



WASZP CHRISTMAS GP
WASZP UK CLASS ASSOCIATION
RUTLAND SAILING CLUB
6-7 DECEMBER 2025
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The organising authority is Rutland Sailing Club (RSC) in conjunction with the WASZP UK Class Association.

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.

1 RULES

- 1.1 See NoR 1.
- 1.2 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>).
- 1.3 When a hearing finds that a boat has broken a rule of RRS Part 2 within 1 minute of the starting signal, or in the vicinity of the starting line, the boat shall be scored DNE for that race. This changes RRS 60.5(c).
- 1.4 When a hearing concludes that a boat is disqualified for breaking a rule and in doing so, caused damage or injury, the boat shall be scored DNE for that race. This changes RRS 60.5(c).

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted no later than 90mins 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/494>.

- 3.2 A WhatsApp group may be used for unofficial communication with competitors (<https://chat.whatsapp.com/JX8fDDGce7fBRqaCCd8hb1>). Competitors should refer to the ONB for all official communications.
- 3.3 The race office will be at the RSC reception.
- 4 [DP] CODE OF CONDUCT**
- Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials and sailing club members.
- 5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**
- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the halyards at the western end of the main RSC clubhouse.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP. This changes Race Signals AP.
- 6 SCHEDULE OF RACES**
- 6.1 See NoR 9.
- 6.2 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 two minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 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 and tables 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 geometry of the NASCAR course may be adjusted to change the length of the upwind and downwind legs. The angles between the legs will be approximately 90 degrees.
- 9.3 The race committee may modify the Two-Towers courses up to one hour prior to the start of the first race of the day.
- 9.4 The course to be sailed will be displayed on a board on the committee boat prior to the warning signal.
- 10 MARKS**
- 10.1 Rounding mark will be large, yellow marks.
- 10.2 The starting marks will be a race committee vessel at the starboard end of the line and a black mark at the port end.
- 10.3 The finishing marks will be:
- (a) Windward/Leeward Racing: a race committee vessel at the starboard end of the line and mark 2p at the port end

- (b) NASCAR Racing: a race committee vessel at the starboard end of the line and a black mark at the port end.

11 OBSTRUCTIONS

- 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.

12 THE START

- 12.1 The table in RRS 26 is changed as follows:

<i>Minutes before starting signal</i>	<i>Visual signal</i>	<i>Sound signal</i>	<i>Means</i>
3	Class flag	One	Warning signal
2	U or black flag	One	Preparatory signal
1	U or black flag removed	One long	One minute
0	Class flag removed	One	Starting signal

- 12.2 The starting line will be 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.
- 12.3 A boat that does not start within three minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4, 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 Windward/Leeward 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) The finish flag will be a large chequered flag with the word 'finish' on it.
- c) When the leading boat is in the vicinity of mark 2p for the final time, the race committee signal vessel at the finishing line will promptly display the finish flag with one sound. The finishing window opens when the lead boat crosses the finishing line. The finish flag will be removed at the end of the finishing window or when the last boat finishes, whichever is earlier.

All boats that,

- (i) have completed a lap before the finishing window opens, but then fail to finish while it is open, or
- (ii) cross the finishing line while the finish flag is displayed

shall be deemed to have finished irrespective of the number of laps completed. Their score 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, A4, A5.1 and A5.2.

- d) [NP][DP] When the finish flag is displayed, all boats on a downwind leg shall sail through the finishing line.
- e) [NP][DP] A boat that crosses the finishing line when the finish 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 at the starboard end and the course side of the port end starting mark.
- b) The finish flag will be a large chequered flag with the word 'finish' on it.
- c) After approximately 10 minutes of racing, the signal vessel will display the finish flag with one sound (regardless of the location of the lead boat on the course). This opens the finishing window.

All boats that,

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

shall be deemed to have finished irrespective of the number of laps completed. Their score 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, A4, A5.1 and A5.2.

14.3 Two-Towers (Distance) Race:

- a) The finishing line is between the two club starting marks with yellow buoys attached near the RSC clubhouse.
- b) To be scored, boats shall sail either the long or short course.
- 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. 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, A4, 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 Target Time, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35) and the Finishing Window in minutes will be:

Format	Target Time	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
Windward/Leeward Racing	20	40	7
NASCAR Racing	10	25	5
Two-Towers Race	n/a	70	30

16.2 Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).

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 On the last day of racing, competitors intending to protest shall inform the race committee before going ashore.
- 17.3 Hearing request forms are available from the race office.
- 17.4 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.
- 17.5 RRS 61.2(b)(2) and 63.7(b)(2) are changed so that 30 minutes is replaced by 15 minutes.

18 SCORING

See NoR 15.

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

[NP][DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 20.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the *rules*.
- 20.2 The penalty for an infringement of a class rule may be less than disqualification.

21 OFFICIAL VESSELS

Official vessels will be identified as follows:

- Signal vessel: Green Rutland Sailing Club motorboat.

22 SUPPORT VESSELS

See NoR 16.

23 TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard official vessels.

24 BERTHING

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

25 PRIZES

See NoR 22.

26 RISK STATEMENT

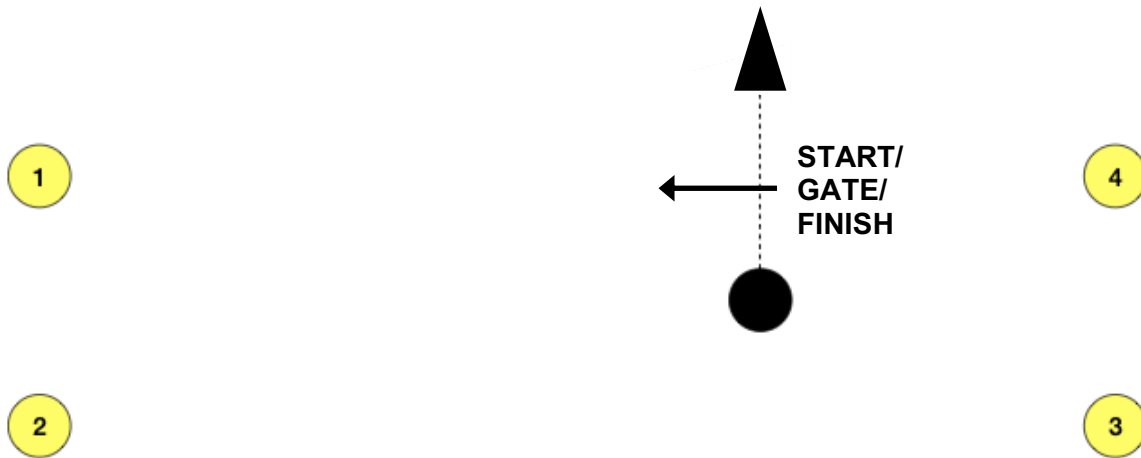
See NoR 20.

27 INSURANCE

See NoR 21.

Appendix 1
Courses

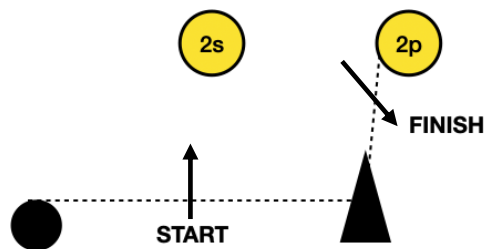
NASCAR Racing



<i>Signal</i>	<i>Mark Rounding Order</i>
NASCAR	1 LAP: Start – 1(p) – 2(p) – 3(p) – 4(p) – Gate
	Repeated laps.

Note: p = leave mark to port.

Windward/Leeward Racing

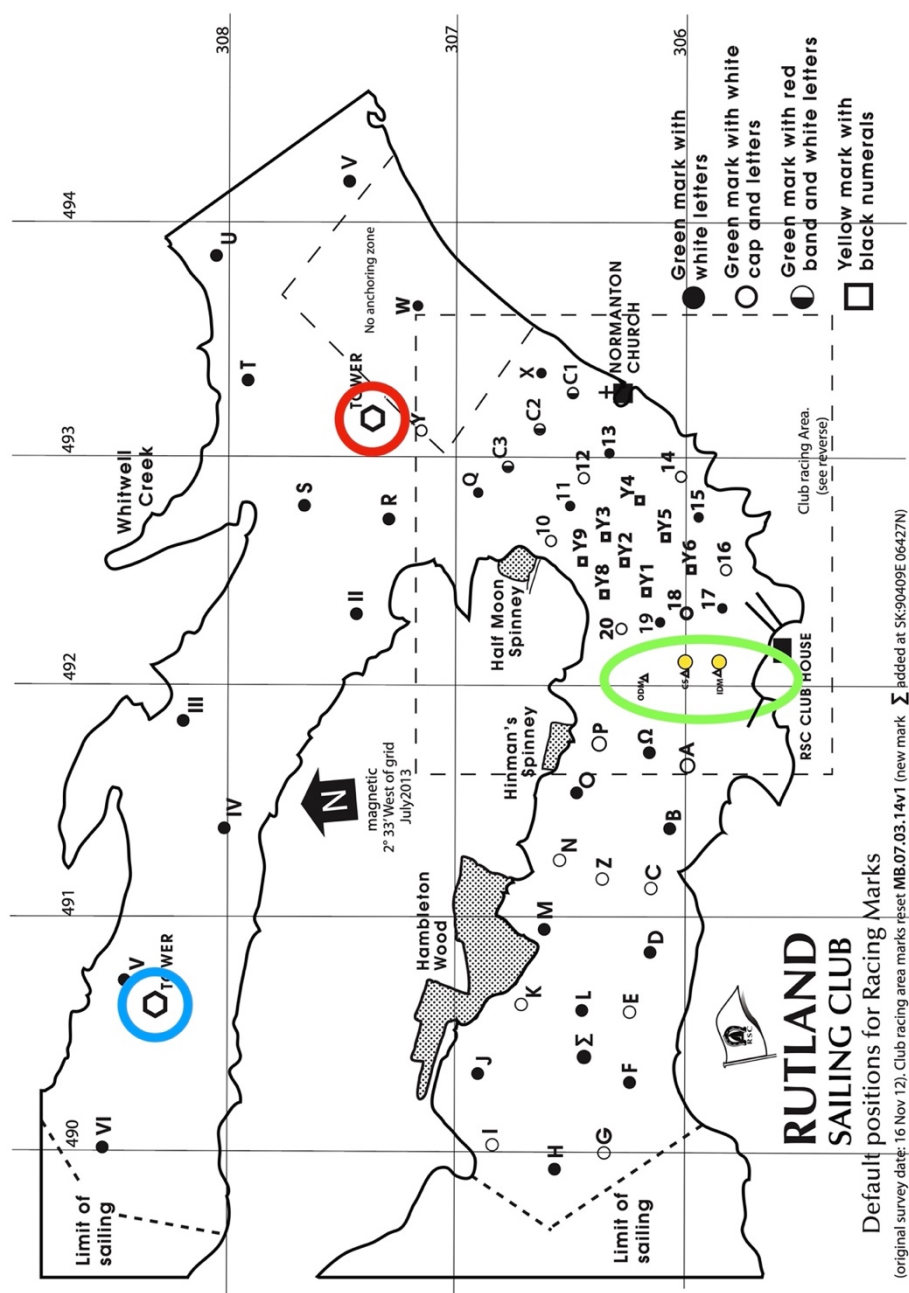


<i>Signal</i>	<i>Mark Rounding Order</i>
L1	Start – 1s/1p (Gate) – 2p/Finish
L2	Start – 1s/1p (Gate) – 2s/2p (Gate) – 1s/1p (Gate) – 2p/Finish
L3	Start – 1s/1p (Gate) – 2s/2p (Gate) – 1s/1p (Gate) – 2s/2p (Gate) – 1s/1p (Gate) – 2p/Finish

Note: s = leave mark to starboard, p = leave mark to port.

Two-Towers Course

Subject to change at the discretion of the race committee – see SI 9.3.



	Mark Rounding Order
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.