



# WASZP AMERICAS 2023

CORK/Sail Kingston

28 JUNE – 3 JULY

Portsmouth Olympic Harbour  
Kingston, Ontario, Canada



## Sailing Instructions

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 will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

### 2. FORMAT

- 2.1. The championship consists of eighteen races made of a maximum of 16 Championship-style races, 1 slalom race or mini-series and 1 long distance race.

### 3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the online official notice board (ONB) located at: <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/5614/event?name=waszp-americas>

### 4. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1. [NP] [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from regatta officials.

### 5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located at the NE corner of the main POH building.
- 5.2. When flag L is displayed ashore over a numeral pennant, the numeral pennant indicates the number of the notice to competitors that is posted. This changes race signal L.
- 5.3. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in the RRS Race Signals AP.
- 5.4. [DP][NP] Boats shall NOT launch until flag D is displayed with one sound. The warning signal will be made not less than 45 minutes after flag D is displayed.

### 6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Date	Time	Event
June 29	0915	Competitor briefing
	1200	Warning signal of first race of the day
June 30 - July 3	0915	Competitor briefing
	1100	Warning signal of first race of the day

- 6.1. The race committee may run a maximum of five races a day. For the purposes of this clause, a Slalom mini-series counts as one race.
- 6.2. 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 three minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 6.3. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1500.

### 7. CLASS FLAG

- 7.1. The class flag will be a WASZP logo on a solid background.

## 8. RACING AREA

8.1. The racing area will be south of Portsmouth Olympic Harbour.

## 9. COURSES

9.1. The diagrams below show the course to be sailed for each format, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9.2. The long distance course has two marks 1's. Boats that sailed the short course option will be scored behind the boats that sailed the long course.

Fleet	Slalom	Long distance
Start-1p/1s-4p/4s-1p/1s-4p-Finish	Start-1-2-3-4-Finish	Start -1 (long or short) -Finish

## 10. MARKS

Format	Mark type	Description
All formats	Starting	A race committee vessel or spar buoy
Fleet	Marks 1p, 1s, 4p, 4s	Orange Inflatable
Fleet	New mark as provided in SI 12.1	Yellow Inflatable
Fleet	Finish	Orange Inflatable (mark 4p)
Slalom	Marks 1, 2, 3 & 4	Orange Inflatable
Slalom	Finish	Orange Inflatable (mark 4)
Long distance	Mark 1 - Long course	Orange Inflatable
Long distance	Mark 1 - Short course	Yellow Inflatable
Long distance	Finish	A race committee vessel or spar buoy

## 11. THE START

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

11.2. A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

11.3. To signal the race format the race committee will display before or with the warning signal:  
 (a) "F" for fleet championship-style racing

- (b) “S” for slalom mini-series racing
- (c) “L” for long distance racing

**12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE FOR FLEET RACING**

12.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a single new mark and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. The new mark is to be left to port.

**13. FINISH**

13.1. **[DP]** After crossing the finishing line, competitors shall continue to sail at least 200m before stopping to clear the finishing line.

**13.2. GRAND PRIX FINISH for fleet championship-style racing**

13.2.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the signal vessel and the course side of mark 4p.

13.2.2. When the leading boat completes the course and finishes, the signal vessel will immediately display a blue flag with a sound signal. The blue flag will be removed at the end of the finishing window time limit.

13.2.3. When the blue flag is displayed, boats on a downwind leg shall round mark 4p to port and cross the finishing line.

13.2.4. All boats that:

- a) have completed a lap before the blue flag is displayed, but then fail to finish while it is displayed, or
- b) cross the finishing line while the blue flag is displayed shall be deemed to have finished irrespective of the number of laps completed.

Their positions in the race will be based on the order when they either completed their last lap or finished, with those having completed more laps finishing ahead of those with fewer laps. This changes RRS 28.1 and A4.

**13.3. FINISH for long distance**

13.3.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the signal vessel and a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing mark.

**13.4. FINISH for slalom mini-series racing**

13.4.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee vessel and the course side of the finishing mark (mark 4).

**14. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

Race Format	Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window	Target time
Fleet	15 minutes	40 minutes	10 minutes	20 minutes
Slalom	n/a	n/a	5 minutes	5 minutes
Long Distance	25 minutes	50 minutes	15 minutes	n/a

14.1. Fleet racing: If no boat has passed marks 1s/1p within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.

14.2. Long distance racing: If no boat has passed long course mark 1 within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.

14.3. Race Time Limit: Time limit for the first boat to start, sail the course and finish.

14.4. Finishing Window: Time limit for boats to finish after the first boat starts, sails the course and finishes.

14.5. Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

**15. HEARING REQUESTS**

15.1. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

15.2. Hearing requests shall be submitted online.

15.3. 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 the hearings will be held.

- 15.4. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 15.5. A list of boats that have been penalized for breaking RRS 42 under Appendix P will be posted.

## **16. SCORING**

- 16.1. The Slalom mini-series, Long Distance and Fleet championship-style racing will be scored as one series. The rankings of the Slalom mini-series and Long Distance events will be added as finishes of two races in the overall series. This changes Notice of Race 15.1.
- 16.2. A boat's series score is the total of her race scores.
- (a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores.
- (b) When from 4 to 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- (c) When 8 to 11 races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- (d) When 12 to 15 races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her three worst scores.
- (e) When 16 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her four worst scores.

This changes Notice of Race 15.2

- 16.3. To request correction of an alleged error in posted results or to schedule a meeting with the race official(s) who made a call, a boat shall complete an online scoring inquiry.

### **16.4. Long distance:**

16.4.1. Boats that sailed the short course option will be scored behind the boats that sailed the long course. This changes RRS 28.1 and A4.

### **16.5. Slalom mini-series:**

16.5.1. There will be no discards.

16.5.2. There will be a mini-series of up to three races and the final score of the mini-series will be the results of the mini-series.

16.5.3. a boat that came to the starting area but in all races, either did not start, did not sail the course, did not finish, retired or was disqualified shall be ranked one place behind the lowest-ranked boat in the series that finished a Slalom race, and

16.5.4. a boat that did not come to the starting area for any race shall be ranked one place behind the boat(s) in 16.5.3. This changes Appendix A.

## **17. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 17.1. *[NP]* When flag V over flag H is displayed with one sound signal all boats shall return promptly and directly to the harbour. Further signals ashore. This changes RRS 37
- 17.2. RRS 37 is changed so that it applies when flag V or flag V over flag H is displayed with one sound.
- 17.3. *[NP]* All competitors shall Sign-out at the Race Office prior to leaving the harbor.
- 17.4. *[DP]* *[NP]* On water prior to the warning signal of her first race of each day competitors shall sail past the Signal Vessel and hail their sail number.
- 17.5. *[NP]* All boats shall return directly to the harbour and shall Sign-in after completing their last race of the day.
- 17.6. *[DP]* *[NP]* A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 17.7. Competitors who require assistance should wave one arm with hand open. If no assistance is required, the arm should be waved with fist closed.
- 17.8. *[NP]* Failure to comply with SI 17.3 before leaving the harbour, or with SI 17.5 by the end of protest time or by the time posted on the ONB (whichever is later) shall result in the boat receiving a 10% scoring penalty as calculated in RRS 44.3(c) added to the race score sailed nearest in time to that of the incident. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.1. However, the race

committee may protest the boat when they consider the 10% scoring penalty to be inappropriate.

## **18. COMMUNICATIONS**

18.1. The race committee will be operating on VHF channel 10.

## **19. RACE OFFICE**

19.1. The race office is off the lobby of the POH building.

## **20. [DP] REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT**

20.1. In the event of damage, boats and equipment may only be substituted with the permission of the race committee, except as in SI 21.2. Equipment Substitution application is available on the online Official Notice Board.

20.2. If the damage occurs less than 2 hours before the first scheduled start on a racing day, and before the start of the last race of the day, provisional verbal permission shall be obtained from the race committee before using the equipment in a race and online equipment replacement permission shall be requested before the end of the protest time limit at the end of the day in which the substitution takes place.

## **21. OFFICIAL VESSELS**

21.1. Official vessels will be marked as follows:

<b>Safety/patrol</b>	<b>A yellow flag with a centered vertical red stripe</b>
<b>Jury</b>	<b>A code flag J</b>
<b>Media</b>	<b>A flag with the letter "M" on contrasting background</b>

21.2. Failure of an official vessel to display an identifying flag will not be grounds for redress under RRS 60.1(b).

## **22. [DP][NP] HARBOUR AND SITE REGULATIONS**

22.1. All boats shall be launched and hauled out as directed by the organizing authority.

22.2. At the sole discretion of the organizing authority, dollies and trailers with protrusions may be prohibited from the launch area.

22.3. No boat, except those in assigned mooring areas, shall be left unattended in the water.

22.4. Automobiles and other vehicles must be parked only in accordance with Portsmouth Olympic Harbour, the City of Kingston and the organizing authority's posted signage.