



## END OF SEASON CHAMPIONSHIPS

WASZP UK CLASS ASSOCIATION

RUTLAND SAILING CLUB

28 - 29 OCTOBER 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.
- 1.3 Competitors should note that the host sailing club implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book (Racing Rules of Sailing, or at <http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/Pages/RacingCharter.aspx>).
- 1.4 See also Notice of Race (NoR) 1.2 and 1.3.

#### 2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted no later than 2 hours before the start of the first race 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 official notice board (ONB) located at <https://racehub.waszp.com/eventdetail/182>.
- 3.2 The race office is located at the Training Room, Rutland Sailing Club.
- 3.3 A WhatsApp group may be used for unofficial communication with competitors (<https://chat.whatsapp.com/DQgFwMOs0x3dxhMumxvyw>). 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 halyards located on the balcony on the north-west corner 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 The provisional schedule is shown in the table below. Any format of racing may be sailed on 28 and 29 October.

Date	Scheduled race format	Time of first start	Social
Thursday 26 October	Pre-booked class training		-
Friday 27 October	Free sailing available (daily club fee applies)		Informal arrival drinks: ~2000 - 2200
Saturday 28 October	NASCAR and Two-Towers	1200	Halloween Games, Championship Dinner, RWC Final
Sunday 29 October	Championship Racing	1030	Prize Giving

6.2 Up to six races are scheduled per day.

6.3 All race formats will be weighted equally and each race will count towards the overall series.

6.4 On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1500.

## 7 CLASS FLAG

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

## 8 RACING AREA

The racing area is Rutland Water.

## 9 COURSES

9.1 The diagrams in SI Appendix 1 show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9.2 The race committee may modify the Two-Towers courses up to one hour prior to the start of the first race of the day.

9.3 The course to be sailed will be displayed on a board on the committee boat prior to the warning signal.

9.4 For Championship Racing, the number of laps to be sailed will be displayed on a board on the committee boat prior to the warning signal.

## 10 MARKS

Mark(s) are large, yellow inflatables. The pin end of the starting line will be a large, black inflatable. For the NASCAR course, the pin end of the gate/finishing line will be a large, black inflatable.

## 11 OBSTRUCTIONS [DP]

11.1 Boats shall not sail through the mooring area of the cruisers in the West Creek.

11.2 Boats shall keep outside the numbered marks 11 to 18 to the east of the Clubhouse, when being used by junior sailors.

11.3 Boats shall keep clear of fishermen on the bank or afloat, especially while fishing, by approximately 40 metres.

- 11.4 Boats shall keep clear of the passenger carrying vessel "RUTLAND BELLE" which has right of way at all times due to its limited manoeuvrability.

## **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 either the course side of the pin end starting mark or the staff displaying an orange flag on the pin end vessel.
- 12.2 A boat that does not start within five minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start 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 when 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 Racing:**

- 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 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.

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] When the blue flag is displayed, all boats on a downwind leg shall sail through the finishing line.
- d) [DP] A boat that crosses the finishing line when the blue flag is displayed shall not attempt a further lap.

### **14.2 NASCAR Racing:**

- a) The finishing line is between the staff displaying a blue flag on the signal vessel and the course side of the black mark.
- b) After approximately 12 minutes 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.

**14.3 Two-Towers (Long Distance) Race:**

- a) The finishing line is between the two club starting marks with yellow buoys attached near the clubhouse.
- b) To be scored, boats shall either sail the course and cross the finishing line or be finished as described in SI 14.4. A boat that does not finish by either of these methods will be scored Did Not Finish.
- c) Boats that sail the short course option shall declare the course they sailed to the race office as soon as possible after crossing the finishing line or after they are finished as described in SI 14.4. Boats that declare they sailed the short course option will be scored behind the boats that sailed the long course. This changes RRS 28.1 and A4.

14.4 For all race formats, if a boat is told they have finished by an official vessel, it shall return to the vicinity of the signal vessel or go ashore. That boat will be scored in its last known position. This changes RRS 28.1, A5.1 and A5.2.

**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, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35) and the Finishing Window for each race format are shown in the table below.

<b>Championship Racing</b>		
Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
15 minutes	40 minutes	10 minutes
<b>NASCAR Racing</b>		
Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
5 minutes	25 minutes	10 minutes
<b>Two-Towers (Long Distance) Race</b>		
Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
20 minutes	60 minutes	None

16.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.

**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.

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.

17.4 Hearings will be held in the protest room, located in the Training Room.

17.5 RRS 62.2(a) and 66.2(a) is changed so 30 minutes is replaced by 15 minutes.

**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 as follows:

- Signal vessel: Green Rutland Sailing Club motorboat.

**24 SUPPORT VESSELS [DP] [NP]**

Support vessels are permitted at the event with the prior approval of the organising authority.

**25 TRASH DISPOSAL**

Trash may be placed aboard official or support person vessels.

**26 BERTHING**

[DP] [NP] Unless a club member, boats shall be kept in the designated area on the front lawn when ashore.

**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 for the top three overall, the top woman, the top 6.9 rig, the winner of each age category, the fastest sailor **and crucially, the best fancy dress whilst sailing on Saturday.**

### **30 RISK STATEMENT**

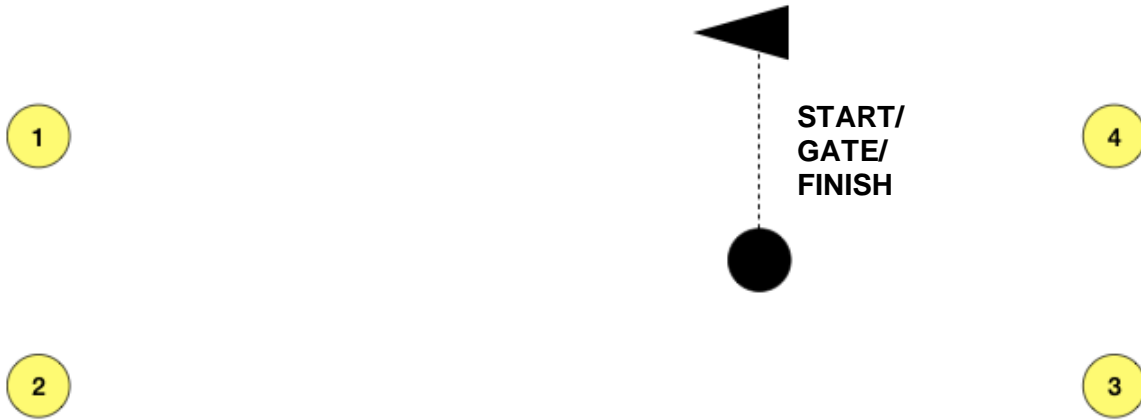
- 30.1 Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.'
- 30.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each 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.

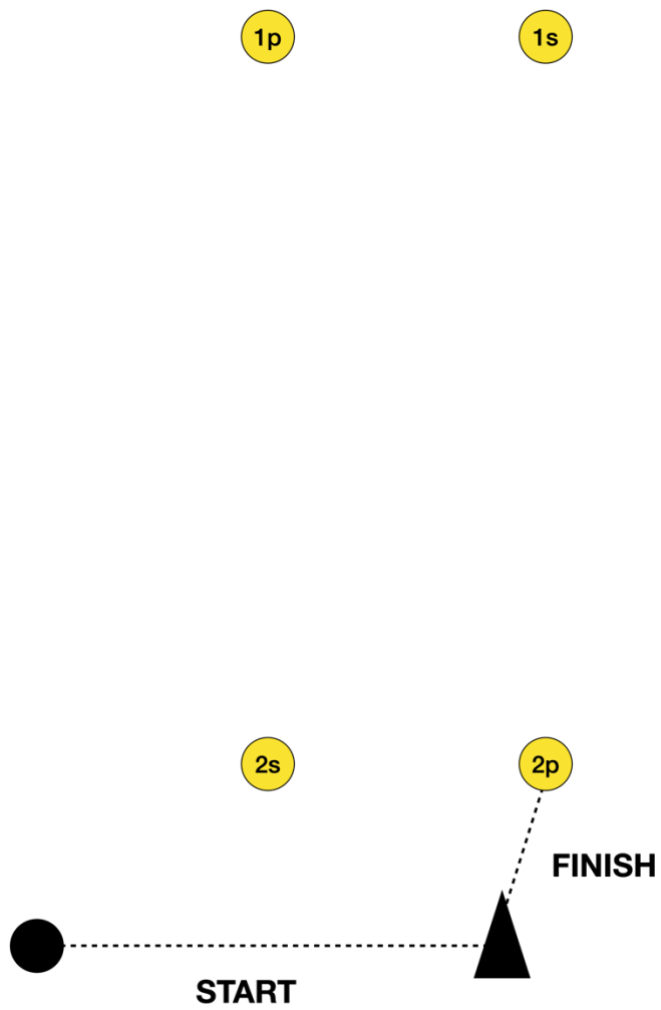
Appendix 1  
Courses

NASCAR Course



Repeated laps. 1 LAP:	Start – 1(p) – 2(p) – 3(p) – 4(p) – Gate
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**Championship Course**

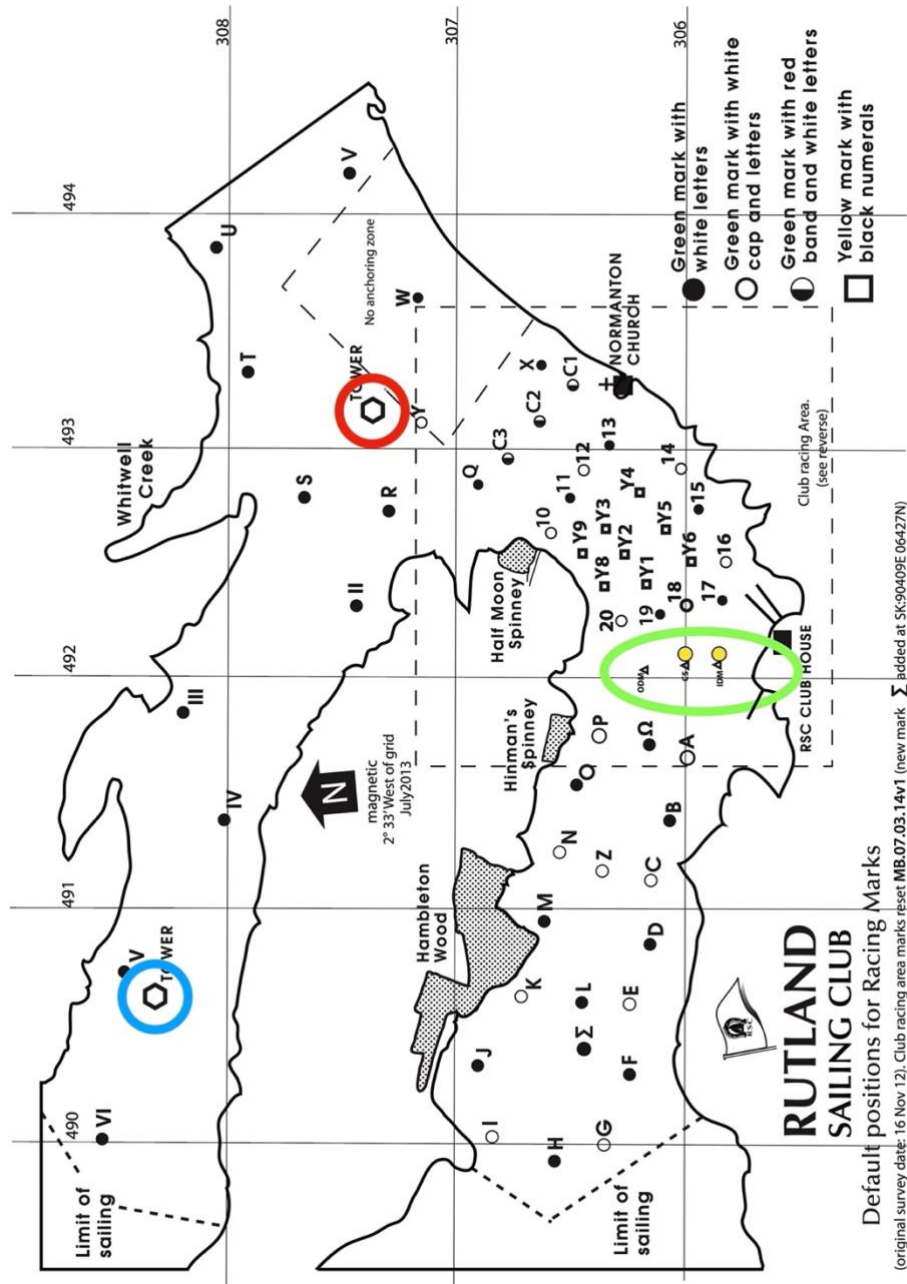


1 LAP	Start – 1s/1p (Gate) – 2p(p)/Finish
2 LAPS	Start – 1s/2p (Gate) – 2s/2p (Gate) – 1s/1p (Gate) – 2p(p)/Finish
3 LAPS	Start – 1s/2p (Gate) – 2s/2p (Gate) – 1s/1p (Gate) – 2s/2p (Gate) – 1s/1p (Gate) – 2p(p)/Finish



## Two-Towers Course

Subject to change at the discretion of the race committee – see SI 9.2.



Provisional long course	Start – Yellow inflatable – East Tower to port – West Tower to port – East Tower to starboard – Finish
Provisional short course	Start – Yellow inflatable – East Tower to port – Finish

Direction of rounding of the yellow inflatable mark is subject to wind direction. The finishing line is expected to be between the two club starting marks with yellow buoys attached near the clubhouse.