



## WASZP START OF SEASON CHAMPIONSHIPS

WASZP UK CLASS ASSOCIATION

DATCHET WATER SAILING CLUB

23 – 24 MARCH 2024

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

*The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).*

#### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Appendix T (Arbitration) will apply.
- 1.3 The 'by-laws' of Datchet Water Sailing Club (DWSC) shall apply to all competitors and support persons and to all craft afloat. These can be found at <https://www.dwsc.co.uk/club-terms-and-policies/club-rules>.
- 1.4 DWSC implements the RYA Racing Charter and competitors are expected to sail in accordance with this charter. This can be found at the start of the RYA Rule Book or at [www.rya.org.uk/racingrules](http://www.rya.org.uk/racingrules).
- 1.5 See also Notice of Race (NoR) 11.2.
- 1.6 [NP] Invasive Species control: In accordance with Environment Agency guidelines and to prevent the spread of invasive species, DWSC is adhering to the "Check, Clean, Dry" principle. Boats are required to have been clean and dry for two days prior to your arrival and to be washed and dried before returning to other venues. There is a washing station at the club.

#### 2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

#### 3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the online official notice board (ONB) located at <https://racehub.waszp.com/eventdetail/322>.
- 3.2 The race office is located in the club office adjacent to the Wet Bar and can be contacted via the club office (01753 683872) or by email [sailing@dwsc.co.uk](mailto:sailing@dwsc.co.uk).
- 3.3 A WhatsApp group may be used for unofficial communication with competitors (<https://chat.whatsapp.com/HQkt4YCW00u5FKyJwgyc5U>). Competitors should refer to the ONB for all official communications.

#### **4 CODE OF CONDUCT**

[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 club's main flagpole.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

#### **6 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 6.1 The table below outlines the event schedule:

Date	Activity	No. of races	Time
23/3	Sprint Racing	6-8	1030 competitor briefing (with coach) 1155 first warning signal
24/3	Championship Racing	4	1025 first warning signal

- 6.2 A maximum of 8 races may be sailed on one day.
- 6.3 On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1500.
- 6.4 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least one minute before a warning signal is made.

#### **7 CLASS FLAG**

The class flag will be a white flag with a black WASZP insignia.

#### **8 RACING AREA**

- 8.1 The racing area on the Queen Mother Reservoir will be identified in the competitor briefing.
- 8.2 [NP][DP] Participants shall not hinder any club racing or club activity that is happening elsewhere on the reservoir.

#### **9 COURSES**

- 9.1 The diagrams in SI Addendum 1 show the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2 The course to be sailed and number of laps will be displayed on the committee boat.

#### **10 MARKS**

- 10.1 Marks of the course will be orange inflatables.
- 10.2 The starting marks will be a race committee vessel at the starboard end of the line and a blue inflatable at the port end.

- 10.3 The finishing marks will be a race committee vessel at the starboard end of the line and a mark of the course at the port end as per the diagrams in SI Addendum 1.

## **11 OBSTRUCTIONS**

[NP][DP] Competitors shall keep clear of all Water Authority installations across the reservoir. These include the pier, water towers, moored boats and pontoons.

## **12 THE START**

- 12.1 The starting line is between the staff displaying the orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port end starting mark.
- 12.2 A boat that does not start within five minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

## **13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark or the finishing line to a new position.
- 13.2 The race committee is not required to signal the change where the next leg of the course is changed by less than 10 degrees in angle or less than 100 metres in length. This changes RRS 33.

## **14 GRAND PRIX FINISH**

- 14.1 Unless shortened in accordance with RRS 32.2, the finishing line is between the staff displaying a blue flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port end finishing mark.
- 14.2 When the leading boat completes the course and finishes, the signal vessel will immediately display a blue flag with a sound signal. The blue flag will be removed at the end of the finishing window time limit or after the last boat finishes, whichever is sooner.

All boats that,

- a) have completed a lap before the blue flag is displayed, but then fail to finish while it is displayed, or
- b) cross the finishing line while the blue flag is displayed

shall be deemed to have finished irrespective of the number of laps completed. Their positions in the race will be based on the order when they either completed their last lap or finished, with those having completed more laps finishing ahead of those with fewer laps. This changes RRS 28.1 and A4.

- 14.3 For Course 2, when the blue flag is displayed, all boats on a downwind leg shall sail through the finishing line.
- 14.4 [DP] A boat that crosses the finishing line when the blue flag is displayed shall not attempt a further lap.

## **15 PENALTY SYSTEM**

RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

## 16 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 16.1 The Mark 1 Time Limit, Target Time, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35) and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

Course 1			
Mark 1 Time Limit	Target Time	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
10 minutes	10 minutes	30 minutes	5 minutes
Course 2			
Mark 1 Time Limit	Target Time	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
15 minutes	20 minutes	40 minutes	10 minutes

- 16.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 16.3 Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress.

## 17 HEARING REQUESTS

- 17.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the ONB.
- 17.2 Hearing request forms are available from the Race Office or, if this is closed, please follow this link [www.cognitofirms.com/DatchetWaterSailingClub/OnlineRaceOffice](http://www.cognitofirms.com/DatchetWaterSailingClub/OnlineRaceOffice).
- 17.3 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. Hearings will be held in the protest room (location will be posted with the hearing schedule).

## 18 SCORING

See NoR 15

## 19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

[DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## 20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

In accordance with the class rules.

## 21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 21.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the *rules*.
- 21.2 The penalty for an infringement of the class rules may be a discretionary penalty.

## 22 SUPPLIED BOATS

Not applicable to this event.

**23 OFFICIAL VESSELS**

Official vessels will be identified at the briefing.

**24 SUPPORT VESSELS**

Support vessels are prohibited at the event.

**25 TRASH DISPOSAL**

Trash may be placed aboard official vessels.

**26 BERTHING**

[DP] [NP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the boat park.

**27 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

Not applicable to this event.

**28 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

Not applicable to this event.

**29 PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 men, top 3 women and relevant age categories.

**30 RISK STATEMENT**

30.1 Rule 3 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.'

30.2 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 organizer 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 produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

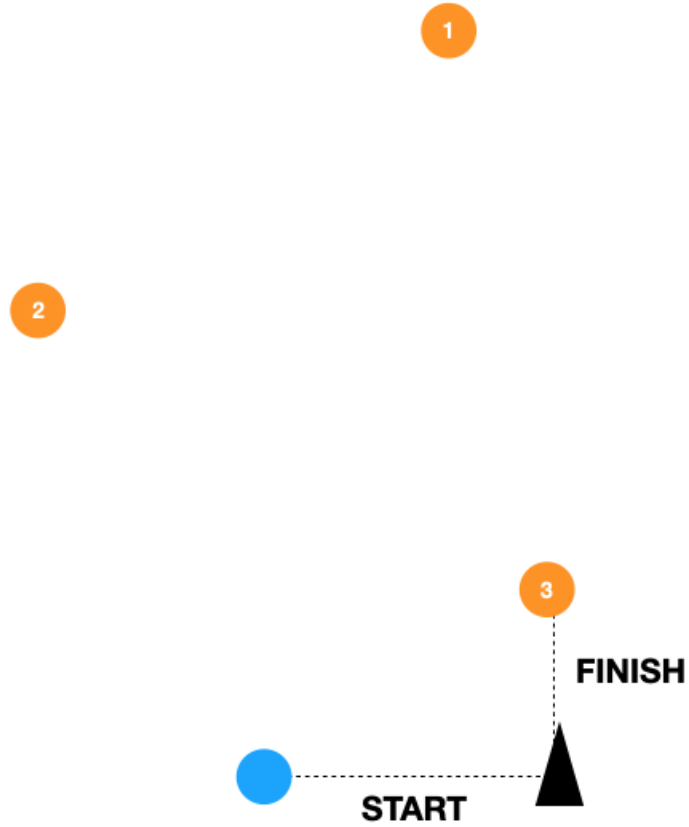
## **31 INSURANCE**

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

## Appendix 1: Courses

### Course 1:

1 LAP	Start – 1(p) – 2(p) – Finish
2 LAPS	Start – 1(p) – 2(p) – 3(p) – 1(p) – Finish



**Course 2:**

1 LAP	Start – 1s/1p (Gate) – Finish
2 LAPS	Start – 1s/1p (Gate) – 2s/2p (Gate) – 1s/1p (Gate) – Finish
3 LAPS	Start – 1s/1p (Gate) – 2s/2p (Gate) – 1s/1p (Gate) – 2s/2p (Gate) – 1s/1p (Gate) – Finish

Notes: At a gate, boats shall pass between the marks and round either mark. The gate may be replaced by a single mark which shall be rounded to port.

