



The Chase Sailing Club



LOMO Blaze Inland Championships 2024

12th / 13th October 2024

Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024, the Rules of the Blaze Class Association, Notice of Race & the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 Racing Rule 40 will be changed as follows;
Adequate personal buoyancy must be worn by all competitors when afloat.
Flag Y will not be displayed.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the clubhouse.
- 2.2 A race briefing will be held at 10:30 on Saturday 12th October.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 60 minutes before the start of the first race.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be flown from the clubhouse flagpole located at the OOD box in the Dinghy Park.
- 4.2 When 'AP' is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 15 minutes in the race signal "AP"'.
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5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Date of Racing: 12th / 13th October 2024.

5.2 The event will be a 6-race regatta held on 2 days as follows;

Date	Time of warning signal	Races (AM)	Races (PM)
Saturday 12th October	Not before 11:00	2 races	2 races
Sunday 13th October	Not before 10:30	2 races	

5.3 On Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th October 2024, the LOMO Blaze Inland Championships 2024 will run in parallel with the RS300 Open.

5.4 After a long postponement, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound signal at least four minutes before a warning signal is displayed to alert boats that a race or sequences of races will begin.

5.5 No first warning signal will be made after 14:00 on Sunday 13th October

6. CLASS FLAGS

6.1 The class flag will be the Blaze Class Flag



7. RACING AREA

7.1 The racing area will be on Chasewater

8. COURSES

8.1 Course and number of laps will be displayed on the Committee Boat, rounding direction of marks is indicated by background colour of the mark number.

8.2 Races will be started from the Race Committee Boat.

8.3 No later than the Warning Signal, the Race Committee Boat will display the course to be sailed.

8.4 The course will be the same for both Blaze and RS300 classes.

9. MARKS

9.1 The start line will be between the mast of the committee boat and an orange cylindrical mark.

9.2 Marks of the course are yellow cylindrical buoys and are numbered clockwise around the pool.

9.3 The finish line will be the between the committee boat and a mark of the course.

10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

10.1 The North Shore (Sailing Club Side) is shallow to approximately 5m from all banks.

10.2 The area round the island is shallow to approximately 5m all round.

11. THE START

11.1 Races shall be started using Rule 26 (5-4-1-Go).

11.2 The starting line will be between the committee boat mast displaying an orange flag and the starting mark.

11.3 All LOMO Blaze Inland Championship races, including those following a General Recall, will start first, followed by the RS300 Open races.

12. CHANGE OF NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will fly Flag C giving frequent sound signals to draw attention to the red or green flag denoting the direction the mark has been moved.

13. THE FINISH

13.1 The finish line will be between the mast of the committee boat and a mark of the course.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 The scoring penalty Rule 44.3 will not apply.

14.2 The Propulsion Rule 42 will be strictly applied.

14.3 The Post-Race Penalty, Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes procedures will apply (for information on the procedures, visit the RYA website).

15. TIME LIMITS

15.1 There will be no race time limit. The target race time for the first boat will be 45 minutes.

15.2 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within 30 minutes the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

15.3 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5. This Instruction will be signalled by lowering the orange flag with three long sound signals.

15.4 If it is evident that one or more boats will not finish the race within 10 minutes of the first boat finishing, the Race Officer may, at their sole discretion, operate a Rolling Finish Line for the unfinished boats. The Rolling Finish Line will be performed by a Rib being driven through the finish line along the rhumb line of the race course, but in the opposite direction. Boats will be finished in the order they are crossed by an extended line of sight,

perpendicular to the rhumb line of the course and the centreline of the Rib as the Rib progresses along the race course in opposite direction. Failure to take advantage of this provision shall not be grounds for redress under Rule 62(a). This alters rule 35.

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

16.2 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. This time limit will be extended by 30 minutes for all protests by the race committee relating to incidents observed in the racing area.

16.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located on the first floor of the club house.

16.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

16.5 Breaches of Instructions 1.2(a) and 18 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

17. SCORING

17.1 Two Races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

17.2 When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

17.3. When 4-6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worse score.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

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

19. REPLACEMENT CREW

19.1 Substitution of helmsperson during the regatta will not be permitted.

19.2 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

20. EQUIPMENT & MEASUREMENT CHECKS

20.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with

the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

21. OFFICIAL BOATS

21.1 Official boats will be identified at the briefing.

22. RADIO COMMUNICATION

22.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

23. PRIZES

23.1 Prizes will be awarded for at least 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Endeavour, 1st Lady, 1st Youth, 1st Polyester.

23.2 Other prizes maybe awarded at the discretion of the organisers.

24. RISK STATEMENT

24.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race.

24.2 The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

24.3 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;

e) 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;

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 this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information prepared for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

25. INSURANCE

25.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident.

