

# CHALLENGER STANDARD NOTICE OF RACE, PART 1 (2019)

The Organising Authority is the Club named in Notice of Race Part 2 - the Specific Venue details for the relevant regatta date - which will be published in Challenger News or online before the event

## RULES

- 1.1. All regattas will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, the Challenger Class Design rules, the Challenger Standard Sailing Instructions and any Local Sailing Instructions published by each Specific Venue
- 1.2. The Class Design rules and Challenger Standard Sailing Instructions are available on application to the Class Chairman or from the Class website [www.challenger-sailing.org.uk](http://www.challenger-sailing.org.uk). Standard and Local Sailing Instructions will also be available and on display at registration for each regatta.
- 1.3. Racing rules will be changed as follows:
  - Rule 41, outside help - is modified to permit a boat to receive outside help from a safety boat for any reason other than added propulsion.
  - Rule 44, taking a penalty - modified from two turns to one turn for RRS Part 2 infringements
  - Rule 49, crew position - modified so that helm and buddy should remain seated in their normal positions within the main hull or on a buddy seat except temporarily in an emergency

## ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 2.1. Regattas are open to all marks of Challenger but the maximum sail area shall be limited to 7.5 square metres (equivalent to the Una-rig sail). i.e. Mk3 boats shall furl jibs
- 2.2. **All participating helms shall be members of the Challenger Class Association.** The Class will be sub divided into Fleets below. Fleet results will be extracted from overall results. Fleets shall comprise a **minimum of two boats** to qualify for Event prizes

**Gold Fleet**– for sailors who are **able-bodied** or have a **disability** and/or:

- Score more than twice in the top five overall during the season
- Are experienced sailors with good upper body strength and mobility
- Silver Fleet winner more than three times in the previous season (i.e. to Gold Fleet after win 4)

**Silver Fleet**– for sailors who are **able-bodied** or have a **disability** and/or:

- Are very inexperienced racers
- Have partial impairment to upper body strength and mobility or other limiting disabilities

**Syndicate**- For sailors **with a disability** who sail in the **Silver Fleet** and:

- Share the boat during a regatta. Each individual must sign the entry form and compete in at least one race but not in more than 50% of the programmed races.
- The cumulative score for the boat will determine the series score of the Syndicate and all members will share the prize.

**Bronze Fleet**– for sailors **with a disability** who:

- All carry a *mandatory* buddy on board whilst racing. This Fleet is limited to sailors who are; very inexperienced or have never raced before, visually impaired, unable to operate all controls without help due to mobility or strength issues. sailors with learning difficulties.

- 2.3. Eligible boats may enter by completing the Challenger Standard Regatta Entry form and sending it, **at least one month in advance**, to the organiser's address shown in Notice of Race Part 2. Postal or equivalent email entries *will be acceptable*.
- 2.4. If organisers do not receive an advance entry form there may be a late entry supplement of up to £5.00 payable at registration

3. **FEES** Entry fees should be paid to the organisers **at registration on arrival at the venue**

4. **SCHEDULE AND OTHER VENUE-SPECIFIC DETAILS** The schedule of races and list of prizes will be published either in Challenger News, on Social media or by email before each event. Other details will be shown in the Challenger Standard Sailing Instructions or their supplements.

## 6. PENALTIES

As an **alternative to protests**, an Exoneration Penalty (and an Advisory Hearing or RYA Arbitration) of the RYA Rules Disputes procedure will be available. Details to be posted on Regatta Notice Boards.

## 7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Challenger Standard Sailing Instructions will be used. They are available to download from the website [www.challenger-sailing.org.uk](http://www.challenger-sailing.org.uk) or on demand from the Class Chairman and will be displayed on the Event Notice Board at each regatta

## 8. VISUAL IMAGES CONSENT

By signing the entry form, Competitors grant the Organising Authority or their agents, without payment, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show or publish any motion pictures, still pictures and live or recorded coverage in any media of, or relating to, the Regatta, unless they advise the organizers otherwise in writing prior to the Regatta.

## 9. 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 other 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, including survival in the water, taking into account any disability they might have;
- (e) The provision of a Race Management Team, Patrol Boats or other officials and volunteers by the Event Organizers 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 a particular venue or event, drawn to their attention in any rules or information produced for the venue or event **and to attend any safety briefing held for the event;**
- (h) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3,000,000 against third party claims.

## 10. INSPECTIONS

The fact that the Race Committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race

## FURTHER INFORMATION

**11.1** Further information about the Class Association or Challenger regattas can be obtained from the Association Chairman or from the Challenger website; [www.challenger-sailing.org.uk](http://www.challenger-sailing.org.uk) or the Challenger Facebook page; [www.facebook.com/ChallengerClassAssociationCommunity](http://www.facebook.com/ChallengerClassAssociationCommunity)

**11.2** Further information about individual regattas is published in Challenger News, the Challenger Class magazine. Details may also be available on organising club websites or Social Media

## Standard Course Layout (1)

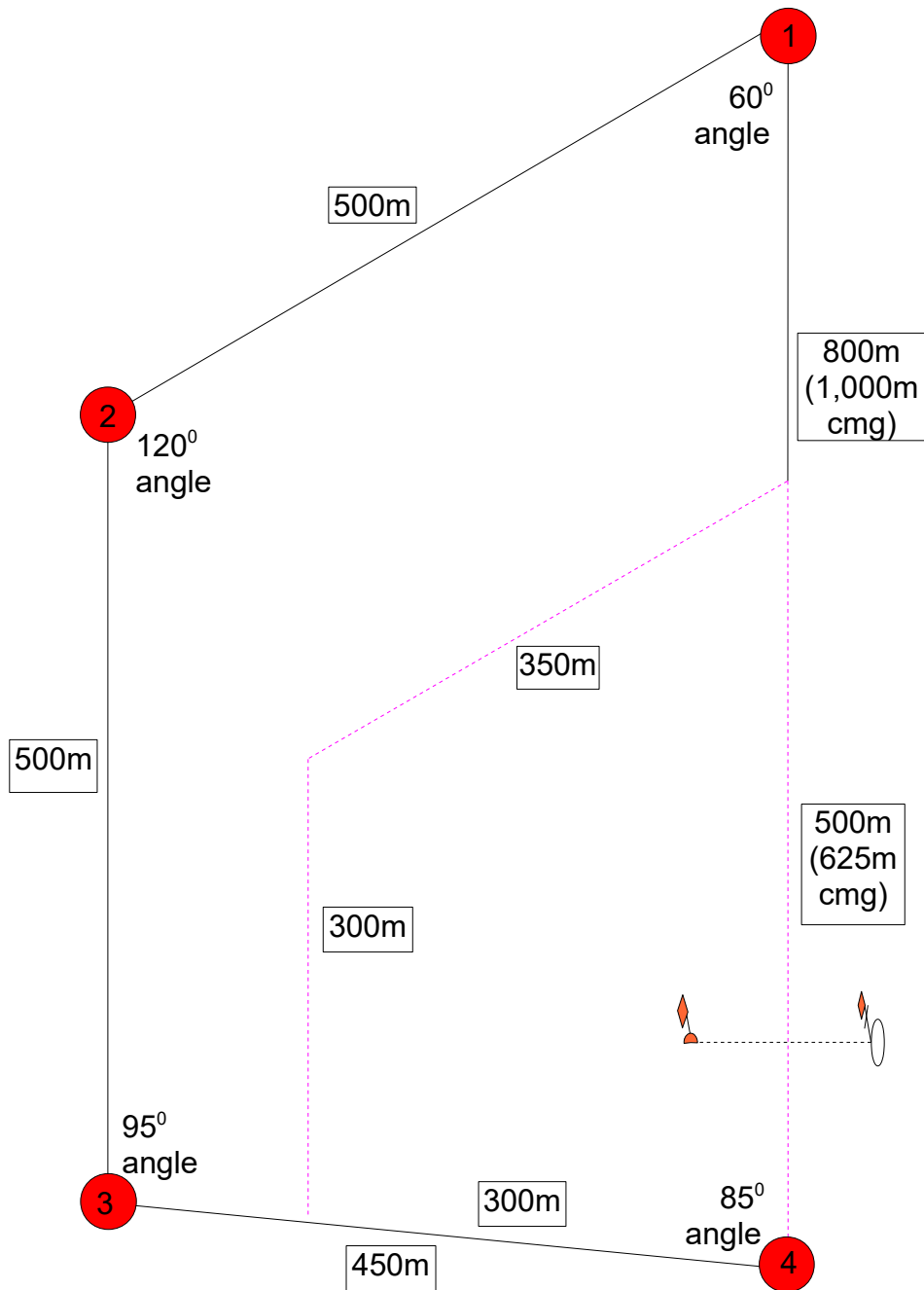
Distances are examples to achieve an approximate lap time of 10-15 minutes

Black lines = Moderate to Fresh Winds

Magenta lines = Light Winds (0-5 knots)

“CMG” (Course Made Good) shows total distance sailed when beating

Red marks should be left to PORT. The Start / Finish line is also an Upwind Gate



## Standard Course layout (2)

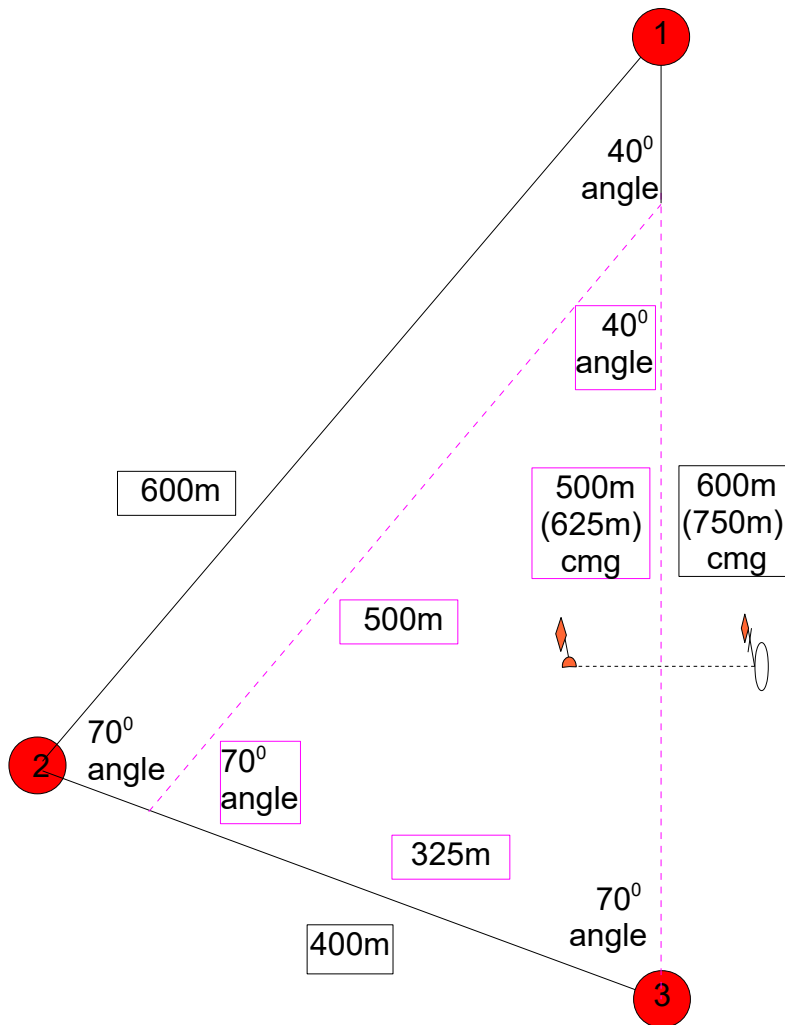
Distances are examples to achieve an approximate lap time of 10-15 minutes

Black lines = Light Winds (3-6 knots)

Magenta lines = Very Light Winds (0-3 knots)

“CMG” shows total distance sailed when beating

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### Standard Course layout (3) – Any Wind Strength

Distances are examples to achieve an approximate lap time of 10-15 minutes

“CMG” shows total distance sailed when beating

Red Marks – Leave to Port, Green Marks - Leave to Starboard.

The Start / Finish line is also an Upwind Gate

