



Start of Season Championship 2023

International WASZP Class Association

Datchet Water Sailing Club

Queen Mother Reservoir, Horton Road, Slough, Berks. SL3 9NT

25-26 March 2023

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). The notation '[DP]' denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee.

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 Appendix P (Special procedures for rule 42) will apply as amended in instruction 15. Please note: There will not be any appointed Observers at this event.
- 1.4 The 'by-laws' of Datchet Water Sailing Club 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>
- 1.5 Datchet Water Sailing Club 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 from www.rya.org.uk/racingrules
- 1.6 RRS 40.1 (Personal Flotation Device) will apply at all times whilst afloat, including whilst on the pontoons or near the water's edge. Flag Y will not be used. Wetsuits or dry-suits are not considered personal flotation devices. This changes RRS 40.
- 1.7 Rubbish shall not be put overboard; however it may be put in support or safety boats.
- 1.8 Eligibility, Entrance and Fees are managed exclusively by the WASZP RaceHub, all competitors must be registered and compliant, on this Event Site, prior to the Event.
- 1.9 Sail numbers need to match registration details and be displayed within the Class legal

definition.

- 1.10 [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

- 2.1 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.
- 2.2 If changes are made to the published sailing instructions during the event Flag Lima will be flown ashore.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board (ONB) located within the Wet Bar in the DWSC clubhouse.
- 3.2 The Sailing Instructions will be published on the DWSC website event page and on the WASZP RaceHub on or before the 17th of March. As part of our Green Policy printed copies will not be available at Registration.
- 3.3 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency or where used in relation to GPS tracking facilities, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 3.4 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
- 3.5 A WhatsApp group may be used for unofficial communication with competitors and this will be published in advance for those that may wish to participate. Competitors should refer to the ONB for all official communications.
- 3.6 A Race Briefing is scheduled for 11:00 on Saturday. This will occur in, or next to, the club house as communicated on the day.
- 3.7 Site opening and closing times are available on the club website. There is no overnight camping / camper-van availability.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- 4.2 [DP] Protocols relating to COVID-19 may be published at any time and will have the status of a rule.

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 Four Fleet races are scheduled per day. It is intended that each day's Fleet Races are sailed back-to-back.
- 6.2 A [demonstration] Slalom Final is scheduled for the first day, immediately after the finish of the final Fleet Race. This [demonstration] Slalom Final will be open to sailors classified in the top Eight places of the Fleet racing results for this day. These participants will be confirmed verbally by the Committee Boat and the corresponding sail numbers will be displayed on the Committee Boats notice board. Subject to the weather forecast this [demonstration] Slalom Final may have its planned schedule changed, if so this change will be clearly communicated.
- 6.3 A maximum of six Fleet races may be sailed on any one day.
- 6.4 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first Fleet race is 11:55 on Day #1 and 10:25 on Day #2.
- 6.5 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 five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 6.6 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 14:55 for Fleet racing and/or 15:27 for [demonstration] Slalom Racing, if Slalom is applicable to the Sunday schedule.

7 CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 The class flag will be a flag with the WASZP Class Insignia.

8 RACING AREA

- 8.1 The racing area will be identified in the Sailor Briefing and all participants are required to not interfere with Club Racing and/or Club Activity that is happening elsewhere on the reservoir.

9 COURSES

- 9.1 The diagrams in SI Addendum 1 shows the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

10 MARKS

- 10.1 Fleet Racing Marks will be large Orange Inflatables, other than the Leeward Spreader Mark

which will be a large Blue Inflatable.

- 10.2 The starting sequence for the Fleet racing will be 5,4,1,0 as per RRS 26. It is likely that Fleet Racing will initiate with the Preparatory Signal being a U Flag.
- 10.3 [demonstration] Slalom Racing will use the '1s' Orange Inflatable from the Fleet Racing (for the Start Line), the Fleet Racing '2p' Leeward Orange Inflatable (for the Finish Line) and three Wing Marks which will be smaller inflatables with individual Flags.

11 OBSTRUCTIONS

- 11.1 All competitors are to keep clear of all Water Authority installations across the reservoir. These include the pier, water towers, moored boats and pontoons.

12 THE FLEET START

- 12.1 The Fleet 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 of the 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 (/Whisky Flag finishes)

- 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 and the course side of '2p' for Fleet Racing and '4p' for Slalom Racing.
- 14.2 In Fleet Racing, 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 (typically this will be a 10 minute window).

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 If a boat is shown ICS flag W (Whisky) 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.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1 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, Fleet Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Fleet Race Target Time	Race Time Limit (RRS 35)
10 minutes	20 minutes	30 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.
- 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
- 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, located at the direction of the Race Officer.

18 FLEET RACE SCORING

- 18.1 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.2 The series will be scored as follows:
- When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores.
 - 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.
 - When 8 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 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

20 REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

20.1 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*.

22 SUPPLIED BOATS

22.1 Not applicable to this event.

23 OFFICIAL VESSELS

23.1 Official vessels will be identified as follows:

- Committee Boat will display the Race flags

24 SUPPORT VESSELS [DP] [NP]

24.1 Support vessels shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

25 RUBBISH DISPOSAL

25.1 Rubbish may be placed aboard official or support person vessels.

25.2 [DP] [NP] Rubbish shall not be discarded into the water.

26 BERTHING

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

27 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

27.1 Not applicable to this event.

28 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

28.1 Not applicable to this event.

29 PRIZES

29.1 Prizes will be given for the following positions. Ages are taken as of 31 December 2023:

- 1st, 2nd, 3rd overall
- 1st female
- 1st junior (U20)
- 1st youth (20-25)
- 1st apprentice (26-39)
- 1st master (40-49)
- 1st super master (50+)
- Speed Demon
- 1st 6.9
- 1st WASZP_X

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.'

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

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

32 SLALOM RACING

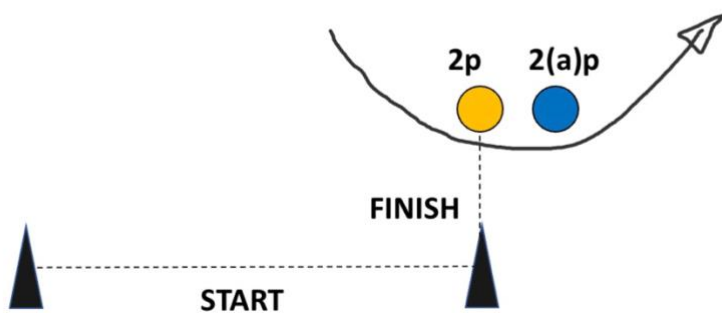
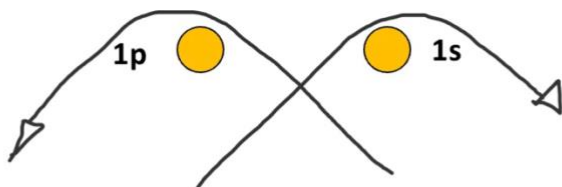
- 32.1 The Course instructions for slalom racing can be found in the Addendum 1 below
- 32.2 The starting sequence for the [demonstration] Slalom race will be a '3, 2, 1, Go' (hand-held 'battens' with sound signals) from the starting boat and the committee boat will form the finishing line with mark 4p.

33 DATA PROTECTION

- 33.1 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organising 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
- 33.2 In order to manage the event, information provided by competitors will be held on a database. The management of personal information and images will comply with the General Data Protection Regulations.

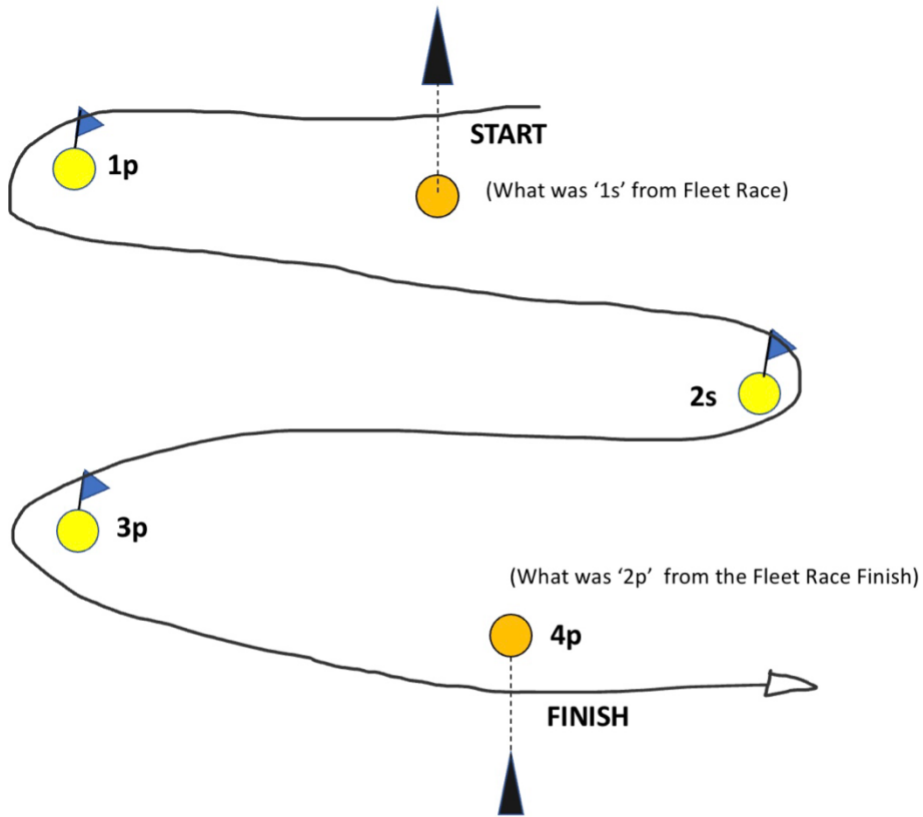
Addendum.1 Courses

Fleet Racing



Fleet Racing (RRS 26. '5, 4, 1, 0' – most likely with U Flag as Preparatory)	
1 Lap	START - 1p/1s (Gate) – 2p(P)/FINISH
2 Laps	START – 1p/1s (Gate); 2p(P); 2(a) SPREADER(P); 1p/1s (Gate); 2p(P)/FINISH
3 Laps	START – 1p/1s (Gate); 2p(P); 2(a) SPREADER(P); 1p/1s (Gate); 2p(P); 2(a) SPREADER(P) 1p/1s (Gate); 2p(P)/FINISH
4 Laps	START – 1p/1s (Gate); 2p(P); 2(a) SPREADER(P); 1p/1s (Gate); 2p(P); 2(a) SPREADER(P) 1p/1s (Gate); 2p(P); 2(a) SPREADER(P) 1p/1s (Gate); 2p(P)/FINISH

Slalom Racing



[demonstration] Slalom Racing – Wing Marks. (Hand-held Battens, '3, 2, 1, 0')	
1 Lap	START - 1p(p); 2s(s); 3p(p); 4p(p)/FINISH

APPENDIX T - ARBITRATION

Arbitration adds an extra step to the protest resolution process but can eliminate the need for some protest hearings, thus speeding up the process for events in which many protests are expected. Arbitration may not be appropriate for all events as it requires an additional knowledgeable person to act as the arbitrator. Further guidance on arbitration can be found in the World Sailing International Judges Manual, which can be downloaded from the World Sailing website.

T1. POST-RACE PENALTIES

- a. Provided that rule 44.1(b) does not apply, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident may take a Post-Race Penalty at any time after the race until the beginning of a protest hearing involving the incident.
- b. A Post-Race Penalty is a 30% Scoring Penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rule 44.1(a) applies.
- c. A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by delivering to the arbitrator or a member of the protest committee a written statement that she accepts the penalty and that identifies the race number and where and when the incident occurred.

T2. ARBITRATION MEETING

An arbitration meeting will be held prior to a protest hearing for each incident resulting in a protest by a boat involving one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31, but only if each party is represented by a person who was on board at the time of the incident. No witnesses will be permitted. However, if the arbitrator decides that rule 44.1(b) may apply or that arbitration is not appropriate, the meeting will not be held, and if a meeting is in progress, it will be closed.

T3. ARBITRATOR'S OPINION

Based on the evidence given by the representatives, the arbitrator will offer an opinion as to what the protest committee is likely to decide:

- a. the protest is invalid,
- b. no boat will be penalised for breaking a rule, or
- c. one or more boats will be penalised for breaking a rule, identifying the boats and the penalties.

T4. ARBITRATION MEETING OUTCOMES

After the arbitrator offers an opinion,

- a. a boat may take a Post-Race Penalty, and
- b. a boat may ask to withdraw her protest. The arbitrator may then act on behalf of the protest committee in accordance with rule 63.1 to allow the withdrawal.

Unless all protests involving the incident are withdrawn, a protest hearing will be held..