

Comet and Kestrel Open Meeting

16-17th May 2026

At Llangorse Sailing Club (*organising authority*)

Llangorse Common, Brecon, LD3 7TR

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *World Sailing's Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025-2028*.

1.2. **Rule 40** Rule 40 is changed to read:- Competitors shall wear adequate personal floatation devices (with a minimum buoyancy of at least 50 Newtons and being a lifejacket or waist-coat type aid) at all times when afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wetsuits and dry suits are not personal floatation devices. 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 briefing will take place at noon on Saturday 16th May in front of the clubhouse. If necessary, a further briefing will be held on Sunday 17th May at 10:00.

3. **CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09:00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed in front of the clubhouse

4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced by 'not less than 20 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

	Sat	Sun
BRIEFING	noon	If necessary
NUMBER OR RACES	3	2
KESTREL SCHEDULED TIME OF FIRST WARNING SIGNAL	12:55	10:25
COMET SCHEDULED TIME OF FIRST WARNING SIGNAL	13.00	11.00

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6.1. One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that the regatta becomes no more than one race ahead of schedule and the change is made in accordance with instruction 3.

6.2. On the last day of racing no warning signal will be made after 14:30.

7. **CLASS FLAGS**

7.1. Comets: Flag C. Kestrels: Flag K.

8. **RACING AREAS** The race area will be denoted by the location of the committee boat. Competitors should take note of conservation “no-go zones” on some margins of the lake, including the red buoy off Llangasty point - competitors must not sail between it and the shore. It shall be treated as an *obstruction* as defined in RRS. The anchored device in the lake should be treated as an “obstacle.” Further information about these will be provided at the initial briefing.

9. **COURSES**

9.1. The number of rounds and the course to be sailed will be displayed on boards on the committee boat.

10. **MARKS** Marks will be defined by the Race Officer at the pre-event briefing. The racing course will be communicated from the Race Officer’s launch, prior to the first signal of each race.

11. **THE START**

11.1. Races will be started by using Rule 26.

11.2. The starting line is defined as a line between the mast of the Committee Boat displaying an orange flag and an outer starting line mark. An inner mark may be laid close to the Committee Boat, in which case competitors must start between the inner and outer buoys using the transits between the mast and the outer buoy. Boats passing between the inner buoy and Committee Boat will be disqualified.

11.3. A boat starting 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

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 to a new position and Flag C will be flown.

13. **THE FINISH** The finishing line will be between the mast of the finishing boat displaying a blue flag and the distance mark indicated in the course.

14. **TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

14.1. The target time for the first boat to finish shall be 40 minutes.

14.2. The time limit shall be 90 minutes for the first boat to finish.

14.3. If one boat finishes within the time 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 the last mark rounding position if recorded. This changes RR35. Boats finished in this way will be advised of the fact by a safety boat and should stop racing thereafter.

15. **PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

15.1. Protest forms are available from the race office located in the clubhouse.

15.2. The time limit for logging protest or a request for redress is 60 min after the last boat comes ashore.

16. **SCORING** 1 race is required to constitute the series.

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

16.2. When 4 or 5 races have been completed a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst position.

17. **SAFETY REGULATIONS**

17.1. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible and sign the retirement sheet for the appropriate race(s) on the club noticeboard within 20 mins of coming ashore.

18. **REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT** Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without the prior approval of the race committee.
19. **PRIZES** Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the organising authority.
20. **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4 Decision to Race. The organising 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.
21. **INSURANCE** All participating boats must hold a valid, current Certificate of Insurance, which covers the boat for the period of the Inland Championships and in must hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £5,000,000.