



## *International Moth*

# **UK Open Championship and World Championships**

**Weymouth and Portland, UK  
7th to 18th June 2023**

**The Organising Authority is the UK International Moth Class  
Association in conjunction with the Weymouth and Portland  
National Sailing Academy**

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

[NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the Protest Committee.

[SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the Race Committee without a hearing or a discretionary penalty applied by the Protest Committee with a hearing

### **1. RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The Class Rules will apply except for any that are altered by the Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions. The Class Race Management Guidelines will also apply, but a failure to follow these Guidelines is not on its own grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

### **2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than one hour before the scheduled warning signal on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the timing of races, will be posted by 2000 the day before it will take effect.

### **3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS**

The official notice board is located online at:

<https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/6395/event?name=international-moth-open-world-championships-2023>

#### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the official flagpole located outside the race office balcony.
- 4.2 [DP][NP][SP] Flag D displayed ashore with one sound signal this means: “the warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after flag D is displayed or not before the scheduled time, whichever is later”. Boats shall not leave the slipway until this signal is made.

#### 5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- |     |   |             |                                  |
|-----|---|-------------|----------------------------------|
| 5.1 | Sunday 4th June   |             | Venue opens                      |
|     | Wednesday 7th June  | 0900 - 1300 | Event and Equipment Registration |
|     |   | 1400 - 1700 | Event and Equipment Registration |
|     | Thursday 8th June   | 1200        | UK Open Day 1                    |
|     | Friday 9th June   | 1100        | UK Open Day 2                    |
|     | Saturday 10th June  | 0900 - 1300 | Event and Equipment Registration |
|     |   | 1400 - 1700 | Event and Equipment Registration |
|     | Sunday 11th June  | 0900 - 1300 | Event and Equipment Registration |
|     |   | 1400 - 1700 | Event and Equipment Registration |
|     |   | 1730        | Competitors Briefing             |
|     |   | 1800        | Opening Ceremony                 |
|     | Monday 12th June  | 1100        | Qualifying series races          |
|     | Tuesday 13th June   | 1000        | Qualifying series races          |
|     | Wednesday 14th June   | 1000        | Qualifying series races          |
|     | Thursday 15th June  |             | Spare Day*                       |
|     | Friday 16th June  | 1000        | Final series races               |
|     | Saturday 17th June  | 1000        | Final series races               |
|     | Sunday 18th June  | 1000        | Final series races               |
|     | Prize Giving and Closing Ceremony as soon as possible after the Final Races |             |                                  |
|     | *Spare Day may be used as a race day if required                            |             |                                  |
- 5.2 On Sunday 18th June there will be no warning signal after 1500.

#### 6. FORMAT OF RACING

- 6.1 The Event will consist of the UK Open Championship (Pre-Worlds) and the 2023 Moth World Championships. There will be up to 8 races in the UK Open and up to 24 races in the World Championships. The UK Open Championship will be a Single Series, the World Championships Series will be divided into a Qualifying Series and a Final Series. The Male and Female World Championships will be raced together as a single fleet.
- 6.2 For the UK Open Single Series  
The boats will be split into TWO fleets of approximately equal number of boats, as long as two races are completed for both fleets on Day 1 the fleets will be reassigned for Day 2 based on the Day 1 results.
- 6.3 For the World Championships **Qualifying Series**  
The boats will be split into TWO fleets of approximately equal numbers of boats. The

Qualifying Series will consist of a maximum of TWELVE races. However, if less than SIX races have been completed by all fleets by the end of Day 3, the Qualifying Series will continue.

- 6.4 The Organising Authority will make initial fleet assignments on the basis of the top 20 ranked boats from the 2022 World Championship. with the remainder being taken in order of National letters and sail numbers. The method of assignment to fleets will be as follows,

<u>Place in Qualifying Series</u>	<u>Fleet assignment</u>
First.....	Yellow
Second.....	Blue
Third.....	Blue
Fourth.....	Yellow
and so on	

The ranking will remain in force until the end of the day during which the 2nd Qualifying Race is completed by all fleets.

- 6.5 If all fleets have completed the same number of races, boats will be reassigned to fleets on the basis of their Qualifying Series scores as detailed above. If all fleets have not completed the same number of races by the end of a day, the fleets with fewer races will continue racing the following day until all fleets have completed the same number of races. However, the reassignments will be calculated for those races, numbered in order of completion, completed by all fleets. Reassignments will be made as above.
- 6.6 If at the end of the Qualifying Series some boats have more race scores than others, scores for those boats' most recent races will be excluded so that all boats have the same number of race scores.
- 6.7 Fleet assignments will be based on the ranking available at 2000 that day regardless of protests or requests for redress not yet decided. However, at the end of the Qualifying Series, the fleet assignments will be made no later than 0700 on the day they take effect.
- 6.8 For the World Championships **Final Series**  
The Final Series will consist of a maximum of TWELVE races.

## 7. CLASS FLAGS

The Class flags will be a Moth class insignia on a yellow or blue background.

## 8. RACING AREAS

Attachment B shows the location of the racing areas.

## 9. COURSES

- 9.1 Attachment A shows the course to be sailed, the order in which the marks are to be passed, the side on which each mark is to be left, and the signals indicating the number of rounds to be sailed. The course will be displayed on the Race Committee signal boat.
- 9.2 No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing from the race committee boat to Mark 1 gate or Mark 1 if using course LA.

## 10. MARKS

Mark 1 (gate)..... blue cylinder with a black band  
Mark 2 (gate) .....blue cylinder with a black band

Mark 1A.....	black cylinder
Change mark.....	orange cylinder
Starting marks.....	Race Committee vessels
Finishing marks.....	Race Committee vessel and Mark 2P

## 11. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 11.1 Boats shall keep more than 100 metres away from vessels over 100 metres in length, vessels at anchor or vessels displaying Flag A (indicating divers in the water). These areas are obstructions as defined in the Rules.
- 11.2 [DP] The attention of all competitors, race management personnel and spectators afloat are drawn to the fact that Portland Harbour is a working port and that harbour regulations must be observed. Any directions given by Portland Harbour Authority either in person or by VHF (CH 74) must be complied with without delay. Failure to comply with this instruction may result in a penalty.
- 11.3 Boats will not transit at any time through the RNSA moorings, which are to the left when leaving the Marina entrance.

## 12. THE START

- 12.1 The starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the starting marks (race committee starting vessels) at each end of the starting line.
- 12.2 Boats shall not start more than 4 minutes after the starting signal.
- 12.3 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with ONE sound signal not less than TWO minutes before the warning signal is displayed.

## 13. CHANGE OF COURSE

- 13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a change mark, which will be as detailed in SI 10. When a new mark is laid, the original marks will be removed as soon as possible.
- 13.2 If course L is used and the windward gate is changed, a single new mark will be laid to be rounded to port. If course LA is used Marks 1 and 1A will be replaced by a single mark to be rounded to port.

## 14. THE FINISH

- 14.1 The finishing line will be between the staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee signal boat and Mark 2P.
- 14.2 **Grand Prix finish** - When the leading boat completes the course and finishes, the Race Committee signal boat at the finish will immediately display a chequered flag with a sound signal. The chequered flag will be removed at the end of the finishing window time limit.
- All boats that;
- have completed a lap before the chequered flag is displayed, but then fail to finish while it is displayed, or
  - cross the finishing line while the chequered 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

## 15. TIME LIMITS

- 15.1 Target time is 20 minutes.
- 15.2 The finishing window is 15 minutes.
- 15.3 Boats failing to complete one lap earlier than 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5

## 16. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 16.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns penalty is replaced by a One-Turn penalty.
- 16.2 The penalty for a breach of a Class Rule will be a Discretionary Penalty [DP] and may be less than disqualification.

## 17. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 17.1 Protest forms are available online at [https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/protests/new?event\\_id=6395](https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/protests/new?event_id=6395) Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 17.2 The protest time limit shall be posted on the ONB. The protest time limit will be 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee and protest committee about incidents they observe in the racing area. This time limit also applies to requests for redress. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.
- 17.3 Notices will be posted within 15 minutes of 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 the Regatta Centre. Hearings may start before the scheduled time with the agreement of all parties.
- 17.4 The race committee or protest committee intending to protest a boat under RRS 60.2 or 60.3 will comply with RRS 61.1(b) by informing her by posting a notice before the end of the protest time limit.
- 17.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress from a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

## 18. SCORING

- 18.1 The Low Points Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 18.2 FOUR races are required to be completed to constitute a valid Championship.
- 18.3 When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores.
- 18.4 When from 6 to 10 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 18.5 When from 11 to 15 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 18.6 When from 16 to 20 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her three worst scores.
- 18.7 When from 21 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her four worst scores.
- 18.8 A competitor may submit a request to review a boat's score online at [https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/scoring\\_inquiries/new?event\\_id=6395](https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/scoring_inquiries/new?event_id=6395)

## 19. SAFETY [DP][NP][SP]

- 19.1 A safety tally system will be in operation.

- 19.1.1 The tally control point will be by the picnic tables under the main balcony.
- 19.1.2 Tallies comprise of numbered rubber wristbands; numbers will be allocated at registration. Tallies shall be worn visibly, over clothing, on the right wrist/arm by sailors at all times while afloat.
- 19.1.3 Competitor's shall individually tally-out before racing by personally going to the tally control point and collecting their tally.
- 19.1.4 Competitors shall individually tally-in immediately on returning to shore by personally going to the tally control point to return their tally. This must be done no later than 10 minutes after the last boat has come ashore.
- 19.1.5 The penalty for failing to tally-out or tally-in as instructed above will be three points added to the boat's series score, non-excludable for each offence. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.
- 19.2 Boats not leaving the shore for the day's races shall notify the race office as soon as possible.
- 19.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 19.4 When Flag V is displayed by the race committee signal vessel, coach and other support boats shall collaborate with the race committee in rescue tasks.
- 19.5 RRS 40.1 applies at all times on the water.

## 20. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 20.1 Any boat or equipment may be checked for compliance with the Class Rules and the Sailing Instructions at any time.
- 20.2 **[DP][NP]** Limitations of equipment - only measured equipment shall be used
  - 1) A maximum of TWO sails shall be used during the regatta.
  - 2) A maximum of TWO mast configurations (consisting of 1 upper & 1 lower if applicable), 2 front foils (vertical & horizontal) and 2 rear foils (vertical & horizontal) shall be used.
  - 3) Foils shall only be changed whilst ashore at WPNSA.
- 20.3 A competitor shall submit a request a change of equipment online at [https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/equipment\\_substitutions/new?event\\_id=6395](https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/equipment_substitutions/new?event_id=6395)

## 21. SUPPORT VESSELS **[DP][NP]**

- 21.1 Coaches and other support personnel shall not be in the area where boats are racing or within 50 metres of any boat racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. This SI does not apply during rescue operations.
- 21.2 Support vessels are required to comply with local legislation and the Support Vessel Regulations as detailed in Attachment B of the Notice of Race.

## 22. TRASH DISPOSAL

As sailors, we seek to protect and restore our oceans and coastal waters. Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

## 23. RADIO COMMUNICATION **[DP][NP]**

**[DP]** While racing from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

## 24. PRIZES

- 24.1 The following prizes will be awarded for the overall rankings in the World

Championship:

1st Male: Men's World Champion

2nd to 11th place

1st Female: Women's World Champion

2nd and 3rd Female

1st Junior: aged 23 years or younger 1st June 2023 Junior World Champion

2nd Junior aged 23 years or younger as of 1st June 2023

Prizes for the first 3 positions in the Silver Fleet

1st Master aged 45 years or older as of 1st June 2023

1st Grand Master aged 55 years or older as of 1st June 2023

1st Great Grand Master aged 65 years or older as of 1st June 2023

1st Homebuilt boat

1st Corinthian sailor

24.2 The following prizes will be awarded for the overall rankings in the UK Open Championship:

1st Male: Men's UK Open Champion

2nd to 5th place

1st Junior: aged 23 years or younger as of 1st June 2023 Junior Open Champion

1st Female: Women's UK Open Champion

2nd place Female

24.3 Additional prizes for any of the Championships may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

## 25. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 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:

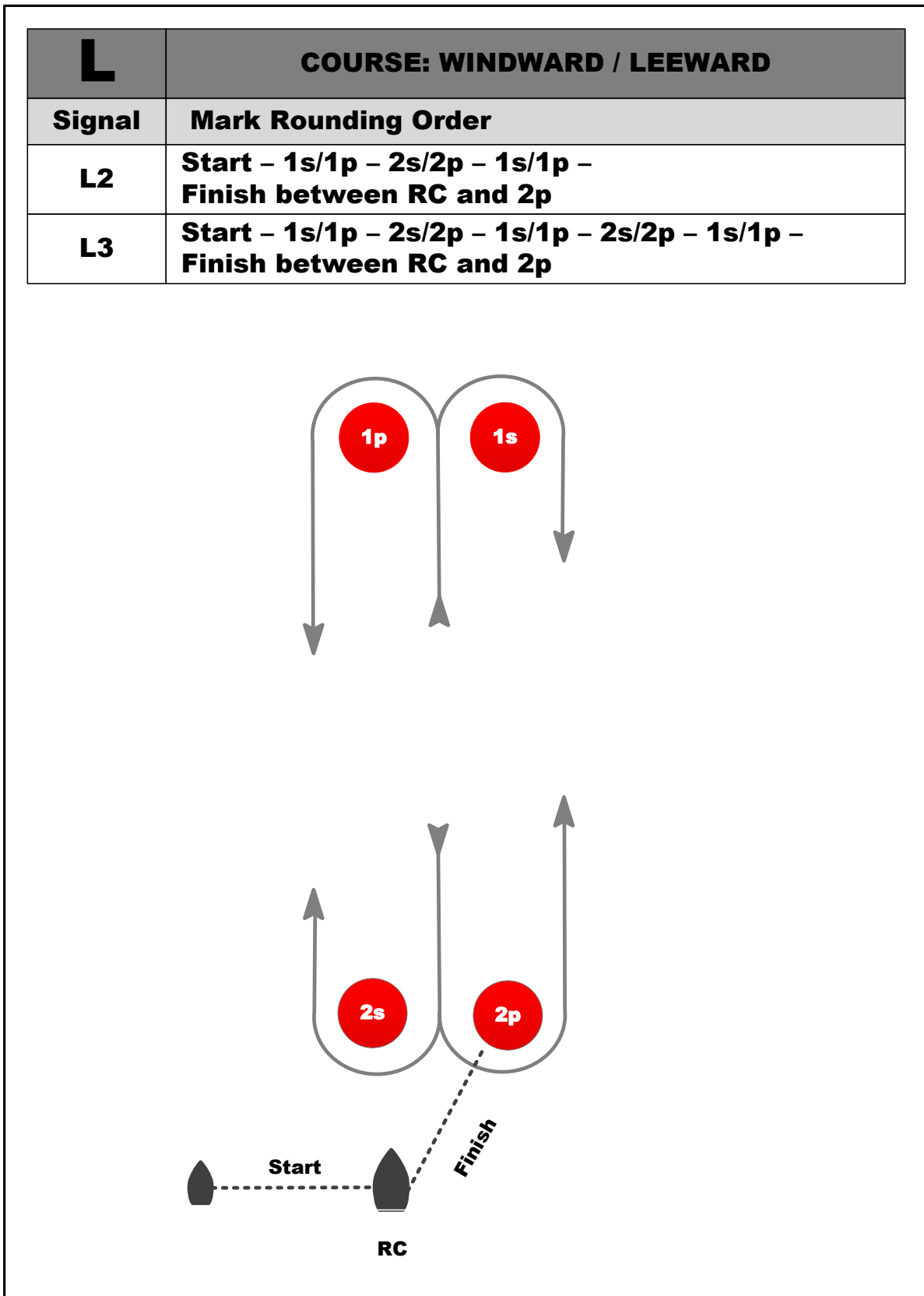
- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their 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 omission;
- 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 organiser 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 event and to attend any competitors briefing held for this event.

## 26. INSURANCE [DP][NP]

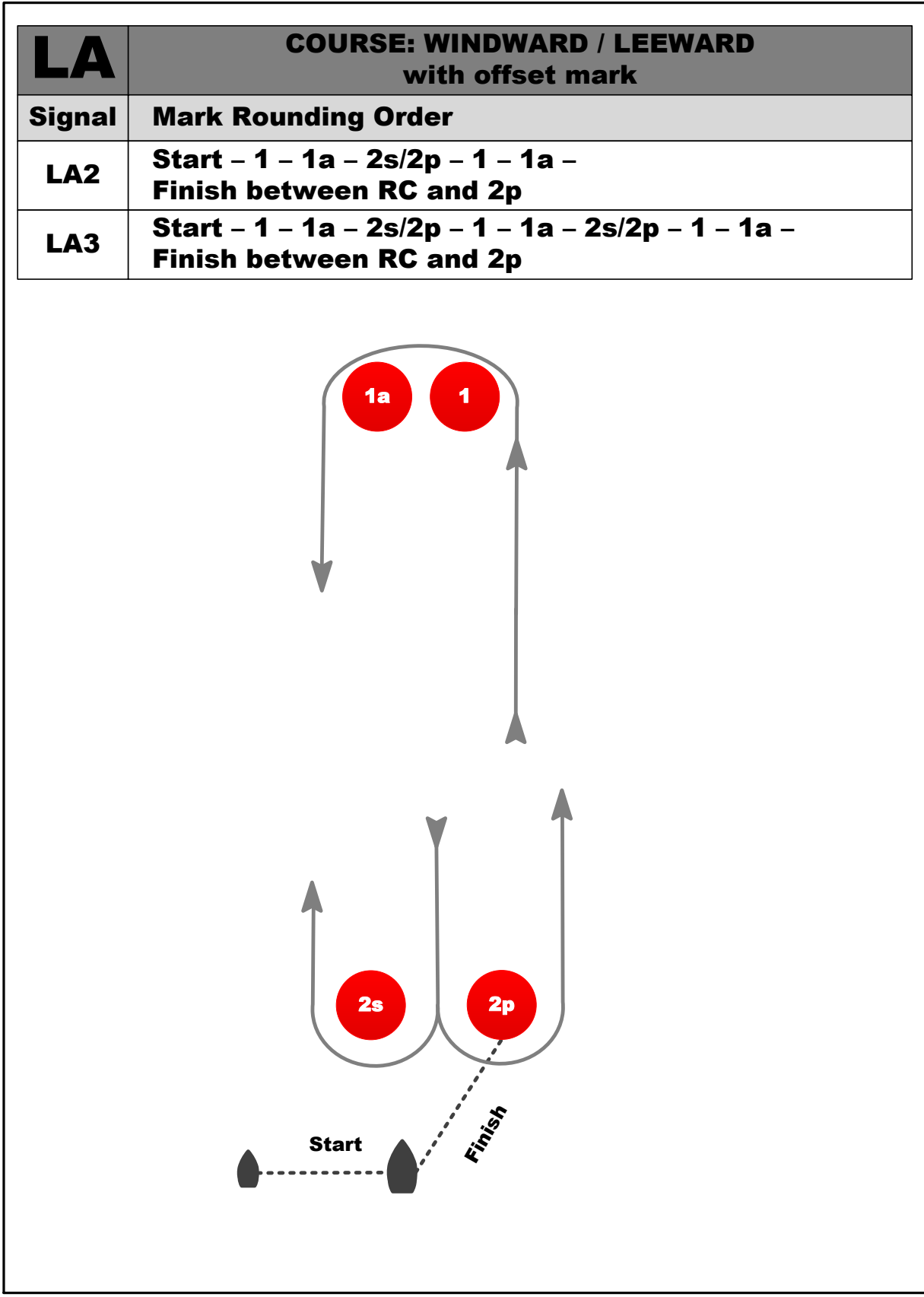
Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £ 3,000,000 or the equivalent per incident.

Attachment A

Course Diagram







Attachment B

Course Locations

