



International Moth Class UK & Wazsp UK Class Association Open Grand Prix



19th & 20th May 2018

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organising Authority is the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy (WPNSA) in conjunction with the International Moth Class UK (IMCA UK) and Waszp UK Class Association.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The racing will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 – 2020* (RRS)
- 1.2 RRS Appendix P, *Special Procedures for Rule 42*, will apply.
- 1.3 Racing rules will be changed as follows:
RRS 40 is changed so that competitors shall wear a personal flotation device at all times while afloat, except briefly while adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Flag Y will not be displayed.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located underneath the balcony outside the changing rooms.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09:00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the main flag pole situated outside the race office.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in race signal AP.
- 4.3 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 to leave the slipway until this signal is made.

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1 The event schedule is as follows:

Day	Date	Event	Where	Time
Saturday	19 th May	Registration	Room 4	09:30 – 10:30
		Competitors Briefing	Spinnakers	10:30
		Warning signal for race one		11:55
		Warning signal for race two		ASAP after race one
		Warning signal for race three		ASAP after race two
		Warning signal for race four		ASAP after race three
Sunday	20 th May	Warning signal for race five		10:55
		Warning signal for race six		ASAP after race five
		Warning signal for race seven		ASAP after race six
		Warning signal for race eight		ASAP after race seven
		Prize giving	TBA	ASAP after racing

- 5.2 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 two minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 5.3 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15:30

6. CLASS FLAGS

The class flags will be:

- Moth Class: moth class insignia on a white background
- Waszp Class: waszp class insignia on a yellow background

7. RACING AREAS

The race area will be in Portland Harbour.

8. THE COURSES

- 8.1 The diagram in Attachment A show the course, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the course and the number of laps to be sailed.
- 8.3 The approximate bearing of the windward mark may be displayed on the race committee vessel.

9. MARKS

- 9.1 Marks 1s and 1p and 2s and 2p will be 1.6m blue inflatable buoys with a black band.
- 9.2 A gate may be replaced by a single mark to be left to port.
- 9.3 Mark S, the starting mark, will be a dan buoy displaying an orange flag.

10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1 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.
- 10.2 The attention of all competitors, race management personnel and spectators afloat is 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].
- 10.3 Boats will not transit at any time through the RNSA moorings, which are to the left of the Marina exit as leaving the Marina.

11. THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26.
- 11.2 The starting line will be between a mast displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel and mark S or a mast displaying an orange flag on a boat at the port end.
- 11.3 To alert boats that a race will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with ONE sound signal not less than TWO minutes before the warning signal is displayed.
- 11.4 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 A4 and A5.

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between a mast displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel and mark 2p.
- 13.2 When the leading boat completes the course and finishes, all boats that cross the finish line within 15 minutes after the leading boat has finished shall be deemed to be finishing irrespective of the number of laps they have completed. Their position in the race will be noted from their finishing order and number of completed laps with those having the most laps being recorded ahead of those with less completed laps. Boats that have only completed 1 lap shall be ranked behind boats that have completed 2 laps. Boats that have completed 2 laps shall be ranked behind boats that have completed 3 laps, etc. This changes rules 28.1 and A4.
- 13.3 Boats failing to cross the finish line within 15 minutes after the first boat has sailed the course and finished will be scored after those finishing in accordance with 13.2 that completed more laps, according to their position at the previous passing through, if completed, the Gate, otherwise they will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

15. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 15.1 If no boat has completed the first lap within 30 minutes the race shall be abandoned and re-sailed where possible. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Protest forms are available at the race office, located at room 4. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.2 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.
- 16.3 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. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at room 3, beginning at the time posted.
- 16.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.5 Breaches of instructions 11.3, 18, 21, 22, 23 and 24 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 16.6 Penalties for infringements other than those in RRS Part 2 are at the discretion of the protest committee and may be less than disqualification.
- 16.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
 - (a) Within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day.
 - (b) No later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.This changes RRS 66.
- 16.8 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.

17. SCORING

- 17.1 The low point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.
- 17.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.3 The Moth and Waszp classes will be scored separately as follows:
 - 17.3.1. When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - 17.3.2. When four to seven races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - 17.3.3. When eight races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 Competitors will be required to wear adequate personal buoyancy at all times whilst afloat, except for a short period whilst changing clothing. Flag 'Y' will not be displayed. This changes RRS 40 and Race Signals 'Y'.
- 18.2 A tally system will be in operation.
 - 18.2.1. The tally control point will be located under the main balcony outside the changing rooms.
 - 18.2.2. Tallies comprise numbered rubber wristbands. Numbers will be allocated at registration and posted on the official notice board. Tallies shall be worn visibly, over clothing, on the right wrist at all times while afloat.
 - 18.2.3. The sailor shall individually check-out before racing by personally collecting their tally.
 - 18.2.4. The sailor shall individually check-in immediately on returning to shore after racing, but no later than the protest time limit, by returning the tally personally to tally control.
 - 18.2.5. In the event that a boat ends up ashore away from WPNSA, the sailor must telephone the club on 01305 866000 as soon as practicable, to report your position and safety.
 - 18.2.6. Any boat(s) that fails to comply with the safety/tally system may be disqualified from the race/races concerned, without a hearing. The race committee may consider reinstatement of the boat(s) concerned upon donation of £10 to RNLI. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.
- 18.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee or official boat as soon as possible. This is to be declared on the sheets and stating from which races the boat retired. Declaration sheets will be at the Tally Board, under the balcony.

19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1 Any change to the nominated helm constitutes a new entry and must be requested in writing to the Race Officer and their written approval given before leaving the shore.
- 19.2 Sail numbers displayed on the sail must be as per that boat's entry form. Any changes must be given to the Race Officer at least two hours before racing with that sail. Any other changes will be accepted at the discretion of the Race Office.
- 19.3 A boat shall not change its rudder or dagger board or the T-foils used on them whilst afloat. The change may only be made whilst ashore.

20. EQUIPMENT & MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

21. SUPPORT BOATS

- 21.1 Upon arrival Support Boats must report to the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy reception and pay appropriate charges. They must not launch before this requirement has been met.
- 21.2 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

22. TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.

23. BERTHING

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the boat park.

24. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

25. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded depending upon the entry numbers.

26. RISK STATEMENT

Rule 4 of the RRS 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 while taking part in the event;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss 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.

27. INSURANCE

Each boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or equivalent.

ATTACHMENT A

L	COURSE: WINDWARD / LEEWARD
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
L2	Start – 1s/1p – 2s/2p – 1s/1p – Finish between RC and 2p
L3	Start – 1s/1p – 2s/2p – 1s/1p – 2s/2p – 1s/1p – Finish between RC and 2p

