

RS Aero 6 and 9 UK National Championships 2023

Saturday 27th to Monday 29th May 2023

Weymouth & Portland National Sailing Academy

Sailing Instructions (SIs)

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

[SP] Denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing.

[DP] Denotes a rule for which a discretionary penalty may be applied by the protest committee with a hearing, this changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

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

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 will apply.
- 1.3. RRS 40.1 applies at all times while afloat. [DP].
- 1.4. RRS 63.7 is changed so that in the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted 1 ¼ hours before the first scheduled start on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 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 located on the event website at: [RS Aero Nationals Official Notice Board](#).
- 3.2. 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. This restriction includes mobile telephones [DP].
- 3.3. An event WhatsApp group has been set-up for competitor communications. This is for information purposes only and does not replace the Official Notice Board. The link to join is <https://chat.whatsapp.com/FFJbnOgQMTD2kPyBMTKrtv>
- 3.4. There will be a competitor's briefing held on Saturday 27th May at 11:00 in Spinnakers.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT [DP]

- 4.1. Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- 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 main WPNSA flag poles.
- 5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with not less than 30 minutes" when racing in Portland Harbour or "not less than 60 minutes" when racing 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 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.
- 5.4. Flag P will be displayed if sailing is in Portland Harbour and flag W if in Weymouth Bay.

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1. Registration will be 09:00 to 11:00 on Saturday 27th May 2023 in Room 4.
- 6.2. The schedule is as follows:

Date	First Warning Signal	No. of Races
Sat 27 th May	12:55	3
Sun 28 th May	10:55	3
Mon 29 th May	10:55	3

- 6.3. Nine Races are scheduled. The intention is that there will be three races a day. However, at the discretion of the Race Committee a race may be brought forward, or moved back if circumstances require it. No more than 4 races will be sailed in one day.
- 6.4. Signals made afloat;
 - 6.4.1. To alert competitors that the first race or first sequence of races of the day is about to begin, the orange starting line flag will be displayed on the committee boat with one sound signal at least five minutes before the first warning signal of the sequence of races.
 - 6.4.2. Further race sequences will be alerted by removing the postponement flag AP with one sound signal, one minute before the first warning signal of the next sequence of races.
 - 6.4.3. If the committee boat changes location or there is a long delay, the orange flag will be displayed again as detailed in 6.4.1 for the next sequence of races.
- 6.5. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15:00.

7. CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1. The class flags will be:

Class	Flag
RS Aero 6	Black '6' on a purple background
RS Aero 9	Black '9' on a pink background

8. RACING AREA

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

9. COURSES

- 9.1. The diagrams in SI Appendix One shows the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2. No later than the warning signal, the course and number of laps to be sailed will be displayed on the committee boat.
- 9.3. No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
- 9.4. For Course T, the finish line is a control gate which all boats must sail through at the end of each lap.
- 9.5. If one of two gate marks is missing and has not been replaced as described in RRS 32, then the remaining mark shall be rounded to port.

10. MARKS

- 10.1. Marks 1, 2, 2s, 2p, 3 and 4 will be a 1.6m blue cylindrical buoy with a black band.
- 10.2. The Starting Mark will be either a mast on a race support boat displaying an orange flag or a dan buoy displaying an orange flag.
- 10.3. The Finishing Mark will be a mast on a race support boat displaying a blue flag or a dan buoy displaying a blue flag.

11. OBSTRUCTIONS [DP]

- 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 RRS.
- 11.2. 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.
- 11.3. 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.
- 11.4. Boats will not transit at any time through the RNSA moorings, which are to the left of the Marina exit as leaving the Marina.

12. THE START

- 12.1. Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made five minutes before the starting signal.
- 12.2. The orange flag will be displayed on the committee boat 5 minutes before the first warning signal for the first race of the day only or for the first race after the committee boat has moved to a new location. Thereafter the orange flag will remain displayed and flag AP will be used for subsequent races.
- 12.3. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel and the course side of the starting mark.
- 12.4. A boat that does not start within four minutes after the starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
- 12.5. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. [DP].

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. Minor mark moves (up to approximately 100 metres) may be made without signalling the change. This changes RRS 33.

14. THE FINISH

- 14.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the signal vessel and the finishing mark.
- 14.2. The race committee may give a finishing place to any boat as follows:
 - a) The race committee may award a finishing place to a boat by displaying flag W at her with a sound signal. The signalled boat shall be deemed to have finished, and the score awarded shall be the position she occupied at the time of the signal. This changes RRS 28.1 and RRS A5,
 - b) If two or more overlapped boats are signalled, they shall be scored as if they were tied. This changes RRS 28.1 and A3 and A5.
 - c) Boats finished in accordance with SI 14.2 will not have grounds for redress.

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

15.1 The Arbitration Procedure as set out in RRS Appendix T shall apply.

15.2 RRS Appendix P applies with P2.1 and P2.2 changed and P2.3 deleted as follows:

P2.1 First and Second Penalty

When a boat is penalised under rule P2.1 for the first or second penalty during the event, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty under rule 44.2. If she fails to take the penalty she shall be disqualified without a hearing.

P2.2 Third and Subsequent Penalties

When a boat is penalised a third or subsequent time during the event, she shall promptly retire. If she fails to do so she shall be disqualified without a hearing and her score shall not be excluded.

P2.3 is deleted.

16. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

16.1. The Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), Target Time, and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

Race Time Limit	Target Time	Finishing Window
<i>60 minutes</i>	<i>40 minutes</i>	<i>15 minutes</i>

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

17. HEARING REQUESTS

17.1. Hearing request forms are available from

https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/protests/new?event_id=6045. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the race office within the appropriate time limit.

17.2. The protest time limit for each class is 60 minutes after the last boat of each class has finished the last race of the day or after racing is abandoned for the day in Portland Harbour, and 90 minutes when racing in Weymouth Bay.

17.3. The hearings will be heard in person unless otherwise advised.

17.4. A hearing schedule will be posted on the Official Notice Board as soon as possible after a protest has been lodged, but not later than 30 minutes after the end of Protest Time to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

17.5. Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b) hearings.

17.6. On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 20 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

17.7. Data and the information from cameras, video and positioning equipment shall not be grounds for redress.

18. SCORING

18.1. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

18.2. The RS Aero 6 and RS Aero 9 classes will be scored separately.

18.3. See NOR 15

18.4. Points will accrue to the registered helm and not the entered boat.

18.5. A competitor may submit a request to review a boat's score online at

https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/scoring_inquiries/new?event_id=6045

19. SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP]

- 19.1. A safety tally system will be in operation.
- 19.1.1. The tally control point will be by the picnic tables adjacent to the dinghy park.
- 19.1.2. Competitors shall individually check-out before racing by personally going to the tally control point and giving their sail number and name to advise they are going racing.
- 19.1.3. Competitors shall individually check-in immediately on returning to shore by personally going to the tally control point and giving their sail number and name to advise they are ashore. This must be done no later than 10 minutes after the last boat has come ashore for the relevant class.
- 19.1.4. The penalty for failing to tally-out or tally-in as instructed above will be a standard penalty without a hearing. The standard penalty will be two points non-excludable added to the boat's series score, and four points for subsequent infringements. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.
- 19.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. A declaration form is available online https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/penalty_reports/new?event_id=6045 which shall be completed by competitors when ashore.

20. REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

- 20.1. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the race committee. Requests for substitution of equipment shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity. A Competitor may submit a request online at https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/equipment_substitutions/new?event_id=6045.

21. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 21.1. See NoR 10.

22. SUPPORT VESSELS [DP]

- 22.1. See NoR 16.

23. TRASH DISPOSAL

- 23.1. Rubbish is not to be thrown in the sea. Rubbish may be placed aboard official boats.

24. PRIZES

- 24.1. See NoR 26.

25. RISK STATEMENT

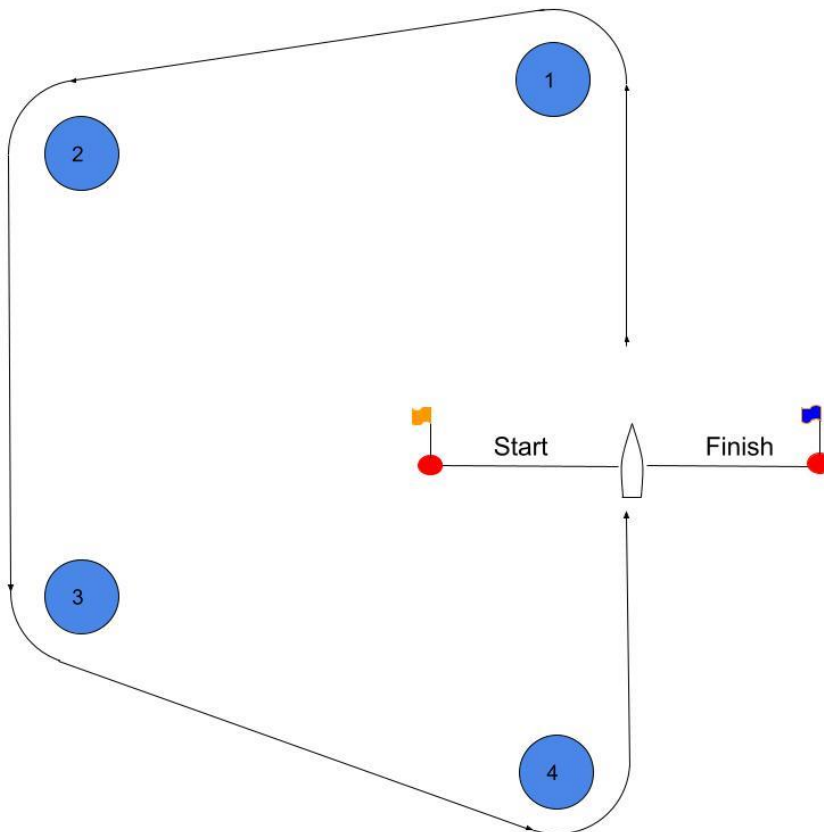
- 25.1. See NoR 23.

26. INSURANCE

- 26.1. See NoR 25.

APPENDIX ONE – COURSE DIAGRAM

T	COURSE: Trapezoid with upwind finish
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
T2	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 4 / Finish 1 – 2 – 3 – 4 / Finish
T3	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 4 / Finish 1 – 2 – 3 – 4 / Finish 1 – 2 – 3 – 4 / Finish



L	COURSE: Windward Leeward with reaching finish
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
L2	Start – 1 – 2a/2b – 1 – 2s/2b – Finish
L3	Start – 1 – 2a/2b – 1 – 2a/2b – 1 – 2a/2b – Finish

