



# RS Feva National Championship 2022

Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022

## Sailing Instructions (SI)

The Organising Authority is the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy (WPNSA) in conjunction with the UK RS Feva Class Association (UKRSFCA).

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The racing will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a)
- 1.3 RRS Appendix T will apply.
- 1.4 RRS 35 is changed so that after the first boat has finished, boats may be finished based on their observed position on the course.
- 1.5 RRS 40.1 applies at all times while afloat. [DP].
- 1.6 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty
- 1.7 In the case of conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, SIs will take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.8 Protocols relating to COVID-19 may be published at any time and will state if they have a status of a rule. [DP].

### 2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than 30 minutes before flag D is displayed, except for changes to the schedule of races will be posted before 19:00 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), which is at <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/3334/event?name=rs-feva-national-championship-2022>.
- 3.2 The race office is located in Room 4.
- 3.3 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. [DP].
- 3.4 Competitor WhatsApp group <https://chat.whatsapp.com/FKgFtZqi2hW7mEutSQBUbK>.
- 3.5 There will be a competitor briefing in Event Hall at 10:00 on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

#### **4. CODE OF CONDUCT**

- 4.1 Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance protocols or legislation, even if they later prove to be unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions. [DP]
- 4.2 Competitors and support persons shall place advertising provided by the Organising Authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

#### **5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpoles on the main mast outside the academy.
- 5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' when racing in the Portland Harbour or 'not less than 60 minutes' when racing is in in Weymouth Bay, in the race signal AP.
- 5.3. Flag D with one sound means 'The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes' after flag D is displayed if racing is in Portland Harbour or 'The warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes' after flag D is displayed if racing is in Weymouth Bay. Boats shall not leave the slipway until this signal is made. [DP].
- 5.4. Flag P displayed indicates racing will be Portland harbour. Flag W displayed indicates racing will be in Weymouth Bay. This may be displayed below a class flag.

#### **6. FORMAT OF RACING**

- 6.1. The regatta will consist of a single series.

#### **7. SCHEDULE**

- 7.1. Registration will be in the Event Hall from 15:00 to 18:30 on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May and 08:30 to 10:00 on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

7.2.

<b>Date</b>	<b>First Warning Signal</b>	<b>No. of Races</b>
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> May	12:55	3
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> May	10:55	3
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> May	10:55	3
Tue 31 <sup>st</sup> May	10:55	3

- 7.3. 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 the first warning signal is made.
- 7.4. Each day succeeding races will be started as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous race
- 7.5. On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 15:00.

#### **8. CLASS FLAGS**

- 8.1 Class flags will be a white flag with the RS Feva logo on it.

#### **9. RACING AREAS**

- 9.1. The racing area will be in Portland Harbour or Weymouth Bay.

#### **10. COURSES**

- 10.1 The diagrams in SI Appendix A show the course options to be sailed with the order in which the marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 10.2 The course and number of laps to be sailed will be displayed on the committee boat.
- 10.3 The approximate bearing of mark one may be displayed on the committee boat.
- 10.4 If a gate is replaced by a single mark, it is to be left to port.

## **11. MARKS**

- 11.1 Marks 1, 2, 3s, 3p, 4s and 4p will be a 1.6m blue cylindrical buoy with a black band.
- 11.2 Mark 5 will be a 1.6m orange cylindrical buoy.
- 11.3 The starting mark will be either an official boat displaying an orange flag or a dan buoy displaying an orange flag.
- 11.4 The finishing mark will be either an official boat displaying a blue flag or a dan buoy displaying a blue flag.

## **12. OBSTRUCTIONS [DP]**

- 12.1. 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.
- 12.2. 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.
- 12.3. Only the Northern entrance should be used in leaving or returning to Portland Inner Harbour, unless directed otherwise by an Official or Portland Harbour Authority Boat.
- 12.4. Boats will not transit at any time through the RNSA moorings, which are to the left of the Marina exit when leaving the Marina.

## **13. THE START**

- 13.1. Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made five minutes before the starting signal.
- 13.2. The Preparatory Signal will be either RRS 30.3 (U Flag Rule), or RRS 30.4 (Black Flag Rule).
- 13.3. The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port end starting mark.
- 13.4. A boat that does not start within four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

## **14. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 14.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark.
- 14.2. Minor mark moves, up to approximately 100m in any direction, may be made without signalling the change. This changes RRS 33.

## **15. THE FINISH**

- 15.1. The finishing line will be between a mast displaying blue flag on the race committee signal vessel and the finishing mark.
- 15.2. The race committee may score boats based on their relative positions at a mark of the course or on a leg of the course as follows:
  - 15.2.1. When an official boat displays flag W with two sounds, boats still racing may be scored as their observed position on the race course.
  - 15.2.2. When a boat is scored in accordance with this instruction, she shall be given a score for a place after all boats that have sailed the course and finished. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

## **16. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 16.1. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 16.2. To encourage boats to take a penalty afloat, jury members may blow a whistle when they see what they believe to be a breach of a rule.

## 17. TIME LIMITS

17.1. The time limits and target times are as follows:

Race Time Limit	Target Time	Finishing Window
60 minutes	40 minutes	20 minutes

17.2. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

17.3. The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalised, or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

## 18. HEARING REQUESTS

18.1. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day when racing in Portland Harbour or 90 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day when racing in Weymouth Bay or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

18.2. Hearing request forms are available from <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/decisions/3334/event>.

18.3. Hearings may be heard via video call. All links will be sent via email if required.

18.4. 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 and where they will be held, which may be online.

18.5. A list of boats that have been penalised for breaking RRS 42 under Appendix P will be posted on the ONB.

## 19. SCORING

19.1. One race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta.

19.2. The total score of each boat will be the sum of her scores as follows:

19.2.1. When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

19.2.2. When from four to seven races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her one worst score.

19.2.3. When eight or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

19.3. Competitors may request a review of a boat's score by completing the online form at [https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/scoring\\_inquiries/3334/event](https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/scoring_inquiries/3334/event).

## 20. SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP]

20.1. RRS 40.1 always applies on the water.

20.2. A safety tally system will be in operation. Tally numbers will be advised at Registration.

20.2.1. The tally control point will be by the picnic tables.

20.2.2. Competitors shall individually tally-out before racing by personally going to the tally control point and collecting their tally.

20.2.3. Competitors shall individually tally-in immediately on returning to shore by personally going to the tally control point and returning their tally to the board. This must be done no later than 10 minutes after the last boat has come ashore.

20.3. The penalty for failing to check-out or check-in as instructed above will be a standard penalty without a hearing. The standard penalty will be 3 points non-excludable added to the boat's series score, and 5 points for subsequent infringements. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

20.4. Boats wishing to sail ashore before the end of the day's racing shall not do so unless authorised by an official boat. The Official Boat will instruct boats in the procedure for returning ashore.

20.5. Boats shall follow the instructions of the Official Boats. Infringements will be reported to the race committee, which may protest the boat.

20.6. A boat that retires from a race shall notify an Official Boat if possible. A declaration form will be available near the tally board which must be signed by competitors who have retired as they tally-in.

## **21. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 21.1. Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the race committee. Competitors may request a change of crew through the [https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/crew\\_substitutions/3334/event](https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/crew_substitutions/3334/event). [DP].
- 21.2. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised in writing by the race committee. Requests for substitution of equipment shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity by completing the online form [https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/equipment\\_substitutions/3334/event](https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/equipment_substitutions/3334/event). Failure to do so, the refusal of the request, or the replacement equipment not complying with the class rules, may result in the boat being penalised. [DP].

## **22. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

- 22.1. Each boat shall declare at Registration one set of sails that will be use for the event.
- 22.2. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water or ashore, a boat can be instructed by an equipment inspector to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection. A boat shall comply with any reasonable request made by an Equipment Inspector. [DP].

## **23. OFFICIAL VESSELS**

- 23.1. Official vessels are defined as committee boat, mark layers, safety boats and jury boats.
- 23.2. Safety boats may carry competitors drinks, snacks, or spares, at the discretion of the driver/crew of the safety boat. Do not leave any bags on the committee boat.

## **24. SUPPORT BOATS [DP]**

- 24.1. All support boats will register with the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy by completing an online Event Support Boat Registration Form at <https://www.wpnsa.org.uk/event-support-boat-registration-form>. Once submitted, a member of staff will contact you to take the payment of £10 per day by card.
- 24.2. RRS 37 will be used. Except when responding to the signal in RRS 37, support boats, coaches and other support persons shall stay at least 100 metres outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start on that course until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 24.3. In order to prevent fuel spillage, refuelling of boats/tanks is not permitted on the pontoons at WPNSA. Boats may refuel at the Portland Marina fuel pontoon or removable tanks may be taken offsite to be refuelled at a service station.
- 24.4. Kill cords shall be worn at all times whilst engines are running. The Course Safety Leader will be looking out for compliance on this issue, there are no excuses and boats will be requested to leave the race area immediately if kill cords are not being used appropriately.
- 24.5. Personal floatation devices shall be worn by all persons in a support boat at all times, except briefing while adjusting clothing, while on the water.
- 24.6. Each support boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.
- 24.7. Where possible support boats should agree to carry drinks and small bags for sailors without support boats.
- 24.8. All Support Boat drivers shall attend the Safety Boat Briefing. Details will be advised in the Sailing Instructions.

## **25. RUBBISH/TRASH DISPOSAL**

- 25.1. Rubbish is not to be thrown in the sea. Rubbish may be placed aboard support person vessels.

## **26. BERTHING [DP]**

- 27.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places whilst in the boat park.

## **27. PRIZES**

27.1. Prizes will be awarded according to the numbers of entries, but at least:

1<sup>st</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> Overall

1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> Junior (helm and crew aged 13 or under on the first day of the event)

1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> Family (parent and child, siblings or closely related)

1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> Ladies

1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> Boys

1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> Mixed

First Club (best three boats from a sailing club – to qualify the club must have a minimum of three boats entered)

First School Team – Anemoui Regional Challenge (top three scoring boats from a school – to qualify the school must have a minimum of three boats entered).

27.2. Titles will be awarded as follows:

RS Feva National Champion (first GBR boat with helm and crew aged 17 or under on the first day of the event)

RS Feva Open Champion (this will only be awarded if the first boat does not meet the age criteria above)

RS Feva National Junior Champion (first GBR boat with Helm and Crew aged 13 or under on the first day of the event)

First Ladies Boat (helm and crew both female)

First Boys Boat (helm and crew both male)

First Junior Boat (first GBR boat with helm and crew both aged 13 or under on the first day of the event).

## **28. RISK STATEMENT**

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.'

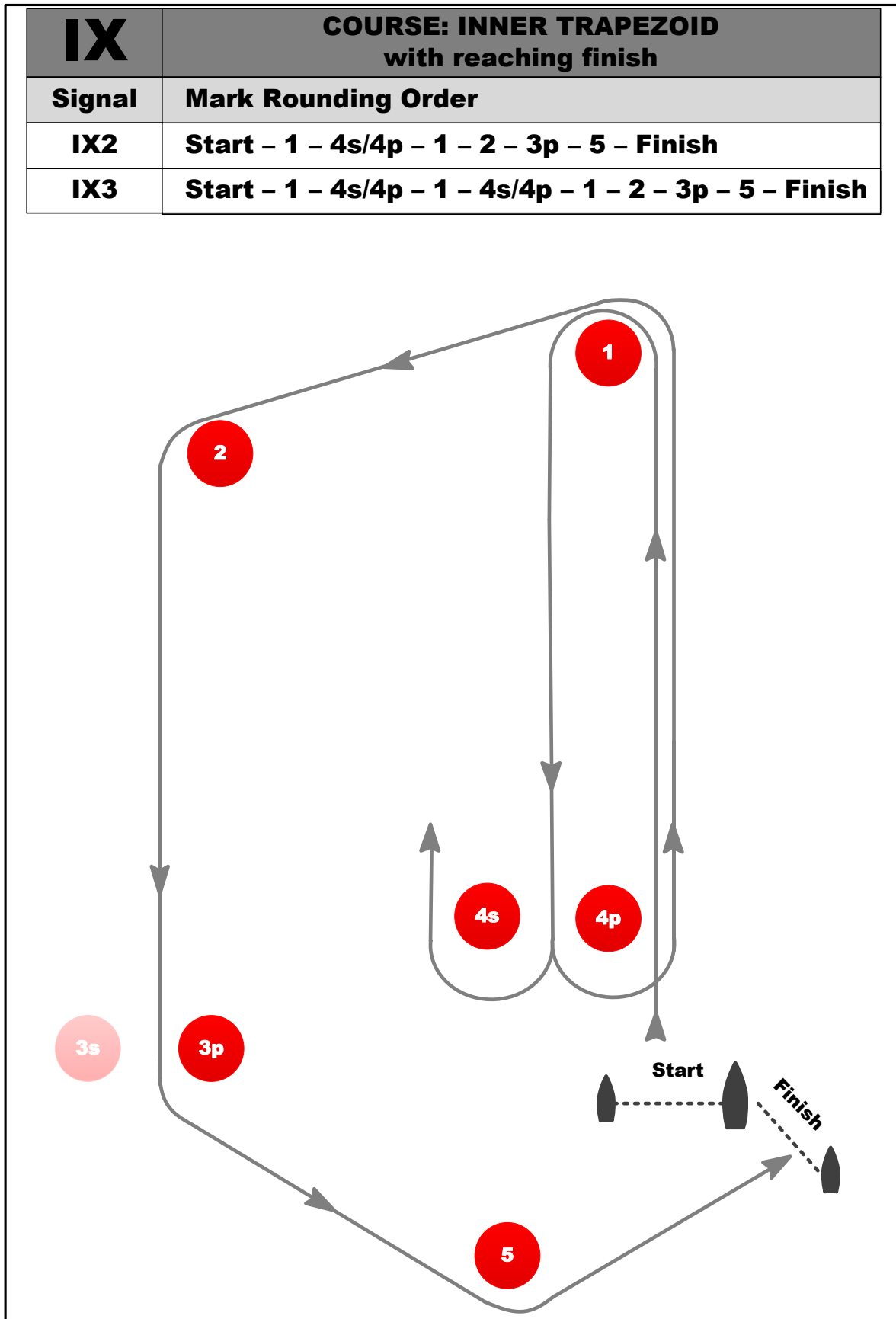
Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- (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 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 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 venue or event and to attend any competitors briefing held for the event.

## **29. INSURANCE**

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

Appendix A - COURSES



<b>OX</b>	<b>COURSE: OUTER with reaching finish</b>
<b>Signal</b>	<b>Mark Rounding Order</b>
<b>OX2</b>	<b>Start - 1 - 2 - 3s/3p - 2 - 3p - 5 - Finish</b>
<b>OX3</b>	<b>Start - 1 - 2 - 3s/3p - 2 - 3s/3p - 2 - 3p - 5 - Finish</b>

