



UK RS Feva & RS 200 Class Associations Winter Championship

26th & 27th November 2016

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organising Authority is the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy in conjunction with the UK RS Feva Class Association and the UK RS 200 Class Association

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013 – 2016.
- 1.2. International RS Feva Class and International RS 200 rules will apply.
- 1.3. Competitors shall sail in accordance with the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Racing Charter.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board, which is situated in the glass kiosk, under the balcony, outside of the changing rooms.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09:00 on the day that they will take effect, except that changes to the schedule of races will be posted before 19:00 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 the race signal AP. When the flag AP displayed alone it refers to all classes, flag AP over class flag refers to those classes only.
- 4.3. Flag D with one sound means 'The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after flag D is displayed.' When flag D is displayed alone it refers to all classes, flag D over class flag refers to those classes only. Boats are not to leave the slipway until this signal is made.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1.

| Day | Date | Event | Time | Where |
|----------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|------------|
| Saturday | 26 th November | Registration | 09:30 – 10:30 | Room 4 |
| | | Competitors Briefing | 10:30 | Spinnakers |
| | | Race 1 – warning signal | 11:55 | |
| | | Race 2 | asap after race 1 | |
| | | Race 3 | asap after race 2 | |
| Sunday | 27 th November | Race 4 – warning signal | 09:55 | |
| | | Race 5 | asap after race 4 | |
| | | Race 6 | asap after race 5 | |
| | | Prize giving | asap after racing | Spinnakers |

- 5.2. The Championship will consist of six races. The intention is that there will be no more than three races a day. However, additional races may be sailed either in advance or arears in order to complete the programme if weather or other reasons dictate.
- 5.3. 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 five minutes before the first warning signal is made.
- 5.4. No warning signal will be made after 15:00 on Sunday 27th November 2016.

6. CLASS FLAGS

The class flags will be: for the RS Feva course - white background with the RS Feva logo on it, and for the RS 200 course - white background with the RS 200 logo on it.

7. RACING AREA

Racing will be in Portland Harbour.

8. COURSES

8.1. The diagrams in Attachment A show the course to be sailed including the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.2. The course and number of laps to be sailed will be displayed on the Committee Boat.

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

9. MARKS

9.1. For Course LA - mark 1 on the RS Feva course will be a 1.6m blue cylindrical buoy with a black band; mark 1 on the RS 200 course will be a 1.5m black dumpy buoy and will be laid to windward of the RS Feva mark 1. For Courses I and O mark 1 will be a 1.6m blue cylindrical buoy with a black band.

9.2. Marks 2, 3, 4, 4s, 4p and 5 will be 1.6m blue cylindrical marks with a black band.

9.3. Mark 1a will be a 1.5m orange dumpy buoy.

9.4. The starting mark will be a dan buoy displaying an orange flag.

9.5. The finishing mark will be a dan buoy displaying a blue flag.

10. THE START

10.1. Races will be started by using rule 26.

10.2. The starting line will be between a mast displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat and the starting mark.

10.3. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

10.4. If flag U has been displayed as the preparatory signal, no part of a boat's hull, crew, or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing but not if the race is restarted or resailed or postponed or abandoned. This changes rule 26.

10.5. A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS (Did Not Start) without a hearing. This changes rule A4 and A5.

11. 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.

12. THE FINISH

12.1. The finishing line will be the Race Committee Boat staff displaying blue and orange flags, and the finishing mark.

12.2. Scoring other boats:

12.2.1. After the first boat has sailed the course and finished, the race committee may score other boats based on their relative positions at a mark of the course or on a leg of the course.

12.2.2. When a race committee boat displays flag W with two sounds, boats still racing may be scored by this race committee boat.

12.2.3. When a boat is scored in accordance with this instruction, she shall be given score for a place after all boats that have sailed the course and finished.

This changes rule 35, A4 and A5.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

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

TIME LIMITS

- 13.2. The time limit and target time in minutes is as follows:

| <i>Time limit</i> | <i>Target time</i> |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| 60 | 40 |

- 13.3. Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes may be scored according to their observed position on the course, which may be the position at the last mark rounded. This changes rule 35, A4 and A5. See also instruction 12.2.

14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1. A system for exoneration penalties, advisory hearings and arbitrations will be available. The exoneration penalty will be 30% of the number of boats (rounding 0.5 upwards) entered in the relevant fleet.
- 14.2. Protest forms are available at the Race Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 14.3. For each class, 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.
- 14.4. 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. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located in Room 3, beginning at the time posted.
- 14.5. Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 14.6. Breaches of instructions 17, 18, 20, 21 and 22 will not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 14.7. 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 rule 66.
- 14.8. 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 rule 62.2.

15. SCORING

- 15.1. The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply.
- 15.2. One race shall be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.3. The total score for each boat will be the sum of her scores as follows:
- 15.3.1. When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - 15.3.2. When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores except her worst score.

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1. 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. This changes rule 40.
- 16.2. A tally system will be in operation:
 - 16.2.1. The tally control point will be located under the main balcony outside the changing rooms.
 - 16.2.2. Tallies comprise of numbered rubber wristbands. Numbers will be allocated at registration. Tallies shall be worn visibly, over clothing, on the right wrist by sailors at all times while afloat.
 - 16.2.3. Sailors shall individually check-out before racing by personally collecting their tally.
 - 16.2.4. Sailors 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.
 - 16.2.5. Failure to tally-out or tally-in may result in a penalty of:
 - a) First offence - a donation of £10, made to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution
 - b) Second and subsequent offences – five points added to the boat's series score
- 16.3. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. A declaration sheet will be available near the tally board which must be signed by competitors who have retired as they tally-in.

17. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A nominated Class Association representative may make spot scrutineering checks, prior to and during the event.

18. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 18.1. Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 18.2. 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.

19. SUPPORT BOATS

- 19.1. All Support Boats must register in advance of the event with the UK RS Feva Class Association Secretary by email to secretary@rsfeva.org.uk.
- 19.2. 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.
- 19.3. Support Boats will sign in at the Race Office and comply with the Support Boat regulations as defined in the Sailing Instructions. Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel will be required to register at the Race Office during Registration.
- 19.4. 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.
- 19.5. All support boat helms shall attend all safety boat briefings.
- 19.6. To ensure fairness to all competitors, all support boats may be required to carry drinks, snacks and spares for competitors who do not have their own support boat.
- 19.7. The official event photographer may move between the starting line and course marks in order to photograph the event, this boat will display a distinguishing flag.

20. TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.

21. PRIZES

- 21.1. Prizes will be given dependent on number of entries, but as a minimum 1st – 3rd overall.
- 21.2. The titles will be awarded are: RS Feva Winter Champion & RS 200 Winter Champion.

22. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

23. RISK STATEMENT

Rule 4 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:

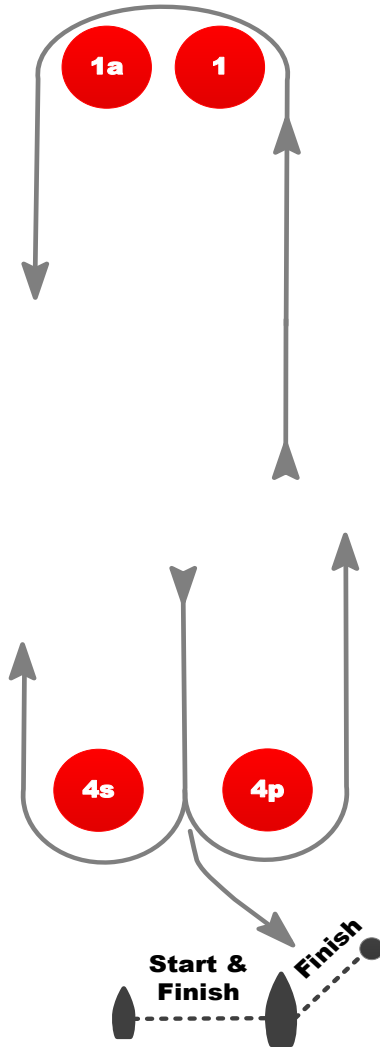
- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their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

24. INSURANCE

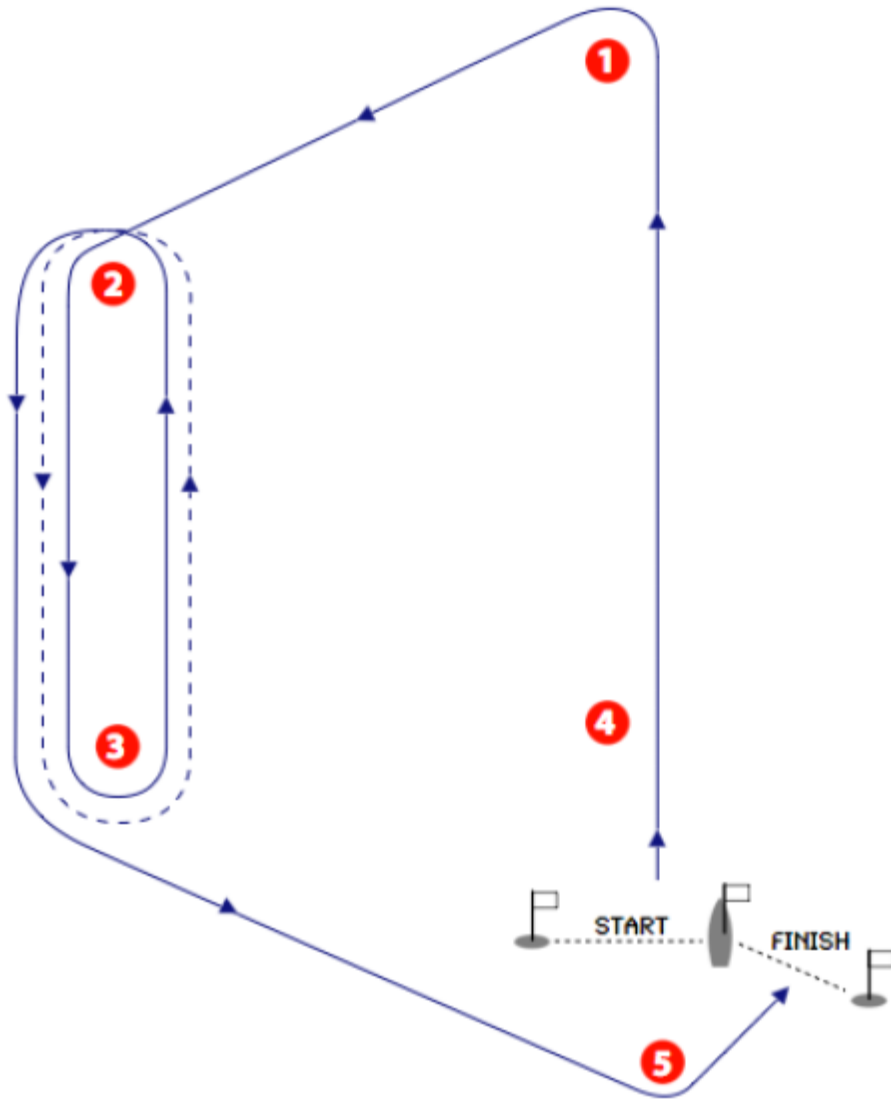
Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per incident or the equivalent

ATTACHMENT A – COURSES

| LA | COURSE: WINDWARD / LEEWARD with spreader mark and reaching finish |
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| Signal | Mark Rounding Order |
| L2 | Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4p – Finish |
| L3 | Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4p – Finish |
| L4 | Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4p – Finish |



| Course O : Outer Loop, Reaching Finish | |
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| Course Board | Mark Rounding Order |
| O2 | Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – 5 - Finish |
| O3 | Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – 5 - Finish |
| O4 | Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – 5 - Finish |



| Course I : Inner Loop, Reaching Finish | |
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| Course Board | Mark Rounding Order |
| I2 | Start – 1 – 4 – 1 – 2 – 3 – 5 - finish |
| I3 | Start – 1 – 4 – 1 – 4 – 1 – 2 – 3 – 5 - finish |
| I4 | Start – 1 – 4 – 1 – 4 – 1 – 4 – 1 – 2 – 3 – 5 - finish |

