



## *Sailing Instructions*

**UKLA Qualifier Events  
Venue Stokes Bay  
sponsored by  
Noble Marine, Rooster, Ovington & Sailingfast  
4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

Hosted by Stokes Bay Sailing Club

The Organising Authority (OA) is Stokes Bay SC in conjunction with the UKLA.

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. RULES**

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing
- 1.2 RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply.
- 1.3 Boats shall comply with the ILCA Class Rules. [DP]
- 1.4 RRS Appendix P, Special Procedures for RRS 42, will apply
- 1.5 Where there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. (This changes RRS63.7).
- 1.6 The following Rules have been changed Appendix A 5.1, A5.2, A10, RRS 30.4, 33, 35, 61.1a, 62.1a, 62.2, 63.1, 63.7

### **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 that, changes to the schedule of races will be posted before 19.00 on the day before it will take effect.

### **3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITOR**

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board, which is online at [Racing Rules of Sailing](#)
- 3.2 The race office is located at [race.office@ilca.uk](mailto:race.office@ilca.uk)
- 3.3 [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.
- 3.4 Please join the Competitor [WhatsApp group](#).
- 3.5 The competitor briefing will be at 10:00am on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March. Competitors will be advised via the WhatsApp group of a location.

### **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 flagpole on top of the clubhouse.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes'.
- 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 the signal is made [DP]**

**6 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

6.1 Registration Times

Date	Class	Open	Close	Location
4/3/22	All	08:30	10:00	Corner of the bar area upstairs

6.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is;

Date	Class	Time of first warning signal (not before)	Races per day scheduled	Races per day Maximum
4/3/22	All Classes	1155	3	4
5/3/22	All classes	1025	3	4

- 6.3 The ILCA 6 fleet may be divided into two fleets and will sail a series of up to six races in accordance with the ILCA Qualifying Series Formats appended to these sailing instructions. Appendix B
- 6.4 Each day succeeding races will be started as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous race
- 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 the first warning signal is made.
- 6.6 On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1500. If starting multiple fleets, this time deadline will be amended to allow subsequent starts of the same race later than this deadline."

**7 CLASS FLAGS**

The class flags for each class will be as follows:

Fleets	Class Flag	Intended Start sequence. (May change)
ILCA 7		First Start
ILCA 6		Second start

See Appendix B for ILCA 6 flight flags.



## 8 RACING AREAS

The intended racing area will be within 3 nautical miles of Stokes Bay Clubhouse

## 9 COURSES

- 9.1 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.
- 9.2 The course and number of laps to be sailed will be displayed on the Committee Boat.
- 9.3 The approximate bearing of mark 1 may be displayed on the Committee Boat.
- 9.4 If a gate is replaced by a single mark, it is to be left to port.

## 10 MARKS

- 10.1 Marks 1, 2, will be yellow buoys, 3s, 3p, 4s and 4p, 5 orange buoys.
- 10.2 The starting mark will be either an official vessel displaying an orange flag or the course side of a dan buoy displaying an orange flag.
- 10.3 The finishing mark will be either an official vessel displaying a blue flag or on the course side of dan buoy displaying a blue flag.

## 11 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.

## 12 THE START

- 12.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made five minutes before the starting signal.
- 12.2 The starting line will be between a staff on the race committee signal vessel displaying an orange flag and the starting mark.
- 12.3 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.
- 12.4 Rule 30.4 (Black flag rule) is amended as follows.  
At the sole discretion of the Race committee, they may display the last four numbers of the sail number, for brevity provided there is no ambiguity.
- 12.5 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall remain a minimum of 100 metres from the start line during the start sequence of the previous fleets [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.
- 13.2 Minor mark moves, up to approximately 100m in any direction, may be made without signalling the change. This changes RRS 33.

## 14 THE FINISH

- 14.1 The finishing line will be between a mast displaying blue flag on the race committee signal vessel and the finishing mark.
- 14.2 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.
- 14.3 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:



14.3.1 When an official boat displays flag W with two sounds, boats still racing may be scored as their observed position on the race course.

14.3.2 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.

14.4 When SI 14.3 applies, SI14.2 does not

## 15 PENALTY SYSTEM

15.1 RRS Appendix P will apply with the following changes. The penalty under RRS P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one. RRS P2.3 will not apply.

15.2 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.

## 16 TIME LIMITS

16.1 The time limits and target times are as follows:

Time limit	Mark 1 time limit	Target time	Finishing Window
70 minutes	20 minutes	45 minutes	20 minutes

16.2 If no boat has passed Mark 1 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).

## 17 HEARING REQUESTS

17.1 In addition to RRS 61.1(a) a boat intending to protest should notify the finish boat immediately upon finishing the race or retiring and await acknowledgement.

17.2 Protests/Redress shall be lodged online via the online Jury system located at [Racingrulesofsailing.org](http://Racingrulesofsailing.org)  
Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit using the online form available [Protest form](#)

17.3 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or after flag AP over A is displayed ashore.

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. Protests will be heard in the order specified on the Hearing Schedule. Parties and witnesses are required to be available via video at the time stated on the Hearing Schedule. It is the responsibility of each party to ensure their witnesses are available at the time of the video call. Hearings will be held online using video links, further instructions are available on the Official Notice Board.

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 A list of boats that have been penalised for breaking RRS 42 will be posted [On the water penalties](#)

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

## 18 SCORING

18.1 For classes which are not flighted then scoring is as per NOR 15

18.2 A competitor may submit a request to review a boat's score online at [scoring queries](#)

18.3 For Flighted classes a qualifying/final series will be sailed, See Appendix B for details.



## 19 SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP]

- 19.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify an official boat as soon as possible. A declaration form is available online which must be completed by competitors when ashore through this link [Penalty Reports](#)
- 19.2 A safety tally system will be in operation.
- 19.2.1 The tally control point will be on the hard standing area between the building and the beach and marked by a white feather “tally” flag.
- 19.2.2 Competitors shall individually tally-out before racing by personally going to the tally control point and giving their name to the tally person and advise they are going racing.
- 19.2.3 Competitors shall individually tally-in immediately on returning to shore by personally going to the tally control point and giving their tally number to advise they are ashore. This must be done no later than 10 minutes after the last boat has come ashore.
- 19.2.4 The penalty for failing to tally-out or tally-in as instructed above will be five points added to the boat’s best series score for that day. A second offence and all subsequent offences the penalty will be 10 points This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.
- 19.2.5 Boats who tally-out but have not registered in the event as instructed in the NOR [9.1] will have five points added to the boat’s series score. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5
- 19.3 RRS 40.1 always applies on the water.
- 19.4 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.
- 19.5 Boats shall follow the instructions of the official boats. Infringements will be reported to the race committee, which may protest the boat. [DP]

## 20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 20.1 Equipment protests will only be accepted from the Technical committee, race committee or jury. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 20.2 Requests for substitution of equipment shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity. A Competitor may submit a request online at [Equipment substitution](#)

## 21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS.

- 21.1 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].

## 22 SUPPLIED BOATS

NA

## 23 OFFICIAL VESSELS

- 23.1 Official vessels are defined as Race committee start/finish boat, Mark Layers, Safety 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 put any bags on the Race committee start/finish boat or mark laying boats.

## 24 SUPPORT BOATS [DP]

- 24.1 All support and coach boats shall register with Stokes Bay Sailing club in advance by completing the UKLA support boat form.
- 24.2 Support Boats will comply with the support boat regulations as defined in the Sailing Instructions.
- 24.3 To help the Organising Authority understand the level of cover in the race area, the support boat driver shall have a minimum of RYA Powerboat qualification level 2.



- 24.4 Support boats shall be controlled within the race area, they will not be free to roam up and down the course during racing, further details will be included within the Sailing Instructions.
- 24.5 All support boat helms shall attend all the safety briefing.
- 24.6 Each support boat is required to carry a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving all international ship-to-ship channels. RRS 37 shall apply.
- 24.7 Support boat drivers and crews shall wear a personal flotation device securely fastened at all times when afloat except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices.
- 24.8 When the support boat engine is running, coach/support boat drivers shall be connected to a device that will stop the engine if the boat driver falls out the boat or is otherwise not in control of the boat.
- 24.9 Each coach/support boat is required to carry an anchor and line suitable for anchoring in 25 meters depth of water, a tow line, compass and device for making sound signals.
- 24.10 Competitor's personal equipment such as food bags, drinks, spare parts, and extra clothing will not be stored on any official boat for the duration of the event. Official boats will be defined in the SI's.

**25 TRASH DISPOSAL**

- 25.1 Trash may be placed aboard Official vessels.

**26 BERTHING**

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

**27 HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS**

NA

**28 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

NA

**29 PRIZES**

- 29.1 Prizes will be awarded in the following categories

Class	Age	1st	2nd	3rd
ILCA 6	Overall	*		
ILCA 6	Male	*	*	*
ILCA 6	Female	*	*	*
ILCA 6	Male Master	*		
ILCA 6	Female Master	*		
ILCA 6	Female U21	*		
ILCA 6	Female U19	*		
ILCA 6	Female U17	*		
ILCA 6	Male U19	*		
ILCA 6	Male U17	*		
ILCA 7	Overall	*	*	*
ILCA 7	Master	*		
ILCA 7	U21	*		
ILCA 7	U19	*		



29.2 Prizes will be presented after the event

**30 RISK STATEMENT AND DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

See NOR 22

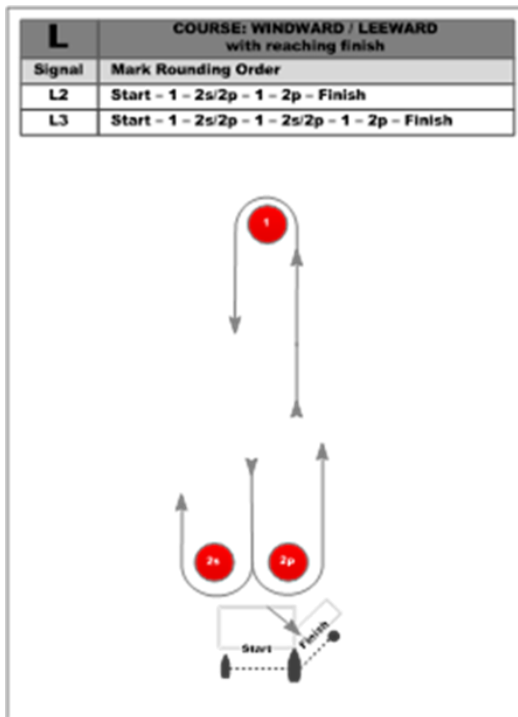
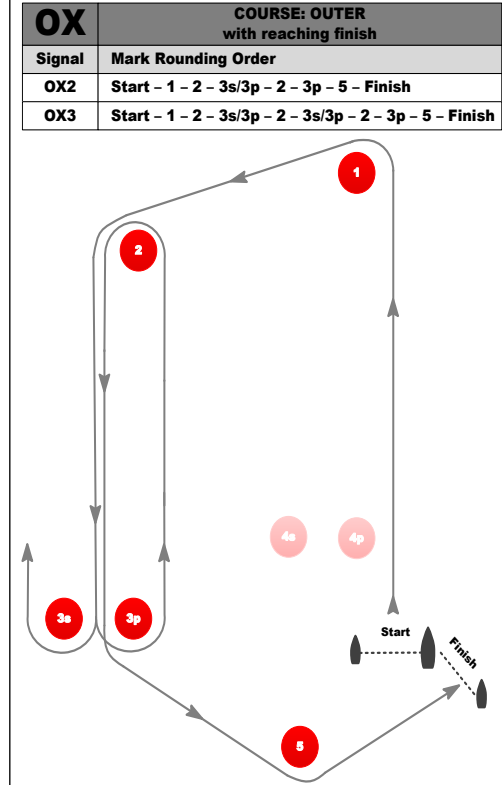
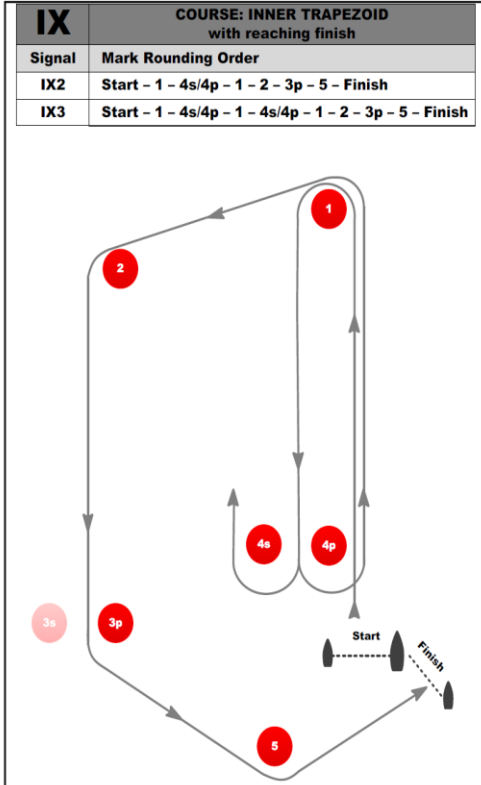
**31 INSURANCE**

See NOR 23.





## APPENDIX A - THE COURSE DIAGRAMS





## Appendix B

### APPENDIX B - ILCA 6 Flighting

#### 1. Division of fleet

##### 1.1 Allocation into fleets

##### 1.1.1 First Day's Sailing

The race committee will allocate each boat into one of four groups: yellow, blue, red & green. All competitors who enter will be allocated colours in order of the current Class Ladders, i.e. including the previous qualifier. A copy of allocated colours will be displayed on the Official Notice Board and group colours will be allocated in order to obtain as fair grouping as possible.

Groups will include the following ladder positions:

- Yellow - 1, 8, 9 & 16,
- Blue - 2, 7, 10 & 15,
- Red - 3, 6, 11 & 14,
- Green - 4, 5, 12 & 13

##### 1.1.2 Second day's sailing

If two, or less, round-robin races are completed on the first day, then up to four round-robin races are scheduled for the Sunday using the Saturday groups.

If three round-robin races are completed on Saturday, then, from the results of the first day's sailing, the race committee will allocate each boat into one of two fleets:

- The Gold fleet - will consist of the top half of the first day's results and
- the Silver fleet the lower half.

Boat tied at the split RRS. A8 is applied. If there is an odd boat this will sail in the Gold fleet.

#### 2 Flight identification

##### 2.1 First Day's sailing [DP]

Each boat in each group shall display the appropriate coloured band yellow, blue, red, or green at the top of the sail.

##### 2.2 Second day's sailing [DP]

Gold fleet boats shall display a yellow band at the top of their sail and Silver fleet boats a blue band at the top of their sail.

Coloured bands will be available in the race office before racing and it is up to each competitor to make sure he/she takes the correct colour. Please return the ribbons when you have finished using them.

#### 3 Group and fleet signals

The groups will race as listed in B4. The warning signal will comprise the ILCA 6 class flag displayed alongside the respective group flags. In the final series the warning signals will be the ILCA 6 flag displayed alongside the fleet flag:

- Gold fleet: Yellow flag  
Silver fleet: Blue flag



#### 4. Starts

4.1 Flights will be started separate as in the table below:

Only one flight shall be started in any one start sequence.

Group starts & final series as below:

Race Number	1st Start/flight	2nd Start/flight
1	Yellow & Blue	Red & Green
2	Yellow & Red	Blue & Green
3	Blue & Red	Yellow & Green
4	Gold	Silver
5	Gold	Silver
6	Gold	Silver

It is intended that the Gold fleet will start before the Silver fleet.

If two, or less, round-robin races are completed on the first day, then the round-robin races will continue on the Sunday using the Saturday groups, as below:

Group starts

Race Number	1st Start/flight	2nd Start/flight
1	Yellow & Blue	Red & Green
2	Yellow & Red	Blue & Green
3	Blue & Red	Yellow & Green
4	Red & Green	Yellow & Blue
5	Blue & Green	Yellow & Red
6	Yellow & Green	Blue & Red

#### 5 Scoring

5.1 Two races shall be completed to constitute a series.

5.2 Group Races

5.2.2 Scoring will be as RRS Low Points. A boat that is DNC, DNF, RTD, DSQ & BFD shall be scored one more than the sum of the entrants of the two largest groups. This changes RRS A4.2.

5.3 Fleet Races

5.3.2 RRS A4.2 is deleted and replaced by: A boat that did not start, did not finish, retired after finishing or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the fleet in which racing.

5.4 qualifying series races and the final series races will count for total points in the championship.

5.5 A qualifying series race will not count until all qualifying series fleets have completed that race.

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

5.7 When three or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. If only one final series race is completed it will not be excluded.

5.8 For the purposes of RRS A5.2 "Scoring" the number of boats entered in a qualifying/final series race will be the number of boats assigned to the largest qualifying fleet.



- 5.9 The results of the silver fleet will continue on from the Gold fleet to give an overall result, which will be carried forward to the ladder.

END OF SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

