 15.4** The start signal for the Pro fleet will be the warning signal for the Sport fleet.
- 15.5** Actions on General Recall will be given at the briefing by the Race Officer.
- 15.6** A boat does not have to be afloat at her preparatory signal. This changes RRS 45.
- 15.7** Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.*[DP]*
- 15.8** A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

16 LEAD BOAT

- 16.1** A lead boat flying flag “L” may motor around the course ahead of the fleet. This will be held not to infringe RRS 41.

17 CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

- 17.1** At the Race Officer’s discretion, and without notify competitors, any mark of the course may be moved up to 50m in any direction in order to preserve the orientation of the course to the wind. This changes RRS 33.
- 17.2** More significant changes of bearing of any mark after the start will be signalled using flag C and repetitive sound signals before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the repositioned mark may not then be in its new position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the repositioned mark may also be relocated to maintain as far as possible the original course configuration.

18 SHORTENING COURSE

- 18.1** If a race is shortened for one fleet only, then that fleet’s class flag will be displayed below flag S. If flag S is displayed on its own then the race is shortened for both fleets. Races do not need to be shortened in the order they started. This changes RRS 32.2.

19 OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE

- 19.1** A boat may receive outside assistance in the form of coaching if the organisers feel the sailor would benefit without significant detriment to the nature of the event as a sailing competition. Assistance will be given by nominated event coaches only as fairly and evenly as possible based on sailors’ capabilities in accordance with the nature of the competition – encouraging those new to open meeting sailing. This changes rule 41 – Outside Help.
- 19.2** With the exception of where 19.1 above applies, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that is not available to all boats.

20 THE FINISH

- 20.1** The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a committee boat and the nearby mark. That nearby mark will be a mark of the course or the start mark.
- 20.2 Scoring other boats:**
- 20.2.1** 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.

- 20.2.2** When a race committee boat displays flag W with two sounds, boats still racing may be finished by the race committee boat at any position on the course
- 20.2.3** 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.

18 TIME LIMIT

- 18.1** The Race Officer may impose a time limit, in which case boats failing to finish within fifteen minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored "Did Not Finish". This changes RRS 35.

19 PROTESTS

- 19.1** Protests must be lodged with the Race Officer within 20 minutes of the last boat finishing (or similarly after the following race(s) if held back-to-back) on the form provided. Protest arbitration will be held as soon as practicable after the race. Only the arbitration process will be available on the day of the event.
- 19.2** In the event of any dispute, other than protests under World Sailing/RYA rules, the decision of the Race Committee is to be final.
- 19.3** In the event of any dispute all parties to the dispute will be given the opportunity to participate in an arbitration. The arbitration process will be held between all parties and an independent judge.
- 19.4** Any penalties resulting from an arbitration will be 30% of the competitor's overall score.