

**Access Traveller Series**  
**Summary of Main Changes 2012**  
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1. I remind you that for all ACA(UK) Access racing events the following **Special Class Flags will be used:**



as laid out in the Jan 2012 ACA(UK) Sailing Instructions provided in this events pack. **These flags will be provided on the race day by a member of the ACA(UK). Before the day check that this has been arranged.**

2. Both the **ACA(UK) Sailing Instructions** and the **Special Rules for Access Dinghies** **have changed** so please **do not** use last year's. The new versions are included in this pack and **are dated and changed as follows: Special Rules = Jan 2012 Changes to title and paragraphs 3 and 4.1 and Sailing Instructions = Jan 2012 Changes to paragraphs 6.2, 6.3, 7.4, 7.6 and 10.4.**
3. We have the following new requirement for the Notice of Race and the Briefing, **If the event is to be held before June include in the Notice of Race and the Briefing a reminder that water temperature will be low and it is each sailors responsibility to take all necessary personal safety precautions that take this into account.**
4. Please note: The ACA(UK) are now issuing the following advice to event-organising clubs : **“Organising clubs should be aware that some Access sailors with disabilities are unable to wear personal buoyancy devices (PFDs) with fixed buoyancy and will need to wear auto-inflating PFDs. If this contravenes normal club policy, potential competitors need to be made aware of this restriction and special arrangements should be made to allow competitors to use nationally recognised PFD types with which they are comfortable and in which they have confidence including auto-inflating lifejackets.”**<sup>111</sup>
5. Please note the following addition to the “Safety Boat checklist Part paragraph 3 **“Be aware that some Access sailors with disabilities will need to wear auto-inflating Personal Flotation Devices. therefore special arrangements must be made to ensure such sailors are closely monitored at all times that they are on the water, by a safety boat adequately manned for their immediate rescue in the event of the sailor being in the water and the device not activate. The lack of such cover could result in the death of a sailor and must be given the highest of priorities. Find out if any sailors are wearing PFD's and therefore need this special cover and allocate a Safety boat and crew to them before they go on the water.”** Please ensure that this advice is followed
6. **Please note** the following rule change regarding eligibility of sails at UK Nationals and Traveller events : **Special Rules - Jan 2012 4.1. Sails manufactured by Hyde Sails and supplied as racing sails from an authorised agent may be used for all events in the United Kingdom.**

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7. I remind you that the starting sequence and timings are made in accordance with the sailing instructions provided. **Please Note: The Sailing Instructions 7.1 includes the following: “Flag ‘P’ or Flag ‘I’ may be used as the flag for the Preparatory Signal”, make sure it has been made plain at the briefing which you intend using and the rules the chosen flag applies to the starts.**
8. I remind you that **if you intend using club marks** fix a flag to each with its number sequence taken i.e. windward mark = 1 etc. **The Association has dan-buoys** with numbered flags that clip onto the club buoys. If you need these, **please book them at least one month before your event.**
9. **Electronic versions of all the documents in this events info-resource pack are available on the Association’s web site [www.accessclass.org.uk](http://www.accessclass.org.uk).** Go to the “Events” section and the “Running an Access Event” page, and follow the links.

Any questions regarding any of the Events Pack contents or any other issues regarding hosting our events please do not hesitate to contact me on e-mail [ron.sawford@btinternet.com](mailto:ron.sawford@btinternet.com)  
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