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NATIONALS

Rooster RS Feva National Championship 2023

Plas Heli, Pwllheli

Saturday 27th to Tuesday 30th May 2023

Sailing Instructions (SI)

Incorporating SI Amendment 1 (Mark Colour)

The Organising Authority is Plas Heli in conjunction with the UK RS Feva Class Association (UKRSFCA).

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 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 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty
- 1.7 In the case of conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, SIs will take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.8 RRS Appendix P will apply. RRS P2 is changed by deleting RRS P2.2 and P2.3. RRS P2.1 will apply to all Appendix P penalties.
- 1.9 The penalty for breaches of rules, including class rules, other than RRS Parts 1 and 2 may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. This does not change RRS 69
- 1.9.1 Protocols relating to COVID-19 may be published at any time and will state if they have a status of a rule. [DP].

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 for changes to the schedule of races will be posted before 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 (ONB), which is at https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/events/5428/event_links
- 3.2 The race office is located on the ground floor by the Event Hall.
- 3.3 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. [DP].
- 3.4 Competitors comms will be Telegram the link is: <https://t.me/+c3Reu1kDBIA5NzVk>
- 3.5 There will be a competitor briefing in Event Hall at 10:00 on Saturday 27th May 2023.

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.
- 4.3 Any individual caught stealing sponsor promotional items, e.g.: flags, banners, prizes, shall be deemed to have committed a gross breach of good manners and may be subject to a hearing under RRS 69

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpoles on the upstairs balcony facing the sea.
- 5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'flag "D" will be displayed shortly, 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. FORMAT OF RACING

The regatta will consist of a qualifying and a final series.

7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1. Registration will be in a room adjacent to the Event Hall from 1800 -2000 on Friday 26th May and 08:30 to 10:00 on Saturday 27th May 2023.

7.2.

| Date | First Warning Signal | No. of Races |
|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| Sat 27 th May | 12:55 | 3 |

| | | |
|--------------------------|-------|---|
| Sun 28 th May | 10:55 | 3 |
| Mon 29 th May | 10:55 | 3 |
| Tue 30 th May | 10:55 | 3 |

- 7.3. 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 two minutes before the first warning signal is made.
- 7.4. Each day succeeding races will be started as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous race
- 7.5. On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 15:00.

8. CLASS FLAGS

- 8.1 Class flags will be a white flag with the RS Feva logo on it.

9. RACING AREAS

- 9.1. The racing area will be in Tremadog Bay.

10. COURSES

- 10.1 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.
- 10.2 The course and number of laps to be sailed will be displayed on the committee boat.
- 10.3 The approximate bearing of mark one may be displayed on the committee boat.
- 10.4 If a gate is replaced by a single mark, it is to be left to port.

11. MARKS

- 11.1 Marks 1, 2, 3s, 3p, 4s and 4p will be a 1.6m **Orange** [Blue deleted] Dumpy buoys. **Si amendment 1**
- 11.2 Mark 5 will be a 1.6m orange Dumpy buoy.
- 11.3 The starting mark will be either an official boat displaying an orange flag or a dan buoy displaying an orange flag.
- 11.4 The finishing mark will be either an official boat displaying a blue flag or a dan buoy displaying a blue flag.

12. OBSTRUCTIONS [DP]

There is a submerged wall at the Harbour entrance to the Perch.

13. THE START

- 13.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made five minutes before the warning signal.
- 13.2 The Preparatory Signal will be either RRS 30.3 (U Flag Rule), or RRS 30.4 (Black Flag Rule).
- 13.3. The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port end starting mark.
- 13.4. 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.

14. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 14.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark.
- 14.2. Minor mark moves, up to approximately 100m in any direction, may be made without signaling the change. This changes RRS 33.

15. THE FINISH

- 15.1. The finishing line will be between a mast displaying blue flag on the race committee signal vessel/finish boat and the finishing mark.
- 15.2. 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:
- 15.2.1. When an official boat displays flag W with two sounds, boats still racing may be scored as their observed position on the race course.
- 15.2.2. 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.

16. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 16.1. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 16.2. 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.

7. TIME LIMITS

17.1. The time limits and target times are as follows:

| Race Time Limit | Target Time | Finishing Window |
|-----------------|-------------|------------------|
| 70 minutes | 45 minutes | 15 minutes |

17.2. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

17.3. 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.

18. HEARING REQUESTS

18.1. The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

18.2. Hearing request forms are available from https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/events/5428/event_links

18.3. Hearings may be heard in person or via video call. All links will be sent via email.

18.4. 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.

18.5. A list of boats that have been penalised for breaking RRS 42 under Appendix P will be posted on the ONB.

19. SCORING

19.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta.

19.2 The total score of each boat will be the sum of her scores as follows:

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

19.2.2 When from four to seven races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her one worst score.

19.2.3 When eight or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

19.3 Competitors may request a review of a boat's score by completing the online form at https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/events/5428/event_links

20. SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP]

20.1. RRS 40.1 always applies on the water.

20.2. A safety tally system will be in operation. Tally numbers will be advised at Registration.

20.2.1. The tally control point will be by the building on the way to the beach.

20.2.2. Competitors shall individually tally-out before racing by personally going to the tally control point and collecting their tally.

20.2.3. Competitors shall individually tally-in immediately on returning to shore by personally going to the tally control point and returning their tally to the board. This must be done no later than 10 minutes after the last boat has come ashore.

20.3. 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 3 points non excludable added to the boat's series score, and 5 points for subsequent infringements. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

20.4. 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.

20.5. Boats shall follow the instructions of the Official Boats. Infringements will be reported to the race committee, which may protest the boat.

20.6. A boat that retires from a race shall notify an Official Boat if possible. A declaration form will be available near the tally board which must be signed by competitors who have retired as they tally-in.

20.7 Competitors in difficulty shall obey any instruction given by an official boat crew. Failure to comply with safety crew instructions may result in disqualification or other penalty

20.8 An official boat in close attendance to a craft or competitor in difficulty is an obstruction.

21. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

21.1. Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

- a) Where substitution has been approved by the race committee the boat will be counted as a new entry and all races already sailed scored as DNC.

Competitors may request a change of crew through the

https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/events/5428/event_links [DP].

21.2. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised in writing by the race committee. Requests for substitution of equipment shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity by completing the online form https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/events/5428/event_links. Failure to do so, the refusal of the request, or the replacement equipment not complying with the class rules, may result in the boat being penalised. [DP].

22. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

22.1. Each boat shall declare at Registration one set of sails that will be use for the event.

22.2. 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].

23. OFFICIAL VESSELS

23.1. Official vessels are defined as committee boat, mark layers, safety boats and 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 boat.

24. SUPPORT BOATS [DP]

24.1 All support persons shall wear personal flotation devices at all times while afloat, except briefly while adjusting clothing. Failure to do so will result in the support boat and her crew being banned from the racing area for the remainder of the event.

24.2 An operational kill cord shall be used at all times while afloat and the engine is running. Failure to do so will result in the support boat and her crew being banned from the racing area for the remainder of the event.

24.3 Support persons shall not operate drones in the venue or on the race course while boats are present, unless authorised in writing by the Organising Authority.

24.4 Competitors may place clearly labelled (name and sail number) food & drink on the food vessels, or safety vessels designated as such by the race committee.

24.5 Safety vessels shall stay outside areas where boats are racing, and shall not communicate with competitors unless attending a boat in distress requiring assistance, or as directed by the race committee. Food vessels or safety vessels designated as such by the race committee are allowed to pass food and drinks to competitors while they are not racing.

24.6 Support Vessels include vessels carrying teams leads, coaches, relatives of competitors not crewing official vessels or other support roles.

24.7 All Support Vessels must be approved and registered with the host club and the RS Feva Class Secretary or Safety Officer for each event.

24.9 Support boats may be marked with an appropriate coloured flag, National Flag or Country Code and shall comply with instructions from the event safety officer.

24.10 Support vessels shall not be in the racing area, nor shall they communicate with any competitors, from the time of the preparatory signal for the first race until the last boat finishes the last race of the day. The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement will be the disqualification of all boats associated with the support personnel who do so.

- b) For the purposes of this rule, the racing area shall be defined as not less than 200m from

any boat that is racing, and this shall specifically include an area not less than 200m immediately to leeward of the finish line for any race.

- c) For events that are held in restricted waters where the requirements in 24.3 a) are unable to be met, the Race Officer may designate a specific area for Support Vessels.

24.11 All Support Vessels shall be expected to act as part of the safety fleet if requested to do so by the Race Committee. The course safety lead or Race officer has authority to ask any safety/support boat to act solely as a safety boat without contact with sailors unless it is in respect of safety, after the finish of each race.

25. RUBBISH/TRASH DISPOSAL

25.. Rubbish is not to be thrown in the sea. Rubbish may be placed aboard support person vessels.

26. BERTHING [DP]

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

27. PRIZES

27.1. Prizes will be awarded according to the numbers of entries, but at least:

1 st to 10th Overall

Awards/medals to be awarded to a minimum of:

1 st Junior (Helm and Crew aged 13 or under on the 31st December 2023)

1 st Family (parent and child, siblings or closely related)

1 st Ladies

1 st Mixed

1 st Boys

Pro/AM Trophy - Past RS Feva sailor entering with a young new to Feva sailing partner.

The CKE Cup

First Club (best three boats from a sailing club – to qualify the club must have a minimum of three boats entered)

First School Team – Anemoui Regional Challenge (top three scoring boats from a school – to qualify the school must have a minimum of three boats entered).

27.2. Titles will be awarded as follows:

RS Feva National Champion (first GBR boat with helm and crew aged 17 or under on the 31st December 2023)

RS Feva Open Champion (this will only be awarded if the first boat does not meet the criteria above)

RS Feva National Junior Champion (first GBR boat with Helm and Crew aged 13 or under on the 31st December 2023)

28. 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:

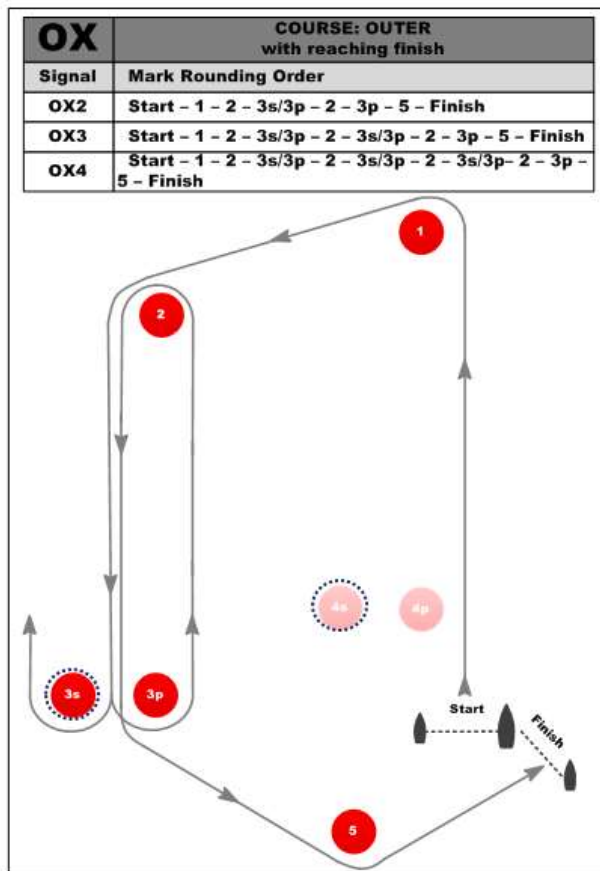
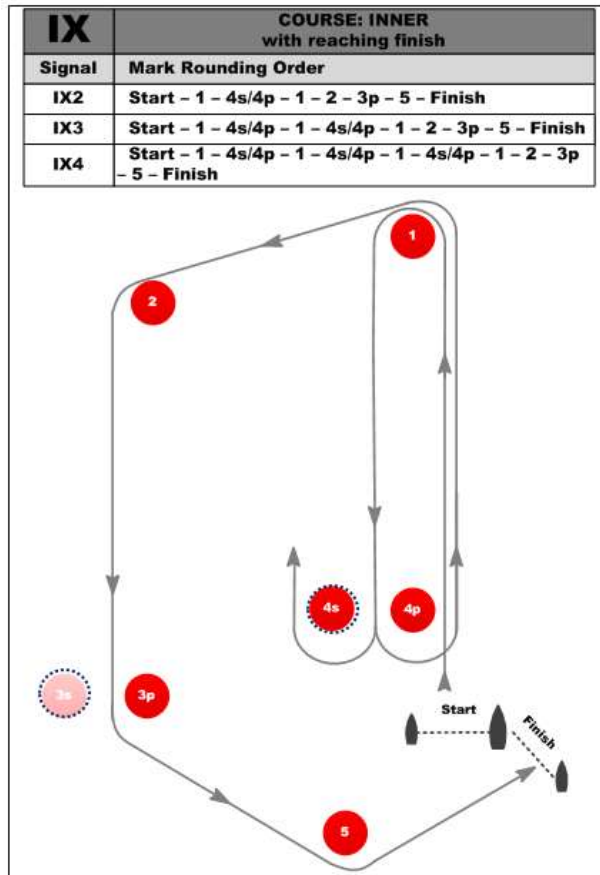
- (a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their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

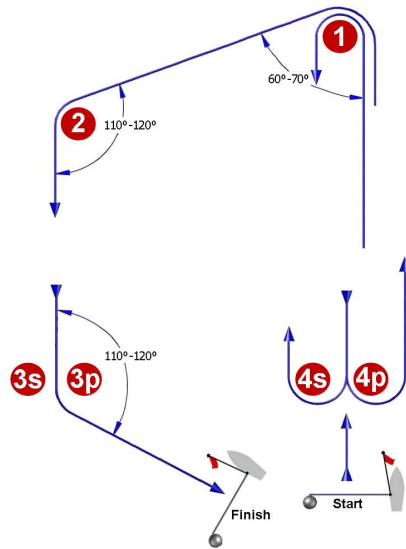
29. INSURANCE

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.



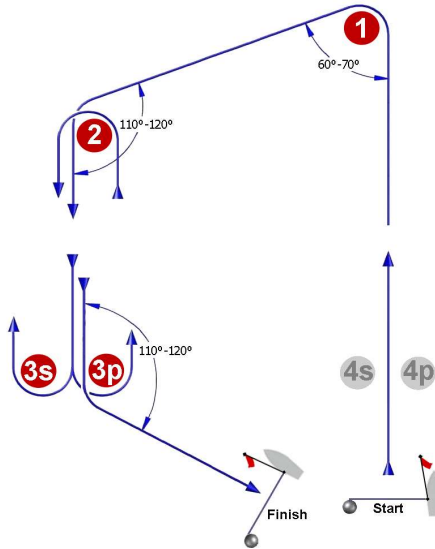
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Course: Inner Trapezoid

| Signal | Marking Rounding Order |
|--------|---|
| I2 | Start - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 2 - 3p - Finish |
| I3 | Start - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 2 |
| | - 3p - Finish |
| I4 | Start - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 4s/4p |
| | - 1 - 2 - 3p - Finish |

O



Course: Outer Trapezoid

| Signal | Marking Rounding Order |
|--------|---|
| O2 | Start - 1 - 2 - 3s/3p - 2 - 3p - Finish |
| O3 | Start - 1 - 2 - 3s/3p - 2 - 3s/3p - 2 |
| | - 3p - Finish |
| O4 | Start - 1 - 2 - 3s/3p - 2 - 3s/3p - 2 - 3s/3p |
| | - 2 - 3p - Finish |

Appendix B

APPENDIX B - Feva Flighting

Preamble

At the sole discretion of the race committee the classes may be flighted. Competitors will be advised at Registration which classes are flighted for the event.

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 at their discretion. 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.

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.

The Round Robin will continue on Sunday, then, from the results, the race committee will allocate each boat into one of two fleets:

- The Gold fleet - will consist of the top half of the first two 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 and Second 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 Third 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 Feva class flag displayed. The respective group flags will be displayed as per Appendix B4. In the final series the warning signals will be the Feva 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

| 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 |

4.2 In addition to SI 9.2, The next class in the start sequence will be displayed on a board by the Committee Boat not less than one minute before their Class Flag.

4.3 The flight flags for the next class in sequence will be displayed by the committee boat (with no sound signal) not less than one minute before their class flag. Changes Race Signals

4.4 The flight flags will be removed following the start with no sound signal

5 Scoring

- 5.1 Two races shall be completed to constitute a series.
- 5.2 Group Races
 - 5.2.1 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
 - 5.3.1 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.
 - 5.3.2 qualifying series races and the final series races will count for total points in the championship.
- 5.4 A qualifying series race will not count until all qualifying series fleets have completed that race.
- 5.5 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races scores.
- 5.6 When from four to seven 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.
- 5.7 When eight or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 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.
- 5.10