

2015 K6 Sailing Instructions for Weekend Events

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 As set out in All Class Rules either the helm or crew shall be a member of the K6 Association. Anyone not complying with this will be disqualified without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5 This SI cannot be amended by the Event Appendix, the K6 Class Association and its designated representative at each event is the sole arbiter of whether or not an individual is a member of the Class Association.
- 1.3 Competitors shall complete the entry form and pay the necessary dues in order to be eligible to race.
- 1.4 Any competitors who are aged under 18, shall complete a Parental Disclosure Form, Photography Consent Form and a Medical Consent Form. These are available from heather.chipperfield@gmail.com

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board as defined in the Event Appendix.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted at least one hour before the advertised start time of the race or races concerned; except that any change to the schedule of races shall be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the location described in the Event Appendix.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore '1 minute', in 'Race Signals' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes'. This changes the meaning of AP in RRS Race Signals.

5 FORMAT OF RACING

- 5.1 The K6 Grand Prix will comprise a maximum of 8 races for a two-day event. The schedule of races will be specified on the K6 Class Association websites under 'Events' and on the official notice board.
- 5.2 No more than 6 races will be sailed in any one day.
- 5.3 At the discretion of the Class Representative and the Race Officer some of the following days' races may be brought forward to allow for any inclement weather forecasts.
- 5.4 In the event of a race being recalled, restarted, re-sailed or abandoned the next race sailed will be that race with subsequent races being sailed thereafter in their scheduled order.

6 CLASS FLAG

- 6.1 The class flag will be an Orange flag with black K6 insignia.

7 RACING AREAS

- 7.1 The racing area will be as shown on the official notice board

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The diagram(s) in Event Appendix A show the course(s), the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left. Courses will also be displayed on the official event notice board.
- 8.2 If a course has a gate and one of two gate marks is missing and has not been replaced as described in RRS 34 then the remaining mark shall be rounded to port. This changes RRS 34.
- 8.3 The number of laps to be sailed will be indicated on the Committee Boat, either displayed on a notice board or by flying the appropriate numeral pennant.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 The course marks will be described in Event Appendix A.

10 THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26. Multiple classes sharing a starting line may be started in any order.
- 10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starting mark at the starboard end and the port-end starting mark.
- 10.3 When a limit mark is laid near the Committee Boat it is a starting limit mark that shall be left to starboard when starting.
- 10.4 Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made are reminded of their obligations not to interfere with boats that are racing as set out in RRS 24.1.
- 10.5 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4.1 and A5.

11 MINIMUM WIND STRENGTH

- 11.1 Races will not be started unless the Race Officer is satisfied that the wind strength over the whole of the course is in excess of an average of four knots.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark or a mark described in event appendix A for that purpose (or the finishing line) to a new position.

13 SHORTENING COURSES

- 13.1 The race may be shortened in accordance with RRS 32.2. All competitors shall complete the number of rounds equal to the leading boat before proceeding to the finish.
- 13.2 Effort will be made to notify the fleet of a shortened course at the final windward mark.

14 THE FINISH

- 14.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a orange flag on the committee boat and the finishing mark described in Event Appendix A.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the two-turns penalty is replaced by one-turn penalty (i.e. one tack and one gybe).
- 15.2 Boats may touch a mark other than the starting or finishing mark. A boat shall not manhandle a mark when it results in an advantage. This changes RRS 31.

16 TIME LIMITS

- 16.1 The time limit shall be 75 minutes for the first boat to finish. If one boat finishes within that limit then the time limit will be amended to 20 minutes after the finishing time of the first boat. Boats failing to finish within the amended time limit shall be scored in their observed positions on the course or last mark rounding position if recorded. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5. Boats finished in this way will be advised of the fact by a safety boat and should stop racing thereafter.

17 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 17.1 Protest forms are available from the Race Office. They shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 17.2 The protest time limit is one hour after the last boat finished the last race of the day.
- 17.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the expiry of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties to, or named as witnesses. It shall be the responsibility of competitors to check the notice board for such notices, obtain their copy of the protest form and make sure that they and their witnesses attend the hearing.
- 17.4 On the last day of racing a competitor's request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
 - (a) Within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the protest committee's decision on the previous day;
 - (b) No later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the protest committee's decision on that day.

This changes RRS 66.

- 17.5 Where a Class judge a NJ, IJ or official arbitrator is appointed to an event the Exoneration Penalty and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration procedures of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. See official notice board for details.

- 17.6 For infringements of the rules other than in Part 2 of the RRS, the protest committee may award a lesser penalty than disqualification.
- 17.7 Breaches of Sailing Instructions 23.1, 23.2 and 24 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a).

18 SCORING

- 18.1 Points will accrue to the helm or helm/crew team named on the entry form and not to the boat entered.
- 18.2 2 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.3 (a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a competitor's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When from 4 to 7 races have been completed, a competitor's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- (c) When 8 or more races have been completed, a competitor's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 18.4 To request correction of an alleged error in the posted race or series results, a boat may complete a scoring enquiry form available at the race office. If a request for correction is rejected the time limit for requesting redress for the alleged error will run from the time that the rejection is advised to the competitor.
- 18.5 The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under Sailing Instruction 17.7 will be DPI.
- 18.6 **Series/event tie** If, after discard(s), two or more boats have the same points total the tie will be broken in accordance with RRS Appendix A8.1. If there is still a tie this will be broken in favour of the boat with the best excluded result. This changes RRS A 8. If a tie still exists then the tie will be broken in accordance with RRS Appendix A8.2. For the purpose of this rule the last race will be taken to mean the last race actually completed on the water.

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1 Personal flotation devices crew members shall be worn at all times whilst afloat. This changes RRS 40 and the preamble to Part 4.
- 19.2 Wetsuits or drysuits must be worn by all competitors between 1st November and 30th April inclusive.
- 19.3 When the race committee considers that a boat or competitor is in difficulty it may instruct the boat or competitor to accept outside help, retire or sail ashore.
- 19.4 In accordance with RRS 43.1 and ISAF Case 89, no clothing or equipment may be worn on the body of helm or crew to carry liquid of any description, even if for the purpose of re-hydration; this includes camelbacks, water bottles and cans of drink.

20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 20.1 For the series of races comprising an event only the helm or helm and crew team named on the entry form will be eligible. If a different helm outside the helm and crew named on entry form completes a race in the same boat then they will be considered a separate entry and their results cannot be combined with another helm's results.

However the registered helm and crew may swap roles without restriction.

- 20.2 Crews may only be changed during the series of races comprising an event from the person named on entry form with written permission in advance from the Race Committee or Class Representative. If it is known at the start of the event that there will have to be a change crew during the event then both crews should be registered on entry form along with which day(s) they will be sailing.
- 20.3 Where event results are combined to form a circuit then only the results scored by the same helm or helm and crew team will count, results from a different helm shall not be combined, even when helming the same boat.

21 Distinguishing Numbers

- 21.1 Under exceptional circumstances, the Race Committee may permit a boat to use sails carrying a distinguishing number other than that required by RRS 77 and RRS Appendix G. Such permission is only valid if sought in writing before use.

22 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 22.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.
- 22.2 Class Conformity: Every boat shall comply with the current relevant class rules. Failure to do so may result in disqualification without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1. and A5

23 ADVERTISING

- 23.1 Boats shall display advertising supplied by the organizing authority as specified in the NOR.
- 23.2 When provided at registration, competitors shall make every reasonable effort to display event sponsors promotional items on their boat and sails as directed. If sponsor promotional items come off whilst racing, competitors must obtain replacement items from the K6 Association before the start of racing the following day, if the Association has sufficient stocks available.
- 23.3 There will be no restriction on the number or coverage of advertisers logos or slogans except for the front 20% of the forward part of each side of the hull and the foremost 20% of the mainsail boom bottom , which are reserved for K6 Association event sponsors. [see ISAF regulation 20 Advertising Code]

24 TRASH DISPOSAL

- 24.1 Boats shall not leave trash in the dinghy park. When afloat, trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats. This changes rule 41

25 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 25.1 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.

26 SUPPORT BOATS

- 26.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

27 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 27.1 The race organisers shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/competitor, his skipper or crew as a result of their taking part in the race or races. Moreover, every owner/competitor warrants the suitability of his boat for the race or races.
- 27.2 The safety of a boat and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/competitor racing the boat, who shall ensure that the boat is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by a crew sufficient in number and experience who are physically fit to face bad weather. The owner/competitor shall be satisfied as to the soundness of the hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. He shall ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and that all crew know where it is kept and how it is to be used.
- 27.3 Neither the establishment of these Sailing Instructions nor any inspection of the boat under these conditions in any way limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner/competitor for his crew, the boat and the management thereof. The crews are nonetheless advised to satisfy themselves as to the experience of the skipper and the adequacy of all safety equipment and insurance arrangements.

28 INSURANCE

- 28.1 Each participating boat shall be adequately insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

29 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

- 29.1 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.