



ISLE OF WIGHT GP
WASZP UK CLASS ASSOCIATION
ROYAL VICTORIA YACHT CLUB
27-28 MAY 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).

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.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted no later than 90 minutes before the first race of 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 official notice board located at <https://racehub.waszp.com/eventdetail/229>.
- 3.2 The race office is located in the RVYC clubhouse.
- 3.3 A whatsapp group may be used for unofficial communication with competitors (<https://chat.whatsapp.com/KN6r9rFOZsc8nGEqY8X5vw>). Competitors should refer to the ONB for all official communications.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials and yacht club members.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole at the front of the clubhouse.
- 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 Depending on formats, any number of races may be sailed. The race committee will confirm the schedule at the daily briefing.
- 6.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on Saturday is 1355 and on Sunday is 1025.
- 6.3 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. To save time, the orange flag may not be removed.
- 6.4 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1600. *Note: competitors are encouraged to join the club racing starting at 1700.*

7 CLASS FLAGS

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

8 RACING AREA

- 8.1 The racing area is on the island side of the eastern Solent between Osborne Bay and Ryde Pier.

9 COURSES

- 9.1 The diagrams in SI Appendix 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 will be displayed on a whiteboard on the committee boat. For championship racing, the number of laps will also be displayed on the committee boat. The course codes are as follows:
 - C1, C2, C3 (Championship course with 1, 2 or 3 laps)
 - N (Nascar course)
 - D(S), D(P) (Distance course with reaching start on starboard or port)
- 9.3 Distance races may be set depending on the conditions, with possible races to marks in the vicinity of Osborne Bay or Ryde Pier. Distance races will always include a long and short option. Competitors may choose which course option to sail and shall declare which course they sailed after the finish.

10 MARKS

- 10.1 Mark(s) are orange cylindrical inflatables.

10.2 The pin end mark will be a yellow inflatable pillar.

11 OBSTRUCTIONS

11.1 [DP] Competitors shall not pass between the red Wootton Rocks post and the shoreline.

11.2 [DP] Commercial traffic: Competitors shall keep clear of the Wightlink ferries transiting to and from the dock in Wootton Creek. Competitors shall keep clear of all commercial traffic operating in the shipping lane to the north of the racing area.

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.

12.3 To protect the signal vessel, the signal vessel may attach a mark to the back of the vessel.

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 THE FINISH

14.1 Championship course

a) 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 mark 2p.

b) 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.

All boats that,

i) have completed a lap before the blue flag is displayed, but then fail to finish while it is displayed, or

ii) 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.

- c) [DP] A boat that crosses the finishing line when the blue flag is displayed shall not attempt a further lap.

14.2 NASCAR course:

- a) The finishing line is between the staff displaying a blue flag on the signal vessel and the course side of the port end starting mark.
- b) After approximately 15-20 of racing, the signal vessel will display the blue flag with a sound signal (regardless of the location of the lead boat on the course).

All boats that,

- (i) have completed a lap before the blue flag is displayed, but then fail to finish while it is displayed, or
- (ii) 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.

- c) [DP] A boat that crosses the finishing line when the blue flag is displayed shall not attempt a further lap.

14.3 Distance course:

- a) The finishing line is between the staff displaying a blue flag on the signal vessel and the course side of the port end starting mark.
- b) Boats that do not cross the finishing line within 15 minutes of the first boat sailing the long course will be scored according to their last known position. This changes RRS 28.1 and A4.
- c) Boats that sail the short course option shall declare the course they sailed to the race committee, even if they do not cross the finishing line. These boats will be scored behind the boats that sailed the long course. This changes RRS 28.1 and A4.

- 14.4 [DP] If a boat is instructed an official vessel, it shall return to the vicinity of the signal vessel. 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 Except for distance races, the Mark 1 Time Limit, Target Time, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Target Time	Race Time Limit (RRS 35)	Finishing Window
15 minutes	20 minutes	40 minutes	12 minutes

- 16.2 Except for distance races, 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 official notice board.
- 17.2 Hearing request forms are available from the race office.
- 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 in the RVYC clubhouse.

18 SCORING

- 18.1 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.2 All races, regardless of format, will be weighted equally.
- 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 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 [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*.

22 SUPPLIED BOATS

Not applicable to this event.

23 OFFICIAL VESSELS

23.1 Official vessels will be identified as follows:

- The signal vessel will be a white 8m sailing boat.

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 TRASH DISPOSAL

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

26 BERTHING

26.1 [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

29.1 Prizes will be awarded to the overall winner and winners of relevant age categories. Further prizes may be awarded, including the prize draw of IOW goodies.

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:

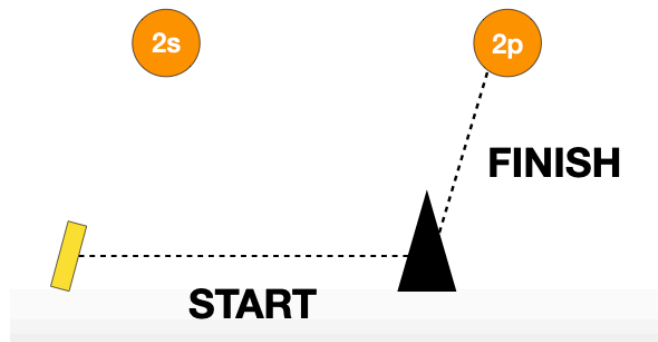
- (a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their 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.

Championship "C" Course

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C1	Start – 1(p) – 2p(p)/Finish
C2	Start – 1(p) – 2s/2p (Gate) – 1(p) – 2p(p)/Finish
C3	Start – 1(p) – 2s/2p (Gate) – 1(p) – 2s/2p (Gate) – 1(p) – 2p(p)/Finish

NASCAR “N” Course



1 LAP	Start – 1(p) – 2(p) – Yellow pin(p)– 3(p) – Finish
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Distance “D” Course



“D(S)”	Starboard Start – 1(p) – 2(p) – Finish
Short option	Starboard Start – 1(p) - Finish



“D(P)”	Port Start – 1(p) – 2(p) – Finish
Short option	Port Start – 1(p) - Finish