

#### 19 - 20 JULY 2025

# **WASZP International Class Association**

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# Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy, UK NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (NoR/SIs)

The organising authority is the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy (WPNSA) in conjunction with the WASZP International Class Association.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule in the NoR/SIs means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

The notation '[SP]' in a rule in the NoR/SIs means that the standard penalty for a breach of the rule may be applied by the race committee without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1.

#### 1 RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2. NoR Addendum WSR, WASZP Sprint Rules, except rule WSR 2.3, applies and includes specific rules of World Sailing Appendix HS, High Speed Rules, that apply as well as further changes of rules. It will be published on the official notice board and takes precedence over any conflicting rules. This changes RRS 63.5(c).
- 1.3. World Sailing Appendix HS, High Speed Rules, rule HS.29, as shown below, applies: HS.29 Add rule Appendix N1.10:
  - **N1.10** In rule N.1, one International Umpire may be appointed to the jury, or a panel of it, in place of one International Judge.

- 1.1 Sailing Instruction (SI) Appendix 1 shows the applicable Royal Yachting Association (RYA) prescriptions.
- 1.2 In accordance with Class Rule D.4.3 both the Mark1 or Mark2 rear foil may be used in competition. However, all boats using the Mark2 rudder shall use the latest version of the Mark2 rudder securing fitting, which features a screw to secure the horizontal to the vertical. Additionally, to reduce play between the vertical and horizontal sections, plastic spacers positioned on the fitting are permitted.
- 1.3 RRS 62.4 is changed as follows:

In addition, the protest committee may also penalize a boat that is a party to the hearing for the breach of a rule by a support person by changing the boat's score in a single race, up to and including disqualification.

#### 2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1. Any change to the SIs will be posted no later than 1 hour before it will take effect.

#### 3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board (ONB) located at <a href="https://racehub.waszp.com/eventdetail/551">https://racehub.waszp.com/eventdetail/551</a>.
- 3.2. A WhatsApp group will be used for communication with competitors (https://chat.whatsapp.com/I3EBjRiYvQ4D5uWcu84uzx). Messages starting with the word OFFICIAL shall be considered official communications and will also be posted on the ONB. Any failure, or delay, of information sent to the WhatsApp group will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).
- 3.3. [DP] While racing, except in an emergency or when using positioning equipment provided by the organizing authority, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

# 4 ELIGIBILITY, ENTRY AND FEES

- 4.1. The event is open all women in the WASZP class.
- 4.2. Boats may enter by registering online at <a href="https://racehub.waszp.com/eventdetail/551">https://racehub.waszp.com/eventdetail/551</a>. Entry closes on Friday 18 July at 1600.
- 4.3. The entry fee is £50, to be paid prior to racing.

## 5 [NP][DP] ADVERTISING

5.1. Boats shall display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

# 6 [NP][DP] CODE OF CONDUCT

- 6.1. Competitors and support persons shall:
  - 6.1.1 Comply with reasonable requests from event officials.
  - 6.1.2 Handle any equipment provided by the organising authority with care, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality. See also NoR/SI 22 Trackers.

## 7 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

7.1. Signals made ashore will be communicated verbally or by WhatsApp.

## 8 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 8.1. Racing will take place on Saturday 19 July. Sunday 20 July is a reserve day that may be used if the series is not completed by the end of racing on Saturday 19 July.
- 8.2. There will be a competitor briefing at 0900 on 19 July.

- 8.3. The scheduled time of the first warning signal is 1100.
- 8.4. To alert boats that a race or sequence or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least two minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 8.5. A maximum of 10 Sprint races may be sailed.
- 8.6. No warning signal will be made after 1700 on 19 July.

#### 9 VENUE

9.1. The event will be at WPNSA, with racing in Portland Harbour.

#### 10 FLEET FLAG

10.1. The fleet flag will be a pink flag with the WASZP insignia.

#### 11 COURSES

- 11.1. The diagrams and tables in NoR/SI Appendix 1 show the Sprint racing courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 11.2. The course to be raced will be signalled by the display of the corresponding numeral pennant on the race committee signal vessel no later than the warning signal.
- 11.3. Courses will not be shortened. This changes RRS 32.

#### 12 MARKS

- 12.1. Rounding marks will be yellow cylinders.
- 12.2. The starting marks will be the race committee signal vessel at the starboard end of the line and a danbuoy with an orange flag at the port end.
- 12.3. For Course 1, the finishing marks will be a race committee vessel at the starboard end of the line and a danbuoy with a blue flag at the port end.
- 12.4. For Course 2, the finishing marks will be the same as the starting marks.

#### 13 [NP][DP] OBSTRUCTIONS

- 13.1. Boats shall keep more than 100 metres away from vessels over 100 metres in length, vessels at anchor or vessels displaying Flag A (indicating divers in the water). These areas are obstructions as defined in the rules.
- 13.2. Portland Harbour regulations shall be observed. Any directions given by Portland Harbour Authority either in person or by VHF (CH 74) shall be complied with without delay.
- 13.3. Boats shall not transit through the RNSA moorings, which are situated to the west of the marina entrance.

# 14 THE START

- 14.1. The starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port end starting mark.
- 14.2. The table in RRS 26 is changed as follows:

Minutes before starting signal	Visual signal	Sound signal	Means
3	Fleet flag	One	Warning signal
2	P, U, or black flag	One	Preparatory signal
1	Preparatory flag removed	One long	One minute
0	Fleet flag removed	One	Starting signal

14.3. A boat that does not start within two (2) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4, A5.1 and A5.2.

#### 15 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

15.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark or the finishing line to a new position. The race committee is not required to signal the change. This changes RRS 33.

#### 16 THE FINISH

- 16.1. The finishing line will be between the staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port end finishing mark.
- 16.2. If a boat is informed that they will be scored as if they had finished by an official vessel, they shall return to the starting area and will be scored in their last known place. This changes RRS 28.1, A5.1 and A5.2.
- 16.3. [DP] To clear the finishing line, boats shall continue to sail away from the finishing line for at least 50m after finishing.

#### 17 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 17.1 Penalties for breaches of RRS 50, class rules, rules in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions marked '[DP]' are at the discretion of the international jury.
- 17.2 An international Jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS 91(b). The right of appeal from its decisions is denied as provided in RRS 70.3(a)5.

#### 18 TARGET TIME AND TIME LIMITS

18.1 The Target Time, Race Time Limit (RRS 35) and the Finishing Window in minutes will be:

Mark 1 Time Limit	Target Time	Race Time Limit
5	5mins	20mins

- 18.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 time limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 18.3 Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).

#### 19 SCORING

- 19.1 Five (5) races are required to be scored to constitute a series.
- 19.2 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. No score will be excluded.
- 19.3 RRS 90.3(e) applies.

## 20 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 20.1 A safety tally system will be in operation. The tally control point will be by the picnic tables.
  - 20.1.1 [DP] Each competitor shall collect their tally before going afloat.
  - 20.1.2 [DP] The tally shall be worn visibly, over clothing, on the right wrist/arm at all times while afloat.
  - 20.1.3 Each competitor shall return their tally within 10 minutes of the race committee signal vessel reaching the dock.
- 20.2 [NP][DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 20.3 Boats wishing to return to shore before the end of the day's racing shall make every attempt to inform an official boat before leaving the racing area. The official boat will instruct boats in the procedure for returning to shore.

#### 21 [NP][DP] TRACKERS

- 21.1 Each tracker is assigned to a specific boat. Competitors shall ensure they carry the correct tracker each race day.
- 21.2 Trackers are automated. Competitors shall not attempt to turn the tracker on or off or change any settings.

- 21.3 Trackers inside their aquapack shall be secured around the lower section of the mast and under the neoprene sleeve using the velcro straps provided.
- 21.4 Competitors shall collect their tracker from the tally control point before going afloat on 19 July. Thereafter, competitors shall collect their tracker from the tally control when requested to do so by the Organising Authority.
- 21.5 Competitors shall return their tracker to the tally control point when requested to do so by the Organising Authority.
- 21.6 Competitors shall follow all instructions from the TracTrac staff relating to the tracker.
- 21.7 Competitor shall not damage the tracker.

## 22 [DP] REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 22.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed.
- 22.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment shall be in accordance with the class rules.

## 23 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 23.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the rules.
- 23.2 The penalty for a breach of a class rule may be less than disqualification.

#### 24 OFFICIAL VESSELS

- 24.1 The committee signal vessel will be a Protector RIB.
- 24.2 Umpire vessels will be identified by an orange-yellow flag.

## 25 [NP][DP] SUPPORT VESSELS REGULATIONS

- 25.1 Other than acting under RRS 37 or when a boat or competitor is in danger, support vessels shall be at least 150m behind the starting line and its extensions from the preparatory signal until all boats have finished the race.
- 25.2 In order to prevent fuel spillage, refuelling of boats/tanks is not permitted on the pontoons at WPNSA. Boats may refuel at the Portland Marina fuel pontoon or removable tanks may be taken offsite to be refuelled at a service station.
- 25.3 Kill cords shall be worn at all times whilst engines are running. Support vessels that infringe this rule will be requested to leave the race area immediately. Further action may be taken by the protest committee.
- 25.4 Personal floatation devices shall be worn by all persons in a support vessel at all times, except briefing while adjusting clothing, while on the water.
- 25.5 Support vessels shall carry the following equipment on board:
  - (a) Life jackets/buoyancy aids for the driver and all passengers
  - (b) Engine kill cord (also known as a safety lanyard or automatic engine immobiliser) with a spare kill cord on the support vessel
  - (c) VHF radio capable of receiving international as well as UK marine channels 37a/M1 (157.850MHz) and P4/M2 (161.425MHz)
  - (d) First-aid kit
  - (e) Device for making a sound signal
  - (f) Compass
  - (g) Adequate anchor and tackle for conditions and depth
  - (h) Tow rope (minimum 15m long and 10mm thick)
  - (i) Safety knife
- 25.6 Each support vessel shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

## 26 TRASH DISPOSAL

26.1 Trash may be placed aboard official or support person vessels.

#### 27 RISK STATEMENT

- 27.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.'
- 27.2 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.

#### 28 PRIZES

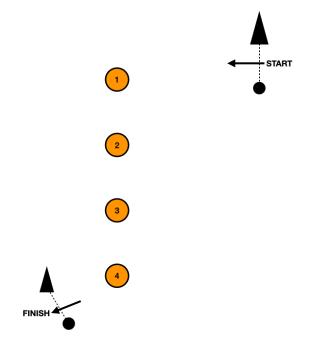
- 28.1 Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd overall.
- 28.2 The top two competitors will be awarded a place at the SailGP WASZP Grand Final.

# 29 INSURANCE

29.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €2 million per incident or the equivalent.

# **Appendix 1: Courses**

# Course 1: Slalom



Signal	Mark Rounding Order
	START - 1(p) - 2(s) - 3(p) - 4(s) - FINISH

Notes: s = leave mark to starboard, p = leave mark to port.

Course 2: SailGP Style







Signal	Mark Rounding Order
	START - 1(p) - 2s/2p (Gate) - 1(s) - FINISH

Notes: s = leave mark to starboard, p = leave mark to port.

At a gate, boats shall pass between the marks and round either mark. If a gate mark is missing and has not been replaced in accordance with RRS 34, the remaining mark shall be left to port.

# **Appendix WSR**

See ONB