



Sailing Instructions

UKLA Noble Marine & SailingFast ILCA 4, ILCA 6, ILCA 7 Qualifier 3 26th/27th March 2022

Hosted by Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy (WPNSA)

The Organising Authority (OA) is WPNSA in conjunction with the UKLA.

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, 61.1b, 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 [ONB](#)
- 3.2 The race office is located at 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 Competitor [WhatsApp group](#)
- 3.5 The competitor briefing will be at 10:00am on Saturday 26th March. This briefing may be online. 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 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 harbour or 'not less than 60 minutes' when racing is in the 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 harbour or 'The warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes' after flag D is displayed if racing is in the 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 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Registration

Date	Class	Open	Close	Location
25/3/22	All	1900		On line
26/3/22	All		10:00	On line

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
26/3/22	All classes	1155	3
27/3/22	All classes	1025	3

6.3 The ILCA 4 and 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 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.




6.5 Each day succeeding races will be started as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous race

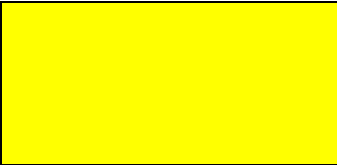
6.6 On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1500

Date	Event	Time	Location
26/3/22	Competitor Briefing	10:00	TBA
27/3/22	Prizegiving	ASAP after racing	

7 CLASS FLAGS

The class flags for each class will be as follows:

Fleets	Class Flag	Intended Start sequence. (May change)
ILCA 7		May start in any order
ILCA 4		May start in any order
ILCA 6		May start in any order

ILCA 4/ILCA 6 / Flight one (No Band)		Will be displayed under the class flag
ILCA 4/ILCA 6 / Flight two		Will be displayed under the class flag

8 RACING AREAS

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

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, 3s, 3p, 4s and 4p will be a 1.6m blue cylindrical buoy with a black band.
- 10.2 The starting mark will be either an official boat displaying an orange flag or a dan buoy displaying an orange flag.
- 10.3 The finishing mark will be either an official 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 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. [DP].
- 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 by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made five minutes before the starting signal.
- 12.2 The Preparatory Signal will be either RRS 30.3 (U Flag Rule), or RRS 30.4 (Black Flag Rule).
- 12.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel and the staff on the official vessel displaying an orange flag or the course side of the starting mark.
- 12.4 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.
- 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]
- 12.6 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.

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 150m 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.

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 minute	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 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 for each class is 60 minutes after the last boat of each class has finished the last race of the day or after flag AP over A is displayed ashore in the Portland Harbour, and 90 minutes when racing in Weymouth Bay
- 17.4 The hearings may be heard via video call (Zoom) unless otherwise advised or scheduled by the protest committee. All links will be sent via email if required.
- 17.5 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.
- 17.6 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b) [hearings](#).
- 17.7 A list of boats that have been penalised for breaking RRS 42 will be posted [On the water penalties](#)
- 17.8 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 As per NOR 15
- 18.2 A competitor may submit a request to review a boat's score online at [scoring queries](#)

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP]

- 19.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the committee 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 by the picnic tables.
- 19.2.2 Competitors shall individually check-out before racing by personally going to the tally control point and giving their sail number and name to the tally person and advise they are going racing.
- 19.2.3 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.
- 19.2.4 The penalty for failing to check-out or check-in as instructed above will be five points added to the boat's series score for each offence. 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 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 [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

N/A

23 OFFICIAL VESSELS

23.1 Official vessels are defined as Committee Boat, Finish boat, Mark Layers, Safety Boats, 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 or finish boat

24 SUPPORT BOATS [DP]

24.1 All support and coach boats shall register with WPNSA in advance by completing an Event Support Boat Registration Form online at <https://www.wpnsa.org.uk/event-support-boat-registration-form>. The fee of £10 per day will be collected by card payment at Reception or over the telephone.

24.2 To ensure fairness to all competitors, support boats may be required to carry drinks, snacks and spares for competitors who do not have their own support boat.

24.3 Rule 37 applies to all support boats The VHF safety channel used on the racing area will be provided at the safety boat briefings.

24.4 Kill cords shall be worn at all times whilst engines are running. Failure to do so may result in the support boat and her crew being banned from the racing area for the remainder of the event.

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 Except when participating in rescue operations all support boats shall stay at least 100m away from any boat racing and will stay outside the race area from the time of the warning signal for the first start until all racing boats have finished, or the race committee signals a postponement or abandonment of all fleets.

24.7 For the purposes of identifying the race area, this shall be determined as any part of the course bound by racing marks, start, and finish lines and relevant lay lines between race marks extending to 100m from all these points.

24.8 Each support boat shall be insured with to a minimum valid third-party liability insurance of £3m per event.

24.9 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.

25 TRASH DISPOSAL

25.1 Trash may be placed aboard support person vessels

26 BERTHING [DP]

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

27 HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

N/A

28 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

N/A

29 PRIZES

29.1 Age categories are displayed on the official noticeboard

29.2 Prizes will be awarded in the following categories

Class	Age	1st	2nd	3rd
ILCA 4	Female (Overall)	*	*	*
ILCA 4	Male (overall)	*	*	*
ILCA 4	U16 Female	*		
ILCA 4	U16 Male	*		
ILCA 6	Male (Overall)	*	*	*
ILCA 6	Female (Overall)	*	*	*
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

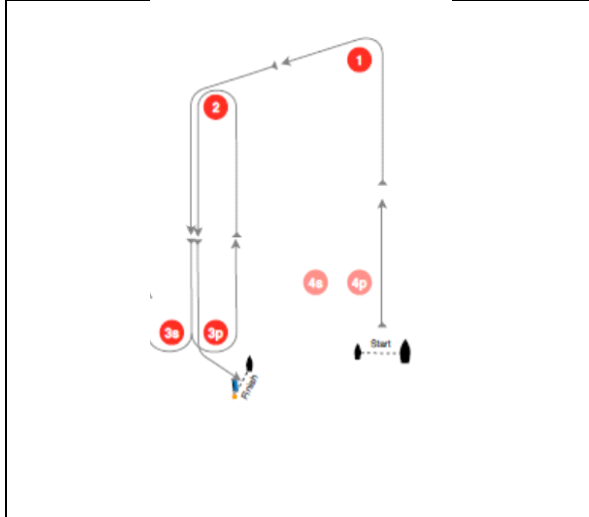
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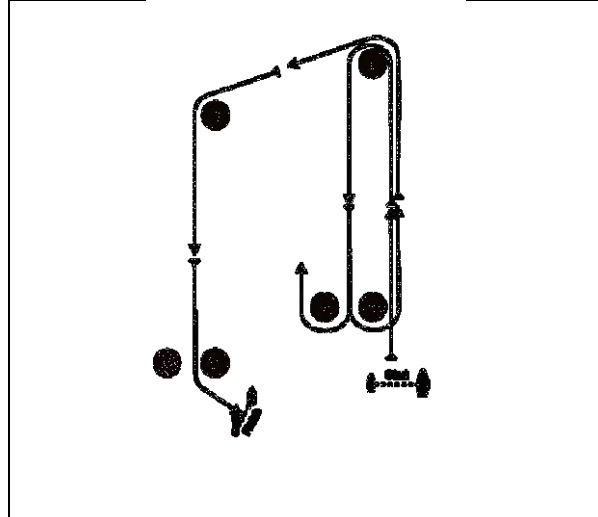
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APPENDIX A - THE COURSE DIAGRAMS

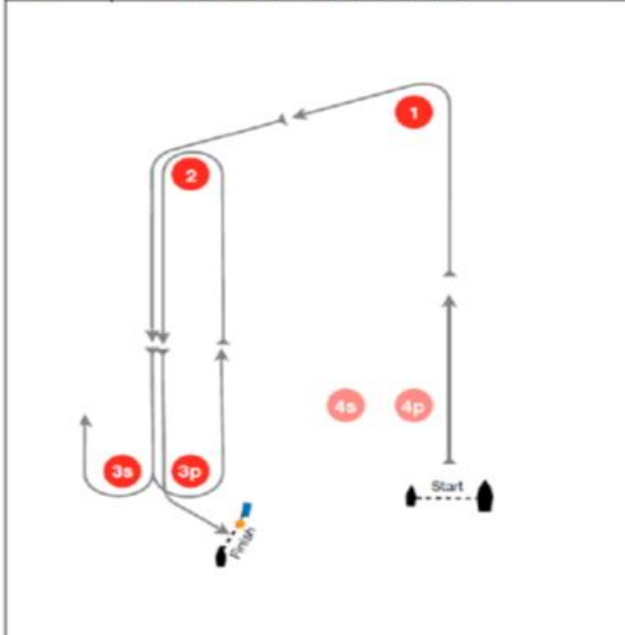
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Signal	Mark Rounding Order
O2	Start-1p-2p-3s/3p-2p-3p-Fin
O3	Start-1p-2p-3s/3p-2p-3s/3p-2p-3p-Fin
O4	Start-1p-2p-3s/3p-2p-3s/3p-2p-3s/3p -2p-3p-Fin



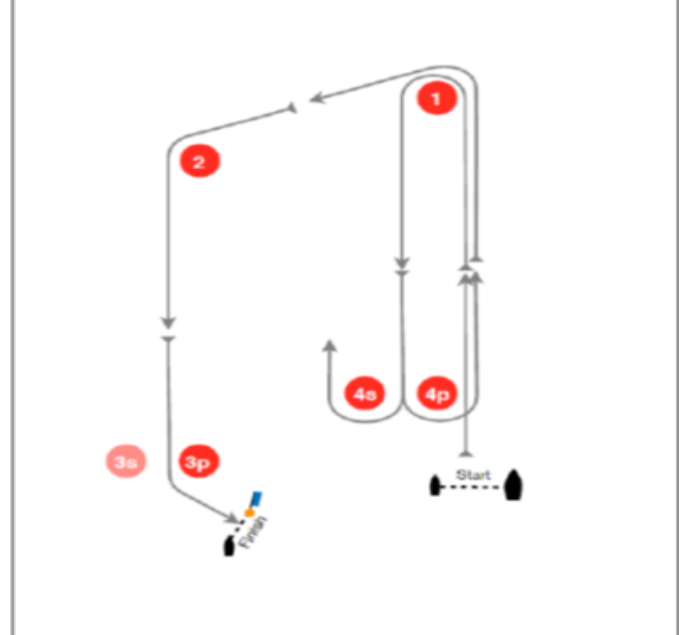
I	Inner Trapezoid with finish pin to leeward of finish boat
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
I2	Start-1p-4s/4p-1p-2p-3p-Fin
I3	Start-1p-4s/4p-1p-4s/4p-1p-2p-3p-Fin
I4	Start-1p-4s/4p-1p-4s/4p-1p-4s/4p-1p-2p-3p-Fin

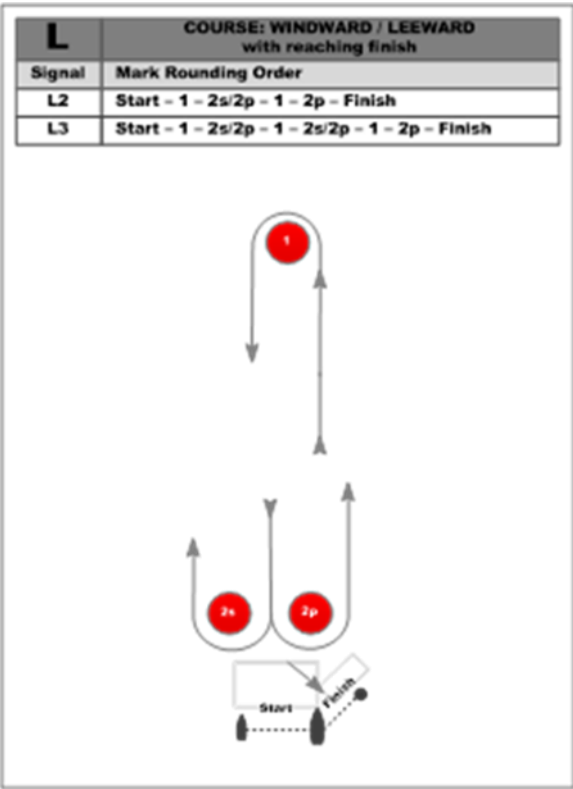


OF	Outer Trapezoid with Finish pin to weather of finish boat
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
OF2	Start-1p-2p-3s/3p-2p-3p-finish
OF3	Start-1p-2p-3s/3p-2p-3s/3p-2p-3p-finish
OF4	Start-1p-2p-3s/3p-2p-3s/3p-2p-3s/3p-2p-3p-finish



IF	Inner Trapezoid with Finish pin to weather of finish boat
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
IF2	Start-1p-4s/4p-1p-2p-3p-finish
IF3	Start-1p-4s/4p-1p-4s/4p-1p-2p-3p-finish
IF4	Start-1p-4s/4p-1p-4s/4p-1p-4s/4p-1p-2p-3p-finish





Appendix B

International Laser Class Association Qualifying and Final Series Formats

1. Introduction

1.1 This addendum applies if boats are divided into fleets to sail a series.

2. Series

2.1 For the series boats that have completed registration will be assigned to fleets of, as near as possible, equal size and ability.

2.2 Initial assignments will be made by a seeding committee appointed by the organizing authority and will be posted by 0900 on the last day of registration.

2.4 In the series boats will be reassigned to fleets after each day of racing, except if on the first day only one race is completed. If all fleets have completed the same number of races, boats will be reassigned on the basis of their ranks in the series. If all fleets have not completed the same number of races the series scores for reassignment will be calculated for those races, numbered in order of completion, completed by all fleets.

2.5 Reassignments will be made as follows: Two fleet format

Rank in series	Fleet assignment
1	1
2	2
3	2
4	1
5	1
6	2
7	2
8	1
9	1
And so on	And so on

2.6 Reassignments will be based on the ranking available at 1900 that day regardless of protests or requests for redress not yet decided.

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

2.8 The fleets will be reflighted each evening, based upon the completed races. The series will end after the final race is finished on 13th March irrespective of the number of races completed.

2.9 If at the end of the series some qualifying series fleets have more race scores than others, any extra races will be abandoned so that all boats in the qualifying series have the same number of race scores.

END OF SAILING INSTRUCTIONS