



PLYMOUTH GP

PLYMOUTH YOUTH SAILING CLUB

AT THE MOUNT BATTEN CENTRE

15-16 OCTOBER 2022

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the Rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 - 2024*.
- 1.2 The Dockyard Port of Plymouth Order and Local Notices to Mariners will also apply. These will be available to view in the Race Office.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board, situated at <https://racehub.waszp.com/eventdetail/103..>
- 2.2 A Competitors Briefing will be held at 10.00 on Saturday 15th October at the Mount Batten Centre. Subsequent briefings may be held and will be advised on the Official Notice Board and in the WhatsApp group

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be posted for at least two hours before the first warning signal on the day on which it will take effect; except that any change to the schedule of races shall be posted by 2000hrs on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole situated at the Mount Batten Centre
- 4.2 Boats shall not go afloat until released. Release will be notified by displaying flag 'D' with one sound signal

- 4.3 When flag 'AP' is displayed ashore, '1 minute', in 'Race Signals' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes'. This changes the meaning of AP in RRS Race Signals.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- | 5.1 | Dates | Number of Races (-to-back) | First warning signal |
|-----|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| | Saturday 15 th October | 4... races | 11.55hrs |
| | Sunday 16 th October | 4... races | 10.25hrs |
- 5.2 Extra races per day may be sailed, at the discretion of the Race Officer. No more than 6 races will be sailed in any one day.
- 5.3 The race committee may extend the series to a maximum of 10 races in total, providing a notice outlining the total number of races in the series and the number of races scheduled per day is posted on the ONB no later than 2 hours prior to the first warning signal of the first day
- 5.4 No warning signal will be made after 14.55hrs on the last day of racing.

6 CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be a gold flag with WASZP logo.

7 RACING AREA

The racing area will be in Plymouth Sound including the area South of Plymouth Breakwater.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The diagrams in Addendum A show the course, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 The approximate bearing of Mark 1 may be displayed on the committee boat prior to the warning signal.
- 8.3 The course to be sailed will be displayed on a board on the starboard side of the Committee Boat prior to the warning signal

9 MARKS

The course marks will be orange inflatable buoys. A change mark will be a black inflatable buoy.

10 THE START

- 10.1 The starting line will be between a mast or flagpole on the committee boat displaying an orange flag at one end and dan buoy with an orange flag at the other end.
- 10.2 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after the starting signal shall be scored DNS

without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

11 MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM WIND STRENGTH

- 11.1 Races will not be started unless the Race Officer is satisfied that the wind strength over the whole of the course is in excess of 6 knots
- 11.2 Races will not be held if the Race Officer believes the maximum gust wind strength on the CB to be in excess of 25 knots. This may be reduced if sea conditions dictate.

12 CHANGE OF NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finish line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by the original mark.
- 12.2 The Race Committee may move an existing mark (or the finishing line) up to approximately 100m or 5 degrees without signalling a change. This changes RRS 33

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 Unless the course is shortened in accordance with RRS 32.2, the finish line will be between a mast or staff displaying a blue flag on the committee boat and mark 2P.
- 13.2 When the leading boat completes the course and finishes, the Race Committee signal boat at the finish 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.
- 13.3 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 displayedshall 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.
- 13.4 If a boat is shown IC flag Whiskey by an official vessel, it shall return to the starting area. That boat will be scored in its last known position. This changes RRS 28.1, A5.1 and A5.2.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

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

15 TIME LIMITS

- 15.1 The Target Time for the first boat to complete the course is 20 minutes.
- 15.2 The time limit for the first boat to reach Mark 1 shall be 15 minutes.

- 15.2 The time limit for each race shall be 40 minutes for the first boat to finish. If one boat finishes within that limit then the time limit will be amended to 15 minutes after the finishing time of the first boat. Boats which do not finish within the time limit will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

16 RYA ARBITRATION

- 16.1 When a protest or request for redress is lodged, a boat may at the same time request RYA Arbitration, or the protest committee or race committee may offer it.
- 16.2 If the parties and a member of the protest or race committee agree that RYA Arbitration is suitable, an arbitrator (who may be that member of the protest committee) will call a hearing conforming to Section B of Part 5 of the Racing Rules of Sailing, except that rule 64.1(a) will not apply. Instead, when the arbitrator decides that a boat that is a party to the arbitration hearing has broken a rule for which the Exoneration Penalty is available, the party will be invited to accept that penalty, and, if it is accepted by a protested boat, the protesting boat will be allowed to withdraw the protest, changing RRS 63.1.
- 16.3 When there is not an agreement to use RYA Arbitration, or when, after RYA Arbitration, a protest is not withdrawn or the Exoneration Penalty is not applicable to the facts, there will be a normal protest hearing, at which the arbitrator may be a member of the protest committee. RRS 66 will not apply to the arbitration decision. A boat may still accept an Exoneration Penalty at any time before the start of a protest hearing and receive its protection from further penalization. She may also retire.
- 16.4 When redress is offered and accepted at the RYA Arbitration, the protest committee or race committee may seek to have this reviewed by asking for a full hearing. When redress is offered and not accepted, or not offered at all, the boat may have her request heard before a protest committee.
- 16.5 The Exoneration penalty for the RYA Arbitration procedure shall be a 20% scoring penalty.

17 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 17.1 Competitors must inform the Committee Boat of their intention to protest or seek redress before the warning signal for the next race or immediately after finishing the final race and receive an acknowledgement, for the protest to be valid.
- 17.2 Protest forms will be available from the Race Office. They shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 17.3 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat finishes, or where two or more races are to be sailed without coming ashore between them, within 60 minutes of the last boat finishing the last race.
- 17.4 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the expiry of the protest time to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties to or named as witnesses. It shall be

the responsibility of competitors to check the notice board for such notices, obtain their copy of the protest form and make sure that they and their witnesses attend the hearing.

- 17.5 On the last day of racing a competitor's request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
- (a) Within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the protest committee's decision on the previous day;
 - (b) No later than half an hour after the party requesting reopening was informed of the protest committee's decision on that day.

This changes RRS 66.

- 17.6 Where a Class judge a NJ, IJ or official arbitrator is appointed to an event the Exoneration Penalty and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration procedures of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. See official notice board for details.
- 17.7 For infringements of the rules other than in Part 2 of the RRS, the protest committee may award a lesser penalty than disqualification.
- 17.8 Breaches of instructions 19, 20 and 21 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

18 SCORING SYSTEM

- 18.1 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.2 The series will be scored as follows:
- (a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores.
 - (b) When from 4 to 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - (c) When 8 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1 RRS 40.1 will apply.
- 19.2 A tally system will be in place for the event. Tallies must be collected from the Tally Board at the top of the slipway before launching and must be returned no later than 15 minutes after the boat reaches the shore after racing. Failure to comply will result in disqualification from that boat's last race of the day and a penalty of a £10 fine being applied to the boat helm. Any fines received will be donated to the local National Coastwatch Institution. A subsequent breach of this requirement may result in disqualification from the whole days racing on that day. It is the sole responsibility of competitors to ensure that they have tallied correctly.
- 19.3 When the race committee considers that a boat or competitor is in difficulty it may instruct the boat or competitor to accept outside help, retire or sail ashore.

- 19.4 Competitors must obey instructions from the organisers and safety boats. Any instruction given by any police boat, coastguard boat, military vessel or pilot boat must be obeyed immediately and without question. This may include an instruction to stop racing temporarily to allow a large vessel to pass through the race course. Any such instruction will not be grounds for redress. Failure to obey safety instructions will be grounds for disqualification from that race. Further breaches of this rule may result in disqualification from the complete series.

20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

21 ADVERTISING

- 21.1 Boats shall display advertising supplied by the organizing authority
- 21.2 When provided at registration, competitors shall make every reasonable effort to display event sponsors promotional items as directed.
- 21.3 Any individual caught stealing sponsor promotional items, e.g. flags, banners, prizes, etc. shall be the subject of a report by the Race Committee to the Protest Committee requesting action under RRS 69.2(b).

22 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

23 RISK STATEMENT

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.' 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 competitor briefing held for the event.

25 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

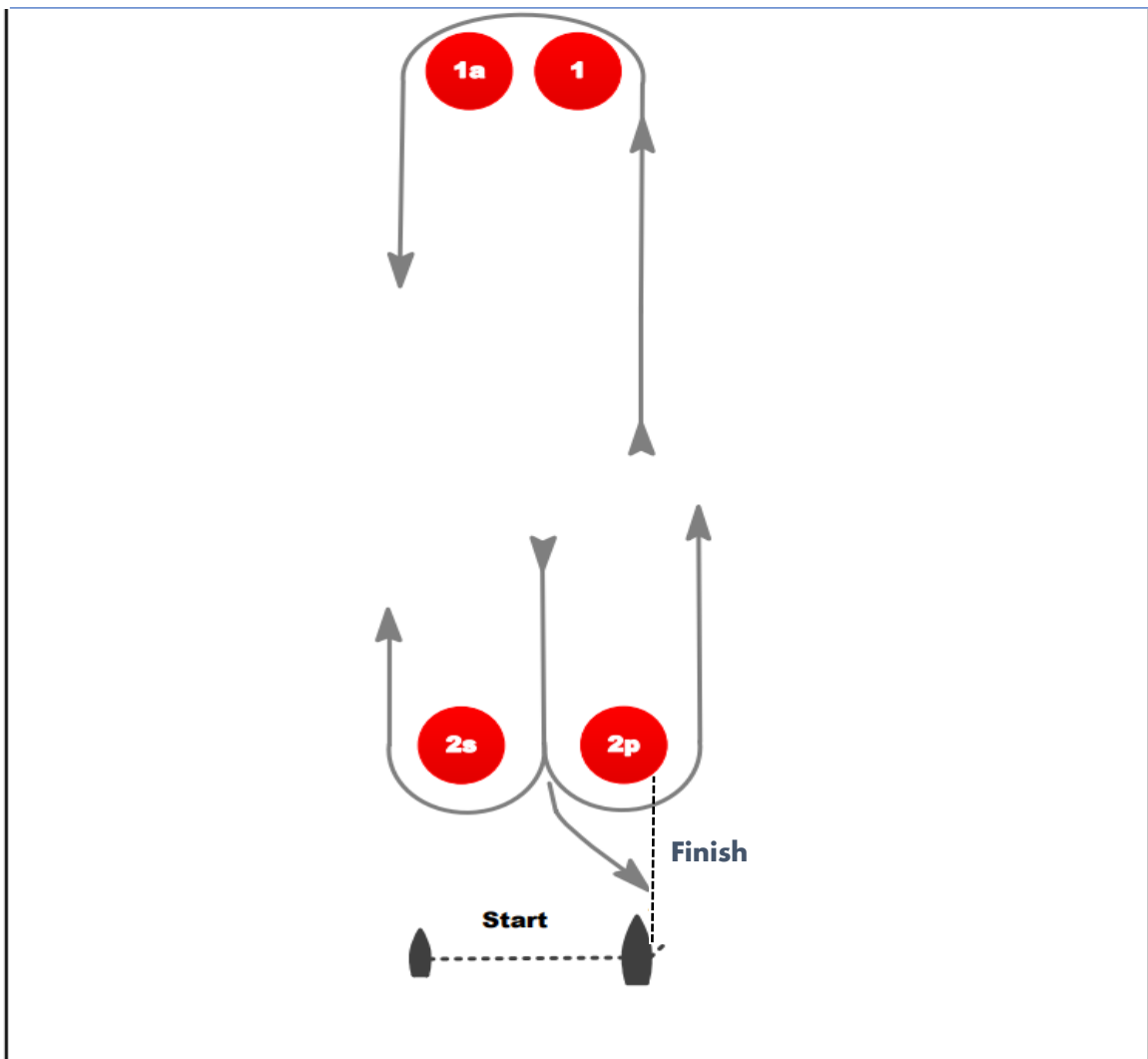
26 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded as decided by the Organising Authority.

ADDENDUM A

The Course

<u>L</u>	<u>Windward/Leeward</u>
<u>Signal</u>	<u>Mark Rounding Order</u>
L1	Start - 1 - 1a - 2p - Finish
L2	Start - 1 - 1a - 2p/2s, 1 - 1a - 2p - Finish
L3	Start - 1 - 1a - 2p/2s, 1 - 1a - 2p/2s, 1 - 1a - 2p - Finish
L4	Start - 1 - 1a - 2p/2s, 1 - 1a - 2p/2s, 1 - 1a - 2p/2s, 1 - 1a - 2p - Finish



Course angles and leg lengths are shown for illustrative purposes only