



ISLE OF WIGHT GP
WASP UK CLASS ASSOCIATION
ROYAL VICTORIA YACHT CLUB
9-10 MAY 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*.
- 1.2 Appendix T (Arbitration) will apply.
- 1.3 Competitors should note that WASZP UK implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be expected to sail in compliance with it. The charter can be found at the front of the RYA edition of the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 (the yellow pages after the definitions), or on the RYA website at www.rya.org.uk/racingrules.

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 The race office is located in the RVYC clubhouse.
- 3.2 A WhatsApp group may be used for unofficial communication with competitors (https://chat.whatsapp.com/DML7pqPEFIWGx8sWdDABCz?mode=gi_t). 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
Saturday 9th	Racing – format TBC	1030 competitor briefing

		1157 first warning signal
	Dinner	Tickets purchased at the bar
Sunday 10th	Racing – format TBC	1030 first warning signal
	Prize Giving	ASAP after racing
	Sail back to Stokes Bay	ASAP after prize giving

- 6.2 The race committee may race any format at any time.
- 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 two minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 6.4 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1500.

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.

NASCAR = N

Distance = D

W/L = W/L(x)

- 9.3 The course for the distance race will be published before the briefing on Saturday.

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 mast displaying the orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port end starting mark.
- 12.2 The starting sequence for all races will be 3,2,1,0. This changes RRS 26.
- 12.3 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 W/L 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 the 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 pin 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 Distance Racing:

- a) The finishing line is between the staff displaying a blue flag on the signal vessel and the course side of the pin end mark.
- b) 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 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 [DP] A boat that crosses the finishing line when the blue flag is displayed shall not attempt a further lap.

14.5 [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.

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

14.7 Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress.

15 **HEARING REQUESTS**

15.1 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.

15.2 Hearing request forms are available from the race office.

15.3 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.

15.4 RRS 61.2(b)(2) and 63.7(b)(2) are changed so that 30 minutes is replaced by 15 minutes.

16 **SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 16.1 [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 wait for race committee authorisation to return to RVYC.

17 **REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

In accordance with the class rules.

18 **EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

- 18.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the *rules*.

19 **OFFICIAL VESSELS**

- 19.1 Official vessels will be identified as follows:
- The signal vessel will be the sailing yacht "Lesa"

20 **TRASH DISPOSAL**

- 20.1 Trash may be placed aboard official or support person vessels.

21 **BERTHING**

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

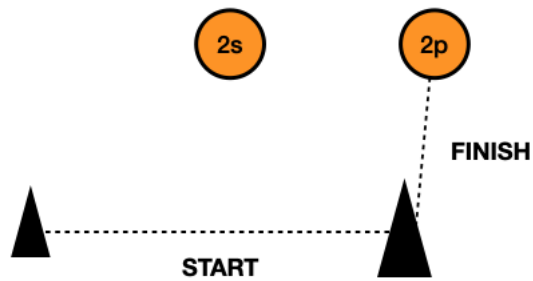
Appendix 1
Courses

NASCAR Racing



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