North East and Yorkshire Youth Traveller Series
Open Meeting
Ulley Sailing Club 31st October 2026

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The series organising authority is the North East and Yorkshire Sailing Association
The Open Meeting organising authority is Ulley Sailing Club.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the Sailing Instructions means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a). The notation '[DP]' in a rule of the Sailing Instructions means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1. RULES

1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
1.2. This event is part of the North East and Yorkshire Youth Traveller Series and the Notice of Race (NEYYSA TS 2026/227) applies.
1.3. In the event of a conflict between the NOR and these SIs, the SIs will prevail.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than 30 minutes before the first race on the day that they will take effect. They will be signalled by displaying flag "L" accompanied by one sound signal.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, before the event at www.neyysa.org or on the day of the event at the host club on the club's official noticeboard which is located in the clubhouse
3.2. [DP] While racing except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
3.3. The briefing will take place by the club house at 9:45

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1. [DP] 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 clubhouse flagpole alongside the gate to the reservoir.
5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 10 minutes' in the race signal AP. This changes race signals AP.
5.3. Boats shall not leave the beach, until flag D is displayed on the flagpole by the gate to water's edge, when safety boats are ready & their launch group is given permission to launch by the beach master. Where possible 3 short sound signals (whistle) will be made to indicate code flag D is flying. Failure to follow this instruction will result in immediate disqualification from the next race scheduled race with no appeal for redress.

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6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1. The clubhouse will be open for registration from 09.00hrs on 31st June.
6.2. The race schedule and time of the warning signal for the first race of each session is as follows:
6.3. Four races, first race warning signal not before 10.25. Race 2 may be back-to-back with Race 1. Two further races are scheduled following a lunch break ashore.

7. CLASS FLAG

7.1. The class flag for all boats in the event will be Flag T (Red, White and Blue)

8. RACING AREA

8.1. The race area is Ulley Reservoir, Pleasley Lane, Rotherham.

9. THE COURSES

9.1. The course will be set using the club permanent marks and possibly additional marks. These are orange, white or green spherical buoys and additionally orange cylindrical buoys. A diagram of the mark positions is appended to these instructions. The course to be sailed will be displayed on the side of the committee vessel before the warning signal.
9.2. A safety boat may act as a lead boat on the first lap of the race, flying the Yorkshire flag.

10. MARKS

10.1. The club permanent marks are orange spherical buoys numbered 1 to 9. In addition, green (G) or white (W) spherical buoy(s) may be used. At the discretion of the race committee, they may use orange cylindrical buoys marked A, B, C, D.

11. OBSTRUCTIONS

11.1. Two yellow buoys have been placed to mark shallow areas. Competitors are advised to keep clear of these buoys and to avoid sailing close to the bank in these areas.
11.2. There is a buoyed off area immediately to the east side of the reservoir outfall. There is a bird sanctuary area to the east of Mark x. Both of these are prohibited areas for sailing.

12. THE START

12.1. The start line will be between an dan buoy with an orange flag and a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat.

Or

12.2. The start will be from the club's race tower, with a transit across the lake, displayed by a white mast and an orange marker.
12.3. A main fleet boat starting later than 4 minutes after the starting signal will be scored DNS (Did Not Start) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
12.4. A regatta fleet boat starting later than 8 minutes after the starting signal will be scored DNS (Did Not Start) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

12.5. All boats shall pass through the start/finish gate between the race committee boat and the orange inflatable buoy on every upwind leg of the course or the transit across the reservoir. Boats observed not to do so will not be credited with completing that lap.
12.6. Races will be started by using Rule 26. (5-4-1-Start).

13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

13.1. Courses will not be changed during a race.

14. SHORTENING COURSE AND FINISHING

14.1. The finishing line will be through the start/finish line.
14.2. When on station to finish the committee boat will display a blue flag.
14.3. The course will be shortened to achieve a target race duration. Once the shorten course flag has been displayed on the committee boat or tower, each boat shall finish when they next cross the finish line to windward from the previous mark. The leading boat on the water in the race may not be the first boat to finish.

15. TIME LIMITS

15.1. The time limit for all boats is 60 minutes. The target time for racing is 35 minutes
15.2. Boats failing to finish within a 20-minute finishing window after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.

16. HEARING REQUESTS

16.1. For races held before the lunch break, the protest time limit is fifteen minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the morning. For races held after the lunch break, the protest time limit is fifteen minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day.
16.2. The protest period expiry time will be posted on the official notice board.
16.3. Hearing request forms are available from the race office.
16.4. Hearing 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. Any protest hearings will be performed at a place chosen by the Race Organising Authority.

17. SCORING

17.1. Boat positions in each race will be determined using the RYA Portsmouth Yardstick System and the current published yardstick numbers. A boat's corrected time will be calculated from her average lap time for completed laps in the race.
17.2. The Low Point scoring system (Appendix A) will apply.
17.3. One race completed will constitute a series.
17.4. When fewer than three races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
17.5. When three or more races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
17.6. In order to determine prizes for boats in the Regatta Fleet, their positions will be taken from the overall results. That is, they will not be re-scored excluding boats from other fleets.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1. [DP] [NP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

18.2. Crew members shall always wear personal flotation devices whilst afloat without Flag Y being flown. This changes RRS 40 (Personal Flotation Devices). Wet or dry suits alone are not considered adequate personal buoyancy.

19. RISK STATEMENT

a) RRS 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone".

b) Sailing by its nature is an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

c) 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.

d) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.

e) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.

f) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.

g) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.

h) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

i) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this 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.

20. EVENT ADVERTISING

20.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

21. OFFICIAL BOATS

21.1. Official boats will be Ulley SC safety boats and a rib as committee vessel. Support boats are not allowed.

22. TRASH DISPOSAL

22.1. Competitors are encouraged to use the waste bins ashore. Trash may be placed aboard the official boats.

23. PRIZES

23.1. A prize will be awarded to the winner of the Open Meeting. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organisers.

24. INSURANCE

24.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 Pounds Sterling per incident or the equivalent.

25. End of Sailing Instructions

26. Additional Information for Ulley SC

The club address is Ulley Sailing Club, Country Park, Ulley, Pleasley Road, Aughton, S26 3XL

On arrival the club entrance is through a public car park off the main road, the dinghy park gate is at the east end of the car park.

Boats may be unloaded and taken into the dinghy park. Cars will not be permitted in the dinghy park and may be parked for the day either in the public car park or in the overflow carpark. Road trailer to be left in the cottage yard.

Refreshments

Refreshments and lunch will be available at reasonable cost. Please advise the Club when registering how many of your party will want lunch.

Dogs are permitted on site.

Swimming is not permitted.

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Ulley Reservoir Buoy and Water Plan

