



***Sailing Instructions***  
***UKWA National Championships 2023***  
***30th June 2023 to 2nd July 2023***

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Hosted by Dabchicks Sailing Club

The Organising Authority (OA) is UK Wayfarer Association (UKWA) in conjunction with the Dabchicks Sailing Club.

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).

The notation '[SP]' in a rule in the SI means that for a breach of this rule a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing". This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.

**1. RULES**

- 1.1 Changes to RRS include RRS 33; RRS 35; RRS40.1; RRS 44.1; RRS 60.1(a); RRS 61.3; RRS 62.1(a); RRS 63.1; A1, A4 and A5.

**2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1 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.

**3. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS:**

- 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 The Dabchicks Sailing Club.
- 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 The Two WhatsApp groups are.  
Competitor WhatsApp group, used for communication by the race team to the competitors, this is NOT the ONB.  
Competitor Tally WhatsApp, used only for tally on and off.
- 3.5 The competitor briefing will be at 1830 hrs on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at Dabchicks sailing club.

**4. CODE OF CONDUCT [DP]**

- 4.1. Competitors and support persons shall comply with requests from race officials.

**5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main mast at the Dabchicks Sailing Club
- 5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced by 'not less than 60 minutes' in race. signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signals.

- 5.3 Flag D with one sound means the safety fleet is prepared and on the water. Boats are asked not to leave the slipway until this signal is made. [DP]. When Flag D is removed with one sound signal this means that the safety fleet has been stood down.
- 5.4 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed on the Committee Vessel with one sound signal at least two minutes before a warning signal is made.

## 6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

### 6.1 Registration

Date	Class	Open	Close	Location
29/6/23	Wayfarer	14:00	18:30	DSC Bar
30/6/23	Wayfarer	08:00	09:30	DSC Bar

### 6.2 Number of Races

Class	Number of Races (max)	Races per day scheduled	Target time
Wayfarer	4	3	50 mins

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

Date	Class	Time of first warning signal (not before)	Races
30/6/23	Wayfarer	11:55	Practice + 2 Races
1/7/23	Wayfarer	11:25	3
2/7/23	Wayfarer	10:55	3

- 6.4 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15:30
- 6.5 Each day succeeding races will be started as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous race
- 6.6 Other events

Date	Event	Time	Location
29/6/23	Competitor Briefing	1830	DSC Bar
2/7/23	Prizegiving	ASAP after racing	

## 7. CLASS FLAG

- 7.1 The class flag will be a white flag with a red W logo.



## 8 RACING AREA

The racing area will be the Blackwater Estuary

## 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 approximate bearing of mark 1 may be displayed on the Committee Boat.

## 10 MARKS

- 10.1 Marks 1,2,3 will be a Orange Tetrahedron buoys.



- 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 yellow cylinder buoy.



## 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 [DP] [NP] There is an exclusion zone at approximately 51° 45.00N 000° 56.00E. The zone is clearly delineated by yellow marker buoys. No competitor may enter this zone at any time; any competitor identified in breach of this instruction will be disqualified without a hearing.

## 12 THE START

- 12.1.1 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 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.  
12.3 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 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 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 finish committee signal vessel and the finishing mark.

## 15 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.  
15.2 Boats that fail to pass through the upwind gate (see courses) will not be disqualified but will be credited only with the number of laps they have sailed correctly.  
15.3 RRS Appendix T will apply as modified below;



- 15.3.1 A boat may accept a Post Race scoring penalty of 30% only up to the end of the Protest Time limit by completing a penalty acceptance form available in the Race Office. This changes RRS App T.1 (a & b)
- 15.3.2 A boat accepting a Post Race Penalty after an arbitration hearing shall be penalised 40%. This changes RRS App T.1 (b)15. Penalty System
- 15.4 [DP, NP]. Penalties for a breach of Class Rules are at the discretion of the protest committee and may be less than disqualification.

## 16 TIME LIMITS

- 16.1 The time limits and target times are as follows:

Class	Time limit	Mark 1 time	Target time	Finishing
Wayfarer	90 minutes	20 minutes	50 minutes	15 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 60.1(b) and 62.1(a).
- 16.3. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat has sailed the course and finished within the time limit, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). The changes RRS 35, A4, and A5.
- 16.4. 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:
- 16.4.1. When an official boat displays flag W with two sounds, boats still racing may be scored as their observed position on the race course.
- 16.4.2. 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.
- 16.5. When SI 16.4 applies, SI 16.3 does not.

## 17 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 17.1 In addition to RRS 61.1(a) (hail protest) a boat intending to protest should notify the Start Signal boat immediately upon finishing the race or retiring and await acknowledgement. The display of a red flag is not required. This changes RRS 61.1 (a)
- 17.2 Protests/Redress shall be lodged online via the online Jury system located at [File a protest](#) Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit using the online form available.
- 17.3 The protest time limit for each class is 90 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.
- 17.4 A Hearing/Arbitration 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. Hearings 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.
- 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 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 Scoring as per NOR 13
- 18.2 A competitor may submit a request to review a boat's score online at [scoring queries](#)



## 19 SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP, NP]

- 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 A WhatsApp DECLARATION
- 19.2.2 Competitors shall individually check-out before racing by personally going to the WhatsApp link and giving their sail number and name together with the number of persons on board and advise they are going racing.
- 19.2.3 Competitors shall individually check-in immediately on returning to shore by personally going to the WhatsApp link and giving their sail number and name together with the number of persons on board and advise they are ashore. This must be done no later than 10 minutes after the boat has come ashore or tied to its mooring.
- 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 best series score for that day, non-excludable 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.

## 20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW AND EQUIPMENT [DP, NP]

- 20.1 A boat wishing to substitute a helm or crew after registration shall make prior written request to the Race Committee to do so, using this [Crew Substitution](#) The decision to permit or deny such request shall be entirely at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 20.2 [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity using this [Equipment Substitution](#)

## 21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS [DP] [NP]

See NOR 10

## 23 OFFICIAL VESSELS

- 21.1 Official vessels are defined as Signal Boat, Finish boat, Mark Layers, Safety Boats, jury boats.
- 21.2 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 the event in advance by email to the Race office.
- 24.2 Support Boats will comply with the support boat regulations as defined in the Sailing Instructions.
- 24.3 Support person vessels shall be allowed and shall be expected to act as part of the safety fleet if requested to do so by the Race Committee.
- 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 Support boats should not tow competitors without the permission of the Race Officer or Safety Officer
- 24.7 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.
- 24.8 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.
- 24.9 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.
- 24.10 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.
- 24.11 Official, Patrol and Support person vessels may be required to be marked with an appropriate coloured flag and shall comply with instructions from the event safety officer.
- 24.12 [DP] Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel including relatives of competitors who are not official, patrol or support person 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 returns to shore. The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement will be at the discretion of the protest committee and may be less than disqualification for all boats associated with the support personnel who do so.
- 24.13 For the purposes of this rule, the racing area shall be defined as not less than 300m 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.

## 25 TRASH DISPOSAL

- 25.1 Trash may be placed aboard support person vessels.
- 25.2 All plastic containers (used for food or liquid) afloat shall be identified by Sail number, Name, or both [DP/NP]

## 26 BERTHING [DP]

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

## 27 HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

N/A

## 28 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

N/A

## 29 PRIZES

See NOR 20

## 30 RISK STATEMENT

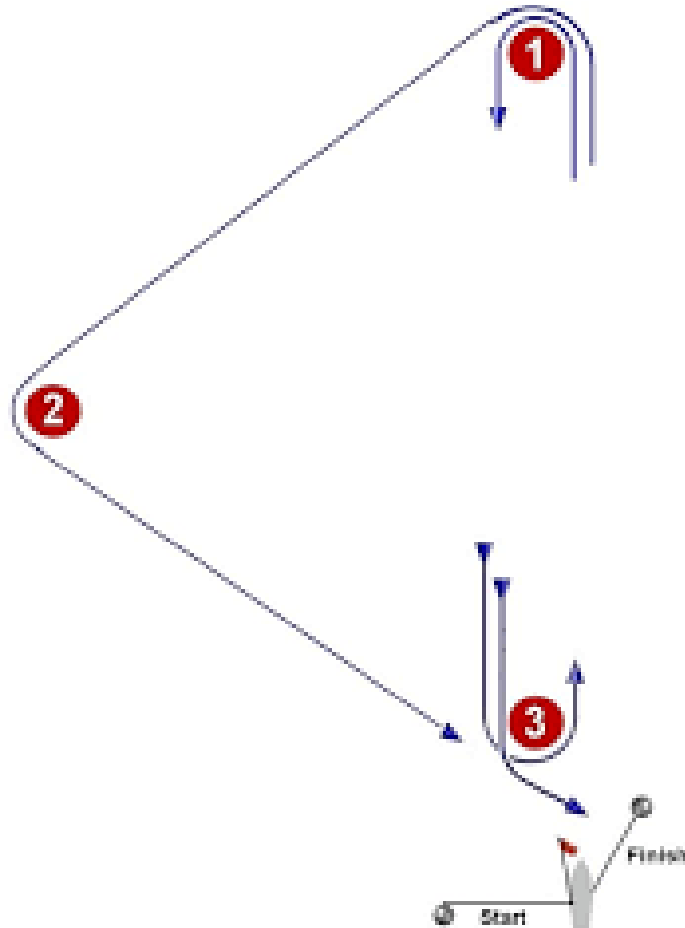
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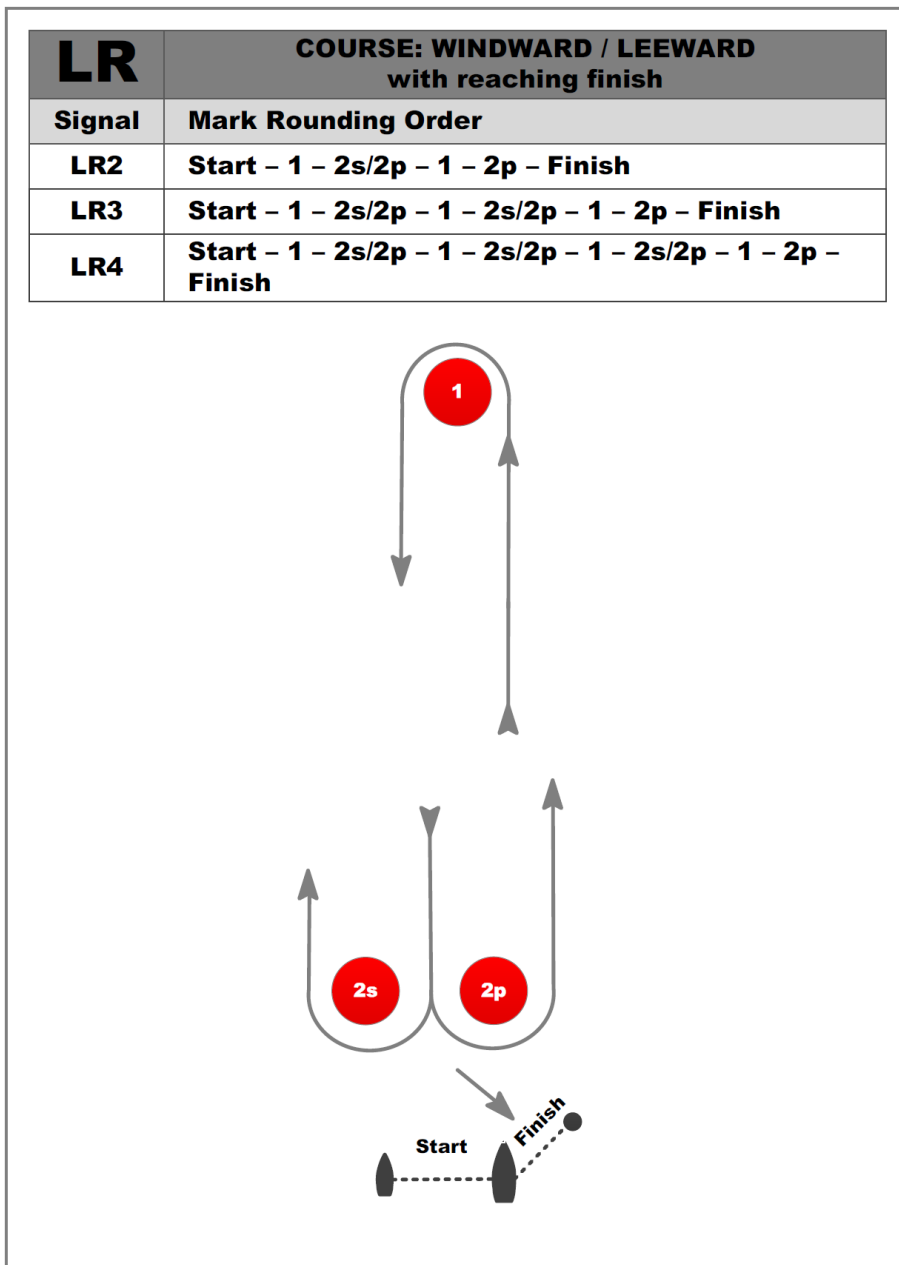
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## APPENDIX A - THE COURSE DIAGRAMS

### Triangle Course



T	Course: Triangle/Sausage with reaching finish
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
<b>T2</b>	Start-1(P)-2(P)-3(P)-1(P)-3(P)-Finish
<b>T3</b>	Start-1(P)-2(P)-3(P)-1(P)-3(P)-1(P)-2(P)-3(P)-Finish
<b>T4</b>	Start-1(P)-2(P)-3(P)-1(P)-3(P)-1(P)-2(P)-3(P)- 1(P)-3(P)-Finish



Course Board







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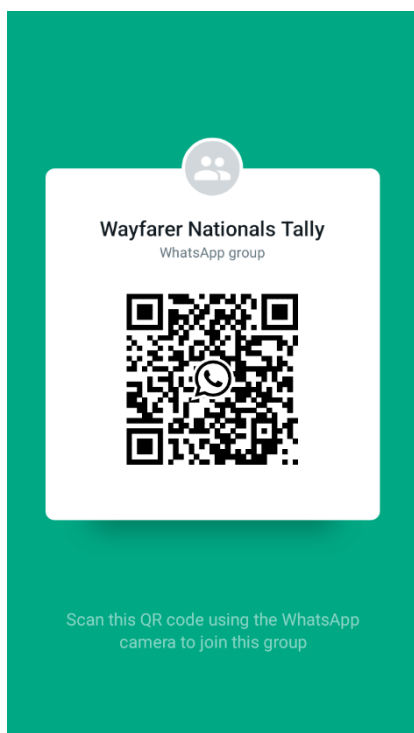
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