



# Albacore Southern and RS Feva South & South West Late Summer Championships 2022

Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2022

## Sailing Instructions (SIs)

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

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 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 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 before 09:00 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 at:  
<https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/4652/event?name=albacore-southern-and-rs-feva-south-south-west-late-summer-championships-2022>.
- 3.2. The race office is located in Room 4.
- 3.3. 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. An event WhatsApp group has been set-up for competitor communications. There is a different one for each class. This is for information purposes only and does not replace the Official Notice Board.  
Albacore Class Competitors: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/CaV3i1M3ACy1e7KFPYFEFF>  
RS Feva Class Competitors: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/GQYmitJcVY6CuZUPYkdly2>

#### **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 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' 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. Boats shall not leave the slipway until this signal is made. [DP].

#### **6. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 6.1. Registration will be 09:30 to 10:30 on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2022 in Room 4.
- 6.2. The competitor briefing will be at 10:30 on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2022 in Spinnakers.
- 6.3. The race schedule is:

<b>Date</b>	<b>First Warning Signal</b>	<b>No. of Races</b>
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sep	11:55	3
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> Sep	10:25	3

- 6.4. The event will consist of up to six races. Additional races may be sailed either in advance or arrears in order to complete the programme if weather or other reasons dictate. There will be no more than four races a day.
- 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 five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 6.6. 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 Albacore logo on a white background for the Albacore Class and the RS Feva logo on a white background for the RS Feva Class.

#### **8. RACING AREA**

- 8.1. The racing area will be in Portland Harbour.

#### **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. 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. A gate may be replaced by a single mark to be left to port.

#### **10. MARKS**

- 10.1. Marks 1, 2, 3s, 3p, 4s and 4p will be a 1.6m blue cylindrical buoy with a black band.
- 10.2. Mark 5 will be a 1.6m orange cylindrical buoy.
- 10.3. The Starting Mark will be either a mast on the committee boat displaying an orange flag or a dan buoy displaying an orange flag.
- 10.4. The Finishing Mark will be a mast on the committee boat displaying a blue flag or a dan buoy displaying a blue flag.

## 11. OBSTRUCTIONS [DP] [NP]

- 11.1. Boats shall keep more than 100 metres away from vessels over 100m 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. 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 shall 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 starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel and the starting mark.
- 12.3. 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.

## 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 100m) 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) When a race committee vessel displays flag W with two sounds, boats that have not yet finished may be given a finishing place anywhere on the race course, at a nearby mark or not.
  - b) When a boat finishes in accordance with this instruction, she shall be awarded a finishing place matching her race position in that race. This changes RRS A5.
  - c) Boats finished this way will not have grounds for redress.
  - d) If SI 14.2 is used, this overrides SI 15.3.

## 15. PENALTIES

- 15.1. For the RS Feva Class only, 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), Target Time, and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Target Time	Finishing Window
<i>20 minutes</i>	<i>70 minutes</i>	<i>45 minutes</i>	<i>20 minutes</i>

- 16.2. If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 16.3. 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.

## **17. HEARING REQUESTS**

- 17.1. In addition to RRS 61.1(a) a boat intending to protest should notify the committee vessel immediately upon finishing the race or retiring and await acknowledgement.
- 17.2. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day when racing in Portland Harbour and 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.
- 17.3. Hearing request forms are available from [https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/protests/new?event\\_id=4652](https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/protests/new?event_id=4652).
- 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 and where they will be held, which may be online.
- 17.5. A list of boats that have been penalised for breaking RRS 42 under Appendix P will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 17.6. 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 Albacore and RS Feva classes will be scored separately.
- 18.3. A boat's series score will be calculated as follows:
  - 18.3.1. When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
  - 18.3.2. When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 18.4. Competitors may request a review of a boat's score by completing the online form at <https://www.wpnasa.org.uk/request-for-a-review-of-a-boats-score>.

## **19. SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP]**

- 19.1. A safety tally system will be in operation. Tally numbers will be advised at Registration.
  - 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.
  - 19.1.4. 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 three points non excludable added to the boat's series score, and five 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.wpnasa.org.uk/retirement-declaration> which shall be completed by competitors when ashore.
- 19.3. Boats wishing to sail ashore before the end of the day's racing shall make every attempt to inform an official boat before leaving the racing area. The official boat will instruct boats in the procedure for returning ashore.

## **20. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT [DP]**

- 20.1. Substitution of competitors is not allowed.
- 20.2. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorised in writing by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race. Competitors shall request a substitution of equipment online at <https://www.wpnasa.org.uk/request-for-a-change-of-equipment>.

## **21. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

- 21.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Rules, Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.

## **22. SUPPORT PERSONS VESSELS [DP]**

- 22.1. 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.
- 22.2. 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.
- 22.3. 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.
- 22.4. 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.
- 22.5. 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.
- 22.6. 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.
- 22.7. Where possible support boats should agree to carry drinks and small bags for sailors without support boats.
- 22.8. All Support Boat drivers shall attend the safety briefing. Details will be advised once registration form is received.

## **23. TRASH DISPOSAL [DP]**

- 23.1. Rubbish may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

## **24. PRIZES**

- 24.1. As a minimum, prizes will be awarded as follows:  
Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> overall boat in the 4.2 and 5.3 rig will be awarded.  
Prizes will be awarded to boats in the London/South-East, Southern and South-West Regions outside the main prizes.
- 24.2. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

## **25. COVID STATEMENT [DP] [NP]**

- 25.1. By taking part in any of the events covered by this notice of race, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force from time to time in respect of COVID-19 and for complying with the WPNSA and Organising Authority COVID-19 procedures. 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 have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.

## **26. 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:

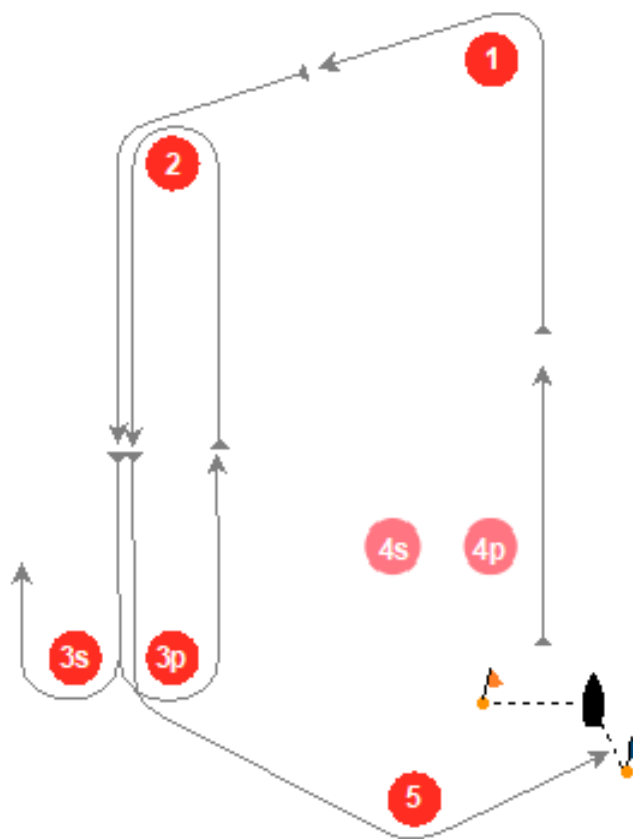
- (a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their 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.

## **27. INSURANCE**

- 27.1. 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

O	COURSE: TRAPEZOID OUTER LOOP Reaching Finish
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
O2	Start – 1 – 2 – 3s/3p – 2 – 3p – 5 – Finish
O3	Start – 1 – 2 – 3s/3p – 2 – 3s/3p – 2 – 3p – 5 – Finish
O4	Start – 1 – 2 – 3s/3p – 2 – 3s/3p – 2 – 3s/3p – 2 – 3p – 5 – Finish



<b>LR</b>	<b>COURSE: WINDWARD / LEEWARD with reaching finish</b>
<b>Signal</b>	<b>Mark Rounding Order</b>
<b>LR2</b>	<b>Start - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 4p - Finish</b>
<b>LR3</b>	<b>Start - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 4p - Finish</b>
<b>LR4</b>	<b>Start - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 4p - Finish</b>

