



START OF SEASON CHAMPIONSHIP

WASZP UK CLASS ASSOCIATION

DATCHET WATER SAILING CLUB

11-12 April 2026

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.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 RRS Appendix T (Arbitration) will apply.
- 1.3 WASZP UK and Datchet Water Sailing Club (DWSC) implement the RYA Racing Charter and competitors are expected to sail in compliance with it. The charter can be found at the front of the RYA edition of the RRS or at www.rya.org.uk/racingrules.
- 1.4 The 'by-laws' of DWSC shall apply to all competitors and support persons and to all craft afloat. These can be found at www.dwsc.co.uk/club-terms-and-policies/club-rules.
- 1.5 [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

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/667>.
- 3.2 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.
- 3.3 A WhatsApp group may be used for unofficial communication with competitors (https://chat.whatsapp.com/EPGCdm9Nq1mJk9fvvMfuJY?mode=gi_t). 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 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 The provisional schedule is shown in the table below.

Date	Activity	Time	Social
Saturday 11 April	Competitor Briefing Course racing (W/L)	1030 1200 (first start)	Dinner & Coach Debrief
Sunday 12 April	Course racing (W/L)	1030 (first start)	Prize Giving

6.2 The NASCAR race format may be used.

6.3 Up to 6 races may be sailed each day.

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

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 two minutes before a warning signal is made.

7 CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be a white flag with the WASZP class insignia. If there are 2 fleet starts the 8.2 fleet will use the white flag and the 7.5/6.9 start will use a yellow flag with the WASZP class insignia.

8 RACING AREA

8.1 The racing area on the Queen Mother Reservoir will be identified in the competitor briefing.

8.2 [NP][DP] Participants shall not hinder any club racing or club activity that is happening elsewhere on the reservoir.

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

10 MARKS

10.1 Marks of the course will be orange inflatables.

10.2 The starting marks will be a race committee vessel at the starboard end of the line and a blue inflatable at the port end.

- 10.3 The finishing marks for Course racing will be a race committee vessel at the starboard end of the line and mark 2p at the port end. The finishing marks for NASCAR racing will be a race committee vessel at the starboard end of the line and a blue inflatable at the port end. Refer to the diagrams in SI Appendix 1.

11 OBSTRUCTIONS [DP]

[NP][DP] Competitors shall keep clear of all Water Authority installations across the reservoir. These include the pier, water towers, moored boats and pontoons.

12 THE START

- 12.1 The starting sequence for all races will be 3,2,1,0. This changes RRS 26.
- 12.2 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.
- 12.3 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 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 Course 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 finish flag with a sound signal. The finish flag will be removed at the end of the finishing window time limit.

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 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 finish 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 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 and the course side of the port end mark.
- b) After approximately 10 minutes of racing, the signal vessel will display the finish 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 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 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 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.

Course Racing			
Target Time	Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
20 minutes	15 minutes	40 minutes	10 minutes
NASCAR Racing			
Target Time	Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
10 minutes	5 minutes	25 minutes	5 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. 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 12.

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 a class rule may be less than disqualification.

22 SUPPLIED BOATS

Not applicable to this event.

23 OFFICIAL VESSELS

Official vessels will be identified at the briefing.

24 SUPPORT VESSELS

Support vessels are prohibited at this event, except for the class-supplied coach.

25 TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard official or support person vessels.

26 BERTHING

[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

See NoR 15. Additional prizes may be awarded to age categories with great than 5 entrants.

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 Racing

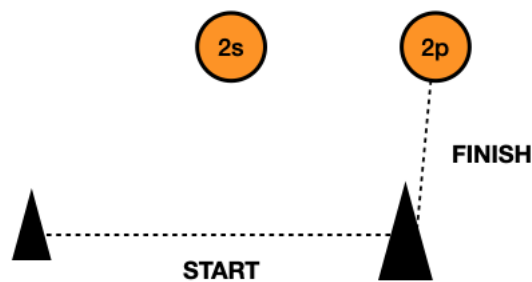


START/
GATE/
FINISH



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

Course Racing



<i>Signal</i>	<i>Mark Rounding Order</i>
1 LAP	Start – 1s/1p (Gate) – Finish
2 LAPS	Start – 1s/1p (Gate) – 2s/2p (Gate) – 1s/1p (Gate) – Finish
3 LAPS	Start – 1s/1p (Gate) – 2s/2p (Gate) – 1s/1p (Gate) – 2s/2p (Gate) – 1s/1p (Gate) – 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.