

Sailing Instructions



RYA Olympic Classes National Ranking Series 2021

Event 1: 30th & 31st October (WPNSA)

Event 2: 6th & 7th November (WPNSA)

The Organising Authority (OA) is The RYA and WPNSA.

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. Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. Each boat shall have a valid measurement certificate (if required by class rules). Boats shall use the approved National Code Letters on their sails as required by the RRS. During an event, equipment shall only be replaced with permission of the Principal Race Officer.
- 1.3. Appendix B will apply for the iQFoil classes.
- 1.4. Appendix F will apply for the Formula Kite and Open LEI classes.
- 1.5. RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply
- 1.6. Appendix P will apply to all classes except the iQFoil & Formula Kite & Open LEI classes.

2. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 2.1. Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted no later than 90 minutes before the scheduled warning signal of the first race of that day, except that any change to the schedule of races on Sunday will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect..

3. Communications with Competitors

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the online [Official Notice Board](#).
- 3.2 Competitor WhatsApp groups are split by courses. Please join the correct group.
- 3.3 The race office is located at Room 4 in WPNSA
- 3.4 [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.
- 3.5 The organising authority reserves the right to fit electronic positioning, video, and communication equipment, and any associated mounting brackets to a boat or sailboard. The carrying of such equipment shall not be grounds for redress. Where a bracket and/or electronic equipment is required, it does not constitute "equipment in normal position" for the purposes of RRS Definition Clear Astern and Clear Ahead; Overlap.
- 3.6 The penalty for carrying electronic equipment approved by a class coach shall be zero points. If electronic equipment is to be carried, the Race Committee shall be notified prior to racing that day.

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]

5. Signals made ashore

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the official flagpole located on the balcony outside Room 4.

- 5.2. Flag AP displayed without a numeral means "Racing is postponed indefinitely. Launching will start shortly after AP is removed." This changes race signal AP.
- 5.3. Boats shall remain on shore until their class flag is displayed under flag D with a sound signal. When Flag D is displayed without class flags, all boats may launch. The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after Flag D is displayed for those racing in Portland Harbour and not less than 60 minutes after Flag D is displayed for those racing in Weymouth Bay. This changes RRS Race Signals
- 5.4. When flag W is displayed racing will take place in Weymouth Bay. When flag W is not displayed racing will be in Portland Harbour








6. Schedule of Races

- 6.1. Competitor registration is in the Hanger between 09:00 and 10:00 on each Saturday.
- 6.2. Competitors Briefing will be at 10:00 location advised on the competitor WhatsApp group
- 6.3. Schedule of first warning signal

Class	Date	Scheduled first warning
49er/49er FX	06/11/2021	1055
	07/11/2021	0955
470	06/11/2021	1055
	07/11/2021	0955
IQ Foils	06/11/2021	1055
	07/11/2021	1255
Open LEI (kiteboard)	06/11/2021	1425
	07/11/2021	0955
Formula Kite (men/women)	06/11/2021	1225
	07/11/2021	1125

- 6.4. Up to 8 races are scheduled for all dinghy classes per event, with a maximum of 5 races per day.
- 6.5. Up to 10 races are scheduled for all Board classes per event, with a maximum of 5 races per day
- 6.6. Up to 10 races are scheduled for all Kite classes per event, with a maximum of 5 races per day
- 6.7. No warning signal will be made after 1500 on Sunday.

7. Class flags
7.1.

Class	Class Flag
49er	
49er FX	
470	
IQ Foils	
Open LEI (kiteboard)	
Formula Kite (men)	
Formula Kite Women	

8. Racing Area

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

9. Courses

9.1. The diagrams in Attachment 1 show the courses including the course signals, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9.2.

Class	Courses may be used
49er	L
49er FX	L
470	LR
IQ Foils	LR/LSA
Open LEI (kiteboard)	LSA
Kites	LSA

9.3. Course signals will be displayed on a board on the race committee signal vessel.

10. Marks

10.1. The racing marks will be as follows:

Orange	Kites, Boards	Course Alpha
Black	49er, 49er FX, 470	Course Beta
Red	470 – Mark one	Course Beta

10.2. The starting mark will be either a dan buoy displaying an orange flag or an orange flag on a committee vessel.

10.3. The finishing mark will be either a dan buoy displaying a blue flag or a blue flag on a committee vessel.

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.

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. 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. The start sequence and signals will be as follows. This changes RRS 26:

At least 6 mins before start	Orange flag displayed with one or more sound signals. It will remain displayed throughout the start sequence, or until a lengthy postponement is expected.
3 mins before start	Warning (Class flag) displayed with one sound signal. If Flag 'O' is required for the class it will be displayed, without sound signal, no later than this time)
2 mins before start	Preparatory (U, P, I or Black as appropriate) displayed with one sound signal
1 min before start	Preparatory removed with one long sound signal
Start	Class flag removed with one sound signal. If there is a further start in the sequence, the Class Flag for the next start, together with flag 'O' if required, may be displayed either at this time, or after a short delay.

12.2. When reaching starts are used for IQ foils the start sequence will be as RRS Appendix B 26.2 System 2

12.3. The starting order for the first race of each day will be announced at the Sailor Briefing.

12.4. In the event of Flag X (Individual Recall) being displayed, it will be displayed for 2 minutes, or until all OCS boats have returned to the pre-course side of the line or its extensions, whichever is the earlier. This changes RRS 29.1.

12.5. The starting line will be between a staff on the race committee signal vessel displaying an orange flag and the starting mark.

12.6. A boat that does not start within three minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

12.7. In the event of a general recall or postponement during a start sequence the order of starting will be maintained, and the classes will restart as indicated by the flag signals displayed.

12.8. 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 200m, and 10 degrees 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 a 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.

15. Penalty System

- 15.1. Appendix P will apply to all classes except the iQFoil, Formula Kite and Open LEI classes. Appendix P is amended to delete P2.2 and P2.3 and then add to P2.1 'For subsequent penalties P2.1 penalty applies.'
- 15.2. For the 49er, 49er FX and 470 classes the rule 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only one turn, including one tack and gybe, is required.

16. Time Limits and Target Times

Class	Type of Racing	Target Time	Time limit	Finish Window
49er	Course	25	40	10
49er FX	Course	25	40	10
470	Course	30	45	10
IQ Foils	Course	15	25	10
IQ Foils	Slalom	4	6	2
Free ride foils	Course	15	25	10
Kites	Course	12	24	6

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 requests shall be lodged online via the online Jury system, within the appropriate time limit, located at www.Racingrulesofsailing.org. This amends RRS 61.3
- 17.3. The protest time limit for each class is the later of 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day in Portland Harbour, 90 minutes when racing in Weymouth Bay or 60 minutes after the signalling of no more racing for the day.
- 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 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 hearing.
- 17.5. A list of boats that have been penalised for breaking RRS 42 will be posted [On the water penalties](#)

18. Scoring

- 18.1. The Low Point System as provided in RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 18.2. Each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score if 4 or more races have been completed. 3 races shall be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.3. A competitor may submit a request to review a boat's score online at [scoring queries](#)

19. Safety Regulations

19.1. A mandatory Tally system will be employed.

19.1.1. Competitors will be given a `Tally Number` at Registration. They should remove the elastic wrist bands bearing their Tally Number from the board prior to going afloat. The board will be located in Room 4. Tallies shall be worn on the wrist, one each for helm and crew. The Tally Band must be returned to its correct position upon its numbered peg immediately upon returning to shore.

19.1.2. Breaches of 19.1.1. of this SI will incur a standard penalty without a hearing, or a discretionary penalty after a hearing. The standard penalty will be one point for the first infringement, and three points for subsequent infringements, applied as in RRS 64.2. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

19.2. RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times whilst afloat.

20. Replacement of Crew or Equipment

20.1. Requests for substitution of equipment shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity. A Competitor may submit a written request at the race office.

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

22.1. NA

23. Official vessels

23.1. Official vessels are defined as Committee Boat, Finish boat, Mark Layers, Safety Boats, Jury boats

23.2. The Committee Vessel for Alpha Course will be a Protector

23.3. The Committee Vessel for Bravo Course will be Gyrinus.

23.4. Official vessels shall not carry competitors drinks, snacks, or spares

24. Support Boats [DP]

24.1. See NOR 14

25. Trash disposal

25.1. Trash may be placed aboard Coach/support person vessels

26. Berthing

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

27. Haul out Restrictions

27.1. NA

28. Diving Equipment and Plastic Pools

28.1. NA

29. Prizes

29.1. The 49er fleet will use the results from this event for their National Championships. Additional prizes may be awarded.

29.2. Prize giving for the event will take place as soon as possible after racing on Sunday of each event.

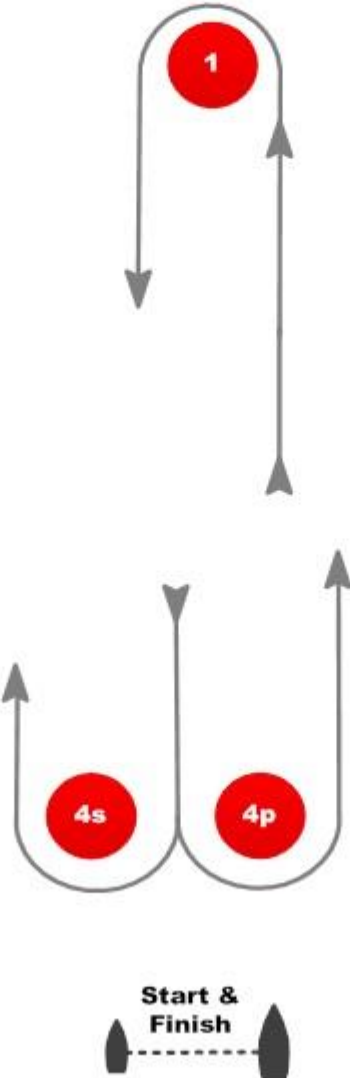
30. Risk Statement

30.1. See NOR 18

31. Insurance
31.1. See NOR 20

Attachment 1 Course Diagrams

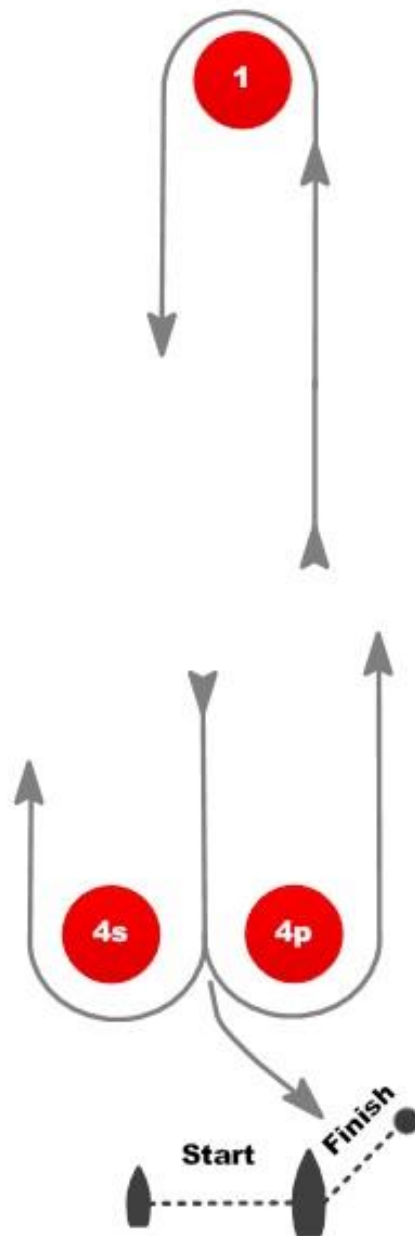
L	COURSE: WINDWARD / LEEWARD
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
L2	Start - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - Finish
L3	Start - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - Finish
L4	Start - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - Finish



Start & Finish

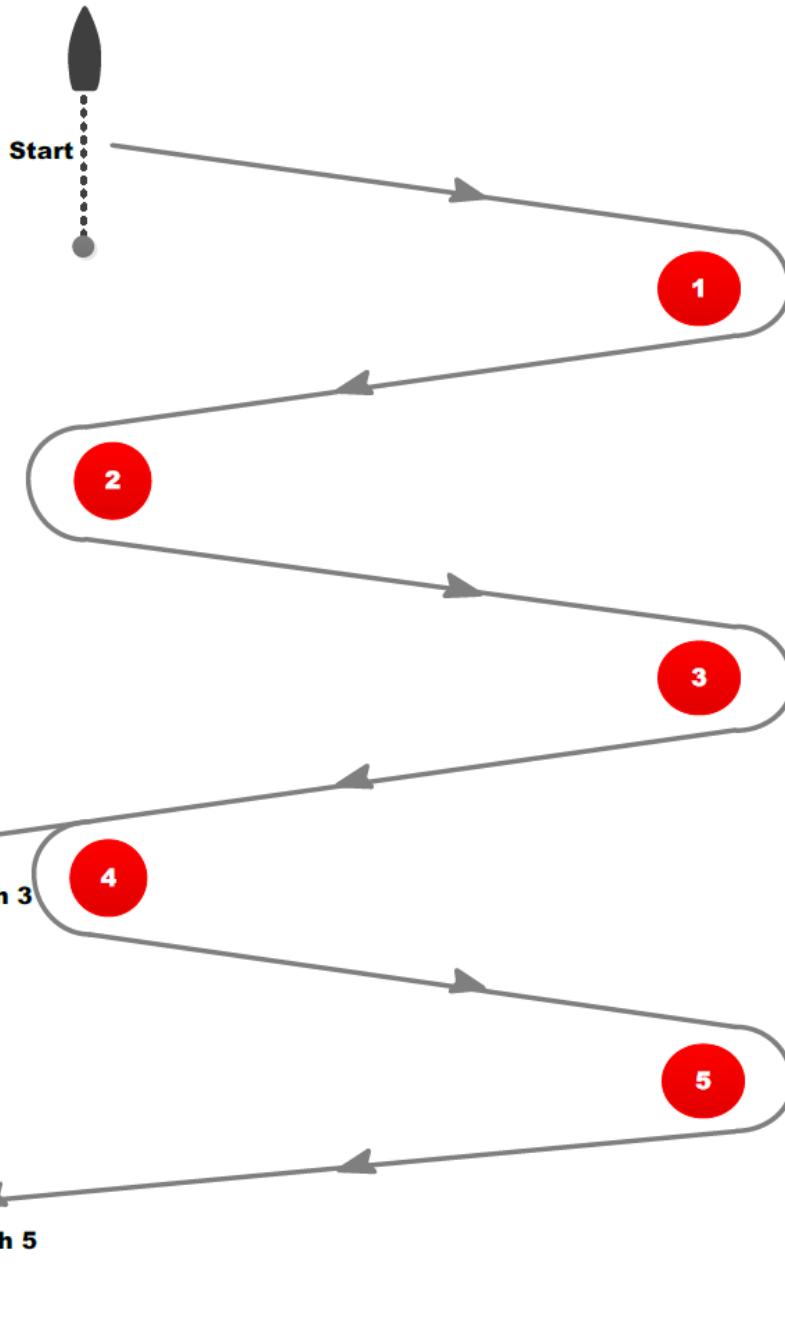


LR	COURSE: WINDWARD / LEEWARD with reaching finish
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
LR2	Start - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 4p - Finish
LR3	Start - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 4p - Finish
LR4	Start - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 4p - Finish





S	COURSE: SLALOM
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
S3	Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - Finish 3
S5	Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - Finish 5





LSA	COURSE: WINDWARD/LEEWARD with spreader mark and reaching finish
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
LSA2	Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - S - Finish
LSA3	Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - S - Finish

