



Byte National Championship Saturday 18th July & Sunday 19th July 2015

Organising Authority: Weston Sailing Club & UK Byte Class Association
Event Location: Weston SC, Southampton, Hampshire

Sailing Instructions

1 Rules

The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013 – 2016. Boats participating in this Open event shall conform to ISAF Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS) 2013-16 and the Byte class rules. Competitors should note that WSC implements the RYA Racing Charter and expects competitors to sail in compliance with the charter.

2 Advertising

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority in accordance with ISAF regulation 20.

3 Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1 The helm must be a current member of the UK Byte Class Association.
- 3.2 Each boat shall be sailed by the same helm throughout the series. Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 3.4 During the event the parents or guardians of young competitors (under 18) shall either be in or around Weston SC or will inform the event organisers in writing who is acting in loco parentis on their behalf. During the event any persons acting in loco parentis shall either be in or around Weston SC.
- 3.5 Competitors may enter at the race office in Weston SC on the day of the event. A parent, guardian or person acting in loco parentis of all young competitors shall sign the entry form and the "Parent / Guardian declaration" form.

4 Entry Fees

Entry fee per boat: £20.00. Payment by cash or cheque only
Entry fees will not be refunded after entry.

5 Notices and Signals to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located near the WSC Race Office. Signals for this event will be by boards displayed on the WSC Race Box balcony and sound signals may also be provided.

6 Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 60 minutes before the warning signal of the race it affects.

7 Signals Made Ashore

- 7.1 Any signals made ashore will be displayed on the WSC Race Box balcony situated near the WSC Clubhouse.
- 7.2 Postponement Signals Ashore: When the AP is displayed ashore the time "1 minute" shall be replaced with the time "not less than 15 minutes". This changes the RRS Race Signals.
- 7.3 Launch Control: When, before a race, International Code flag K is displayed ashore no craft shall launch until flag K is removed. A boat may rig and approach the beach while flag K is displayed ashore. (IC flag K has yellow and blue vertical stripes)

8 Fleet Designation and Class Flags

The Class flag will be numeral "0". This will be a numeral board to be displayed on the WSC Race Box balcony.

9 Schedule:

18 th June 2015	Registration from: 10:30 Briefing: 12:00 First start not before : 12:45	1st High Water: 13:41 2nd High Water: 15:18 3 races
19 th June 2015	First start not before: 13:15	1st High Water: 14:16 2nd High Water: 15:45 3 races

Subsequent races shall follow immediately after the preceding race. However a suitable break may be taken between races at the organisers discretion.

10 Race area

Races will be held on Southampton Water within a 2 mile radius of WSC.

11 Courses and Shortened Courses

- 11.1 The Course to be sailed will be advised at the briefing. The number of laps to be sailed may be announced during the briefing and will be displayed on the WSC Race Box no later than the warning signal.
- 11.2 Boats must pass through the start line on every lap towards the first mark.
- 11.3 Races will be shortened according to RRS 32; Flag 'S' and the class flag will be flown from the Race Box and two sound signals will be made when the leading boat in the fleet for which the course is to be shortened is in the vicinity of the last mark before the finish. Boats in that fleet will round the mark in the normal manner and then proceed directly through the finish line. If flag 'S' is flown without a class flag, then all fleets will finish on the next occasion of crossing the finish line.

12 Marks

- 12.1 Racing marks shall be either large inflatable yellow or orange triangular or orange cylindrical buoys or any of the fixed Southampton Water buoys or posts. The approximate positions of Southampton Water buoys and posts are shown on the course-board attached to the WSC Race Box.
- 12.2 Starting and finishing marks are defined within instruction 13: The Start and instruction 15: The Finish.

13 The Start

- 13.1 The starting line shall be defined by the transit pole on the WSC race box. The outer limit of the start line shall be a buoy. The colour of the pin end buoy (P) will be announced during the briefing.
- 13.2 A limit mark may be laid to define the inshore end of the start line and shall be a small spherical buoy. If used, limit marks are marks of the course and no boat shall pass between a limit mark and the shore after her warning signal.
- 13.3 A board with the numeral "15" and an "attention" sound signal will be displayed approximately 15 minutes before the start to alert boats that a start sequence will begin soon. This may be omitted in the case of back to back races.
- 13.4 Races will be started with the following sequence:

Alert	"15" board displayed	1 sound signal	Approx. 15 mins before the start
Warning	Class flag board displayed	1 sound signal	6 mins before the start
Preparatory	P, I or Black flag displayed	1 sound signal	3 mins before the start
Start	Class flag removed	1 sound signal	At the start
- 13.5 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

14 General Recalls

- 14.1 General recalls will be signaled by displaying the flag 'First Substitute' and making two further sound signals immediately after the start signal.
- 14.2 For the recalled fleet, the new warning signal will be displayed 1 minute after the first substitute flag has been removed and the start will be 5 minutes later.
- 14.3 The order of starts for other fleets will remain unchanged.
- 14.4 Individual recalls will be signaled by displaying flag "X " and making one further sound signal immediately after the start signal.

15 The Finish

- 15.1 The finish line shall be between buoy (P) and the transit pole on the WSC race box. The colour of buoy (P) will be announced during the briefing.
- 15.2 Scoring other boats:
 - 15.2.1 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.
 - 15.2.2 When a race committee boat displays flag W with two sounds, boats still racing may be scored by this race committee boat.
SI 15.2 changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

16 Time Limits and Penalty System

- 16.1 The target race duration for the leading boat shall be 45 minutes.
- 16.2 Boats failing to finish within 15 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 is at the discretion of the Race Officer and changes RRS 35, A4 and A5. See also instruction 15.2.

17 Protests, Rule Disputes and Requests for Redress

- 17.1. Competitors wishing to lodge a protest must notify the Race Committee, but preferably the Principal Race Officer, of their proposed action as soon as possible after finishing the race concerned.
- 17.2 Protest forms are available in the Race Office at WSC. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the relevant time limit.
- 17.3 For each Class, the protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 17.4 Notices will be posted on the official notice board no later than 20 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 17.5 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted on the official notice board to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 17.6 Breaches of instructions 2, 7.3, 13.5, 18, 19.2, 20 and 24 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction shall be DPI.
- 17.7 A request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

18 Radio Communication

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions while racing. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

19 Safety Regulations

- 19.1 Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices adequate for the conditions at all times whilst afloat. International code flag Y will not be displayed. Wet suits and dry suits shall not be considered as adequate personal flotation devices. This changes Rule 40. Parents, guardians and those acting in loco parentis are solely responsible for ensuring that young competitors in their care comply with this instruction.
- 19.2 The helm of every boat intending to race must sign on before going afloat and sign off after returning to the shore. Sign-on forms are placed opposite the WSC Race Office. By signing off the helm is indicating that the correct courses have been sailed and the rules obeyed for all races sailed and that all of the boat's crew have returned safely to the shore. Helms shall sign off within 30 minutes of finishing the last race of the day.

19.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race Committee afloat or ashore as soon as possible. A helm shall indicate that he has retired from a race by signing off with the Code RET, DNF.

20 Local Variations

20.1 Competitors must keep clear of other Classes which are starting and should be aware that WSC Club racing may also be operating during the Event, using start and finish transit lines from the WSC Race Box.

20.2 Competitors are asked to keep well clear of fishermen's lines whether cast from the bank or moored boats.

20.3 Competitors must keep clear of the commercial shipping channel to the West of the green IALA channel marks in Southampton Water.

21 Scoring:

21.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

21.2 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

21.3 When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

21.4 Scoring shall be in accordance with the low point scoring system as defined RRS A4.

22 Prizes:

22.1 Prizes will be awarded to the first 3 boats. Additional prizes may be presented at the discretion of the organisers.

22.2 The prize giving will take place at the clubhouse as soon as possible after completion of the last race.

23 Disclaimer of Liability:

Competitors are entirely responsible for their own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing reduces this responsibility. It is for competitors to decide whether their boat and those that will sail it during the event are fit to sail in conditions they may find. Each competitor is solely responsible for deciding whether or not to start or continue racing and is also responsible for wearing adequate clothing for the conditions. By launching, competitors confirm that their boat and those sailing it are competent to sail in the event and are adequately clothed for the conditions.

The event organisers shall not be liable for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the competitors or accompanying persons as a result of attending or taking part in this event and those participating hereby indemnify the event organisers against all and any costs, claims, demands and liabilities in respect of the same. The provision of patrol boats does not relieve persons in charge, competitors and those accompanying competitors of their responsibilities.

The event organisers encompass the organising authority, the race committee and the event support team. The race committee encompasses the principal race officer, the committee boat crew, the patrol boat personnel and beach master, while the event support team encompasses all others that help run this event.

24 Insurance:

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 that is valid for this event and those sailing the boat.

25 Media use

In entering this event, competitors automatically grant the organising authority and Class Association the right, in perpetuity, to make, use and show from time to time, at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and any other reproduction of them taken during the event, without compensation.