



Oxford
SAILING CLUB



2026 Craftinsure K6 UK Inland Championships and RS Vareo Open Meeting

18 -19 April 2026

Oxford Sailing Club Rules and Sailing Instructions

Welcome to Oxford Sailing Club.

While you are sailing here you are an associate member of The Club and are bound by its rules. You should take particular note of the following as contravention risks disqualification from the entire event.

CLUB RULES

1. No animals are allowed on site other than the car park and the countryside walk.
2. Vehicles and road trailers must be parked in the designated car park. Unloading near the clubhouse/Reservoir should be limited to 10 minutes after which the vehicles must be removed to the car park.
3. No one may stay overnight on the site, and therefore camping and caravans are not permitted. **Vehicles may NOT be left on site overnight.**
4. Paddling and swimming in the reservoir are not allowed.
5. Boats shall keep clear of all Thames Water fixtures and installations, and must remain at least 20 metres from fishermen and fishing boats which may be regarded as obstructions to sea room.
6. Adequate personal buoyancy must be worn at all times when afloat or water side of the reservoir wave wall, and if of the inflatable type then it must be sufficiently inflated to support the wearer.

We wish you good luck and hope you enjoy your sailing at Oxford Sailing Club.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. These sailing instructions, the appropriate class rules (except as altered by these sailing instructions), the Notice of Race, Oxford Sailing Club (OSC) Articles and bylaws and any temporary regulations introduced by OSC or Thames Water will apply during the event.
- 1.3. All competitors and their guests shall be deemed to be associate members of OSC.
- 1.4. Rule 76.1 is modified such that the Club reserves the right to reject or rescind the

entry of any boat or competitor, or to exclude members of his party at any time before or during the event.

- 1.5. Rule 77 governing class insignia, national letters and numbers on sails is amended to the effect that, under exceptional circumstances, the Race Committee may permit a boat to use sails carrying a distinguishing number other than that required.
- 1.6. Change to RRS31. If a boat touches a start or finish mark they shall complete a one-turn penalty as described in RRS 44.2. Touching other rounding or passing marks is permitted.
- 1.7. A boat shall not manhandle a mark when it results in an advantage, if a boat does so she shall promptly retire. A boat that infringes this Sailing Instruction will be scored DSQ in the race she has just finished; this changes RRS 63.1 & A5.
- 1.8. Rule 44.1 is changed so that the two turns penalty is replaced by a one turn penalty.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors shall be posted on the Official Notice Board which will be located in the foyer of the clubhouse.
- 2.2. An event competitor's WhatsApp group will be used, providing notifications and Race Committee (RC) communications whilst ashore.
- 2.3. Failure to receive WhatsApp messages shall not be grounds for redress.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change to these sailing instructions shall be posted at least one hour before the start of the race in which it will take effect and international Code flag 'L' will be flown.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1. Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the mast situated at the South end of the clubhouse.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1. It is the intention to run up to 6 races over 2 days, with one additional race on any day depending upon prevailing and forecast weather and conditions.
- 6.2. There will be a competitor's briefing at the front of the Clubhouse at 11.45 on Saturday 18 April.
- 6.3. Start times are as follows:

18 April	K6	Race 1 K6 First warning signal 12:55 Race 2 K6 Immediately following Race 1 Race 3 K6 Immediately following Race 2
	Vareo	Race 1 First warning signal K6 first start 13:00 Race 2 First warning signal K6 Race 2 start Race 3 First warning signal K6 Race 3 start
19 April	K6	Race 4 First warning signal 10:25 Race 5 Immediately following Race 4

Race 6 Immediately following Race 5

Vareo Race 4 first warning signal K6 first start 10:30

Race 5 First warning signal K6 Race 2 start

Race 6 First warning signal K6 Race 3 start

- 6.4. On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 15:00.
- 6.5. The start sequence will be stopped following a General Recall, i.e. all flags down and then start the sequence afresh for all fleets (as per RRS29.1).

7. CLASS FLAG

- 7.1. The K6 class flag is 'Orange with black K6 lettering' and will be used to indicate the Race Committee vessel is on station ready to commence the start sequence.
- 7.2. The Vareo Class Flag will be raised at the commencement of the K6 race to indicate the start of the Vareo race 5 minute start sequence.

8. RACING AREA

- 8.1. The racing area is Farmoor 2 reservoir.

9. COURSE

- 9.1. Windward-leeward course with reaching finish.
- 9.2. The diagram in Appendix A indicates the course configuration, relative position and order of rounding marks but does not indicate the angles between the legs.
- 9.3. **Four (4) rounds/laps** will be sailed. Boats will sail through the leeward gate mark (marks 2s/2p) four (**4**) times and then proceed to the finish line.

10. MAGNETIC BEARING OF MARK 1

- 10.1. The magnetic bearing of mark 1 from the Committee Boat will not be displayed.

11. COURSE MARKS

- 11.1. Marks 1 and 2s and 2p are tall orange cylinders.
- 11.2. Spreader Mark 1a is a Yellow finger mark.
- 11.3. The Start mark is Dhan Buoy with Orange Flag (port side of committee boat)
- 11.4. The Finish mark is Dhan Buoy with Blue Flag
- 11.5. Additional or alternative marks may be used as described on the Official Notice Board.

12. THE START

- 12.1. When the Race Committee vessel is on station it will fly the K6 class flag which will be lowered one minute (with one sound signal) before the K6 start sequence commences.
- 12.2. Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26:
- 12.3. The starting line is defined as the line between the forward mast of the Committee Boat and the start mark.

13. RECALLS

- 13.1. **Individual Recall** In accordance with RRS 29.1
- 13.2. **General Recall** In accordance with RRS 29.2

14. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 14.1. The Race Committee may adjust the course by moving or substituting marks.

When the course is changed by substitution of a mark, a boat will be stationed near the start of the first leg affected and will fly flag C. She will draw attention to this by making intermittent sound signals. In alteration of rule 33, the compass bearing of the new mark or green/red triangular flags will not be displayed.

15. THE FINISH

- 15.1.** The finishing line will be between the Race Committee Boat's Stern mast (flying the blue finishing flag) and the finishing mark, a blue dhan buoy.
- 15.2.** Race Officer will hoist a blue flag as the leader leaves the windward mark on their last lap, and if shortening course, the S flag will also be hoisted accompanied by 2 sound signals.
- 15.3.** On the final lap boats must round the leeward mark 2P to port and then proceed to the finish line marked by a blue dhan buoy directly to windward of the committee boat and the bow of the committee boat.
- 15.4.** After finishing, boats shall not re-cross the finishing line and shall keep clear of boats still racing.

16. TIME LIMIT

- 16.1.** The time limit for the leader in each race will be 45 minutes. Any boat not finishing within 20 minutes of the leading boat or within the time limit, whichever is later shall be scored in their observed positions on the course or last mark rounding position if recorded. Boats finished in this way will be advised of the fact by a safety boat and should stop racing thereafter. The Race Officer may extend the 20 minute time limit at his discretion.
- 16.2.** The end of the finishing period will be signalled by the lowering of the blue flag with one sound signal.

17. HEARING REQUESTS

- 17.1.** Protests shall be written on the forms available from reception and lodged there within 30 minutes of the last boat completing the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is the later.
- 17.2.** Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 17.3.** The Protest Committee will meet as soon as possible after the day's racing.

18. SCORING SYSTEM

- 18.1.** The Low Point Scoring System, as detailed in Appendix A of the RRS, will apply.
- 18.2.** When less than four races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores.
- 18.3.** When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

19. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1.** In accordance with RRS 40.1 applies at all times while on the reservoir side of its wave wall. Dry or wetsuits alone do not constitute personal buoyancy.

20. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 20.1.** A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.

20.2. When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

21. TRASH DISPOSAL

21.1. Trash may be placed aboard official vessels or brought back to shore and disposed of in the facilities on site.

22. PRIZES

22.1. Prizes will be awarded as defined by the Notice of Race

