



ISLE OF WIGHT GP
WASZP UK CLASS ASSOCIATION
ROYAL VICTORIA YACHT CLUB
25-26 MAY 2024
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 Class rule C.5.2(c) – mandatory helmets for over 18s - does not apply at this event. *Helmets for U18s are mandatory.*

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/324>.
- 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/H9W2N1I3YxC0FywJRSigNu>). 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 The table below outlines the event schedule:

Date	Activity	Time
Friday 24/5	Sail over from Stokes Bay	1915 launch
Saturday 25/5	Sprint Racing (6-8 races)	1030 competitor briefing 1155 first warning signal
	BBQ and Debrief	~1800 at the club (BBQ tickets purchased at the bar)
Sunday 26/5	Championship Racing (4 races)	1125 first warning signal
	Prize Giving	ASAP after racing
	Sail back to Stokes Bay	ASAP after prize giving

- 6.2 The race committee will confirm the intended format and intended number of races at the daily briefing or by WhatsApp.
- 6.3 Race formats include sprint, NASCAR and championship.
- 6.4 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on Saturday is 1155 and on Sunday is 1125.
- 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 one minute before a warning signal is made. To save time, the orange flag may not be removed.
- 6.6 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1600.

7 CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 The class flag will be a white flag with WASZP insignia.

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 and the number of laps will be displayed on a whiteboard on the committee boat. For NASCAR racing, a lap number will not be displayed.

Sprint Course = S(x)

Championship Course = C(x)

NASCAR Course = N

10 MARKS

- 10.1 Mark(s) are orange cylindrical inflatables.
- 10.2 The pin end mark will be a yellow mark with blue top.

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.

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 Unless shortened in accordance with RRS 32.2, the finishing line is between the staff displaying a blue flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port end finishing mark.
- 14.2 When the leading boat completes the course and finishes, the signal vessel will immediately display a blue flag with a sound signal. For NASCAR racing, the blue flag may be displayed at any time. The blue flag will be removed at the end of the finishing window time limit or after the last boat finishes, whichever is sooner.

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

14.4 [DP] If a boat is instructed by 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 The Mark 1 Time Limit, Target Time, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

Format	Mark 1 Time Limit	Target Time	Race Time Limit (RRS 35)	Finishing Window
Championship	15 mins	20 mins	40 mins	10 mins
NASCAR & Sprint	10 mins	10 mins	20 mins	5 mins

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. 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.

18.3 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 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity. If no longer racing, a retired boat shall return to RVYC immediately.

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 blue catamaran "Stampede"

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 top male, top female and winners of relevant age and rig categories.

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:

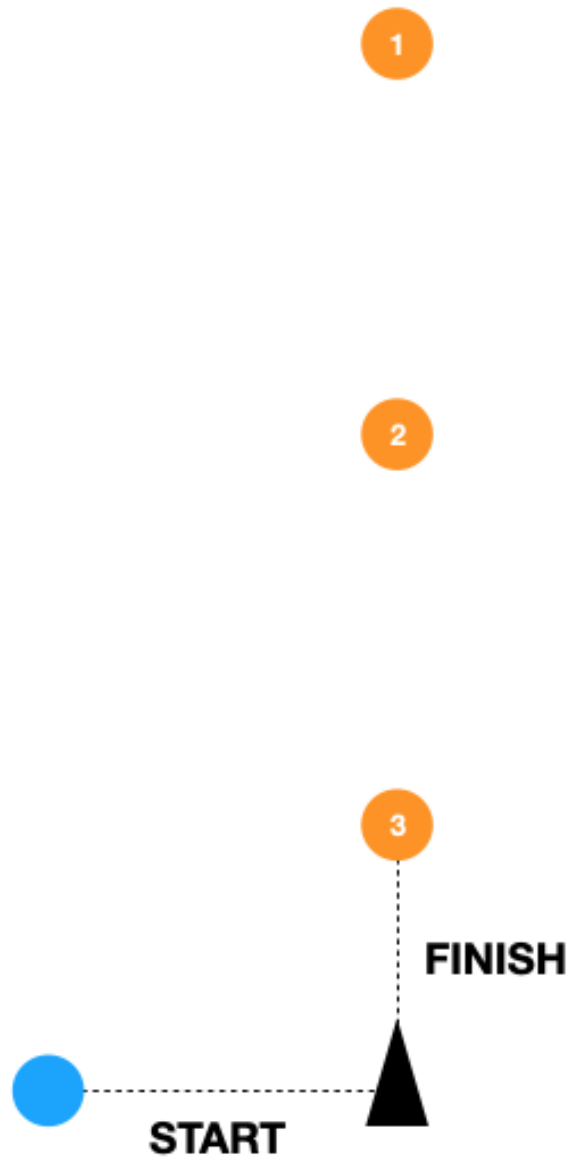
- (a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their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

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

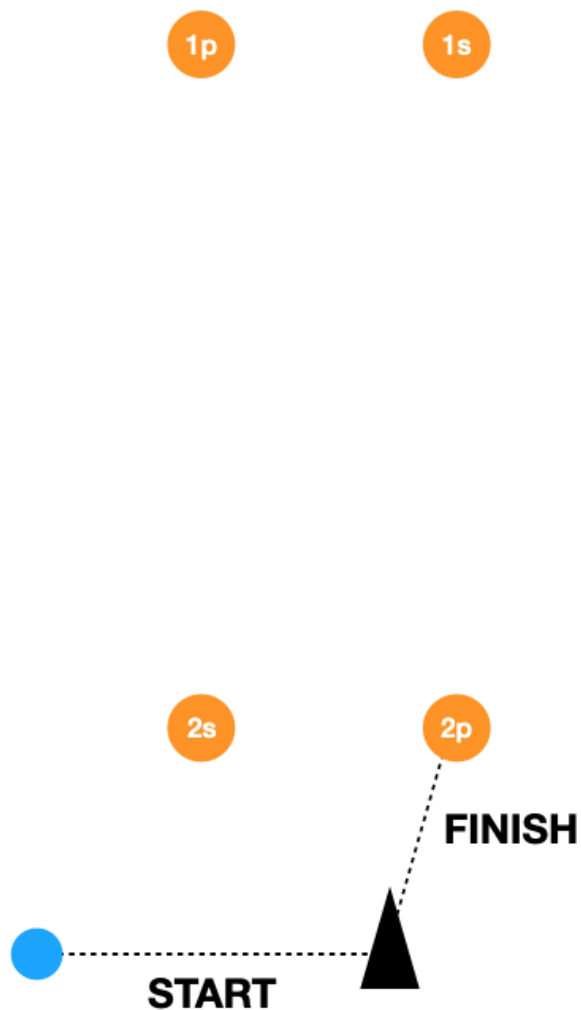
Sprint Course



Championship Course

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

Notes: At a gate, boats shall pass between the marks and round either mark. The gate may be replaced by a single mark which shall be rounded to port.



NASCAR Course

1 LAP	START – 1(p) – 2(p) – 3(p) – 4(p) - FINISH
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