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WEYMOUTH & PORTLAND NATIONAL SAILING ACADEMY
Osprey Quay, Portland, Dorset DT5 1SA

The Organising Authority (OA) is The Weymouth & Portland National Sailing Academy (WPNSA), in conjunction with The National Albacore Class Association (NAA).

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation [DP] in a rule in the SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 – 2020 (RRS)*.
- 1.2. The Equipment Rules of Sailing and the Class Rules of the UK National Albacore Association will apply.
- 1.3. Part 5, Section B of the RRS, Rule 63.1 will be changed to permit Protest Arbitration.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the glass booth under the Spinnakers balcony, outside the changing rooms.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 09:00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to schedule of races will be posted by 19:00 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpoles outside the Race Office.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' when racing in Portland Harbour or 'not less than 60 minutes' when racing is in Weymouth Bay, in the 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 if racing is in Portland Harbour or 'The warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes' after flag D is displayed if racing is in Weymouth Bay. Boats shall not leave the slipway until this signal is made.
- 4.4. Flag P displayed indicates racing will be in Portland Harbour. Flag W displayed indicates racing will be in Weymouth Bay.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1. The schedule:

Day	Date	Event	Time
Saturday	5 th August	Registration & Inspection	09:00 - 17:00
Sunday	6 th August	Late Registration & Inspection	09:00 - 11:00
		Competitors Briefing	11:30
		Race 1 start	13:00
		Race 2 start	asap after race 1
Monday	7 th August	Race 3 start	12:00
		Race 4 start	asap after race 3
Tuesday	8 th August	Race 5 start	12:00
		Race 6 start	asap after race 5
Wednesday	9 th August	Lay Day or Spare Day	all day
Thursday	10 th August	Race 7 start	12:00
		Race 8 start	asap after race 7
Friday	11 th August	Race 9 start	12:00
		Race 10 start	asap after race 9

- 5.2. 10 Races are scheduled for the International Championship and six for the National Championship.
- 5.3. An extra race per day may be sailed, provided that the event becomes no more than one race ahead of schedule.
- 5.4. Where more than one race is scheduled on a day the second race will start as soon as possible following the completion of the previous race.
- 5.5. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound signal at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 5.6. On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 15:00.
- 5.7. The National Championship will comprise of races one to six. All races will count towards the International Championship.

6. CLASS FLAG

The class flag is Naval Numeral No. 1.

7. RACING AREAS

The racing area will be in Weymouth Bay or Portland Harbour.

8. THE COURSES

- 8.1. The diagrams in Appendix A show the courses, 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 may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
- 8.3. No later than the warning signal the course number and number of rounds will be displayed on the committee signal boat.

9. MARKS

- 9.1. Marks 1, 2 & 3 will be 1.6m blue cylindrical buoys with a black band.
- 9.2. New marks as provided for in SI 12.1 will be a 1.5m black dumpy buoy.
- 9.3. A race committee boat signalling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in instruction 12.2

10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1. Boats shall keep clear of vessels at anchor or vessels displaying Flag A, indicating divers in the water.
- 10.2. The attention of all competitors, race management personnel and spectators afloat is drawn to the fact that Portland Inner and Outer Harbour is a working port and that harbour regulations must be observed. Any directions given by Portland Harbour Authority to the race management will be relayed through official boats and must be observed by all competitors, spectator boats and race management vessels. [DP].
- 10.3. Only the Northern entrance should be used in leaving or returning to Portland Inner Harbour, unless directed otherwise by an Official or Portland Harbour Authority Boat.

11. THE START

- 11.1. Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made five minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2. The starting line will be a line between a mast displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and either a mast displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat or a dan buoy displaying an orange flag at the port end.
- 11.3. A boat that does not start within six 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

- 12.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. The change will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the leg although the new mark may not yet be in position. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 12.2. Boats shall pass between the race committee boat signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes RRS 28.

13. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a mast displaying a blue flag on a race committee signal boat and a dan buoy displaying a blue flag.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

A boat that has taken a penalty under RRS 31 or RRS 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgment form at the race office within the protest time limit.

15. TIME LIMITS

- 15.1. Time limits and target times are as follows:

<u>Time limit</u>	<u>Mark 1 time limit</u>	<u>Target time</u>
90 minutes	30 minutes	60 minutes

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 62.1(a).

- 15.2. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored as per SI 15.3. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 15.3. At the time point in SI 15.2 the Race Officer will instruct an official boat to move back down the course and record the positions of those boats still on the course as they pass them. The positions recorded shall not be grounds for redress; this changes RRS 62.1(a).

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1. The RYA system for exoneration penalties and arbitration will be available. Full details may be viewed at: <http://www.rya.org.uk/SiteCollectionDocuments/Racing/RacingInformation/RacingRules/RYA%20Guidance%20-%20Rules%20Disputes%20-%202012.16.pdf>.
- 16.2. Protests forms are available at the race office, located in Room 4. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.3. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day if racing in Portland Harbour and 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day if racing in Weymouth Bay or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 16.4. 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 at Room 3 starting at the time posted.
- 16.5. Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.6. Breaches of SIs 18, 21 and 24 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day or no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.
- 16.7. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 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

FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

- 17.1. Four races shall be completed to constitute a series
- 17.2. When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 17.3. When from five to eight races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 17.4. When nine or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

FOR THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

- 17.5. Three races shall be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.6. When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 17.7. When from four to six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

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'. [DP].
- 18.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify a race committee as soon as possible and complete the retirement form located at the tally board as soon as returning to shore. [DP].
- 18.3. A tally system is to be used for the safety of the competitors for the duration of the championship.
 - 18.3.1. Tallies comprise of numbered rubber wristbands. Numbers will be allocated to each helm and crew at registration. Tallies shall be worn visibly, over clothing, on the right wrist/arm by all sailors at all times while afloat.
 - 18.3.2. The tally control point to tally-out and tally-in will be located under the balcony outside the changing rooms.
 - 18.3.3. Each competitor shall individually tally-out before racing by personally collecting their tally.
 - 18.3.4. Each competitor shall individually tally-in immediately on returning to shore after racing by returning the tally personally to tally control point on the correct numbered peg. The time limit to tally in is 10 minutes after the last boat has come ashore after the last race of the day.
 - 18.3.5. Any boat that fails to comply with the tally system may be disqualified from that day's race/races, 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.

19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1. Substitution of crew shall not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee. Substitution of helm will constitute a new entry.
- 19.2. 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.

20. MEASUREMENT AND EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 20.1. Boats may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions, and shall follow any instructions from the race committee or technical committee.
- 20.2. Before a boat is eligible to race, her current, valid measurement certificate must be presented at boat inspection or its existence verified.
- 20.3. All boats shall sail under their registered class number (subject to 20.4 below).
- 20.4. Subject to the written permission of the race committee a boat chartered or loaned for the event may declare at the time of entry or registration a sail number to be displayed on all sails used in the regatta which may be different from the number of the boat as stated on the measurement certificate provided that this declared number shall not be the sail number of any other boat competing in the regatta.
- 20.5. Each boat, with her sails and equipment, shall be available for equipment inspection as stated in the schedule 5.1. Please refer to additional information supplied in NoR 7.1 – 7.4.

21. EVENT ADVERTISING

If required, boats shall display event advertising supplied by the Organising Authority as described on the official notice board and/or on an instruction sheet.

22. SUPPORT BOATS

- 22.1. 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.
- 22.2. Team leaders, coaches and other support personal shall remain more than 100 metres from the course area, and shall not communicate with competitors while they are racing in any way verbally or with signals. They shall not cause wash to spread across the race area. The course area is defined as the area bounded by all the racing marks and any boat racing. This SI does not apply during rescue operations if asked to assist.
- 22.3. Support boats shall register with the organising authority at the times prescribed for registration and shall declare the names and sail numbers of the competitors with whom they are associated. Team and support boats shall be conspicuously identified by the country name, national letters or national flag of the team(s) they represent.
- 22.4. Support boats may be requested to assist the race committee with rescue duties and shall monitor VHF channel 04 at all times whilst afloat.

23. TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats. Trash shall not be put in the water. [DP].

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. [DP]

25. PRIZES

Prizes will be presented as per the NoR.

26. RISK STATEMENT

Rule 4 of the RRS states “the responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race 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.

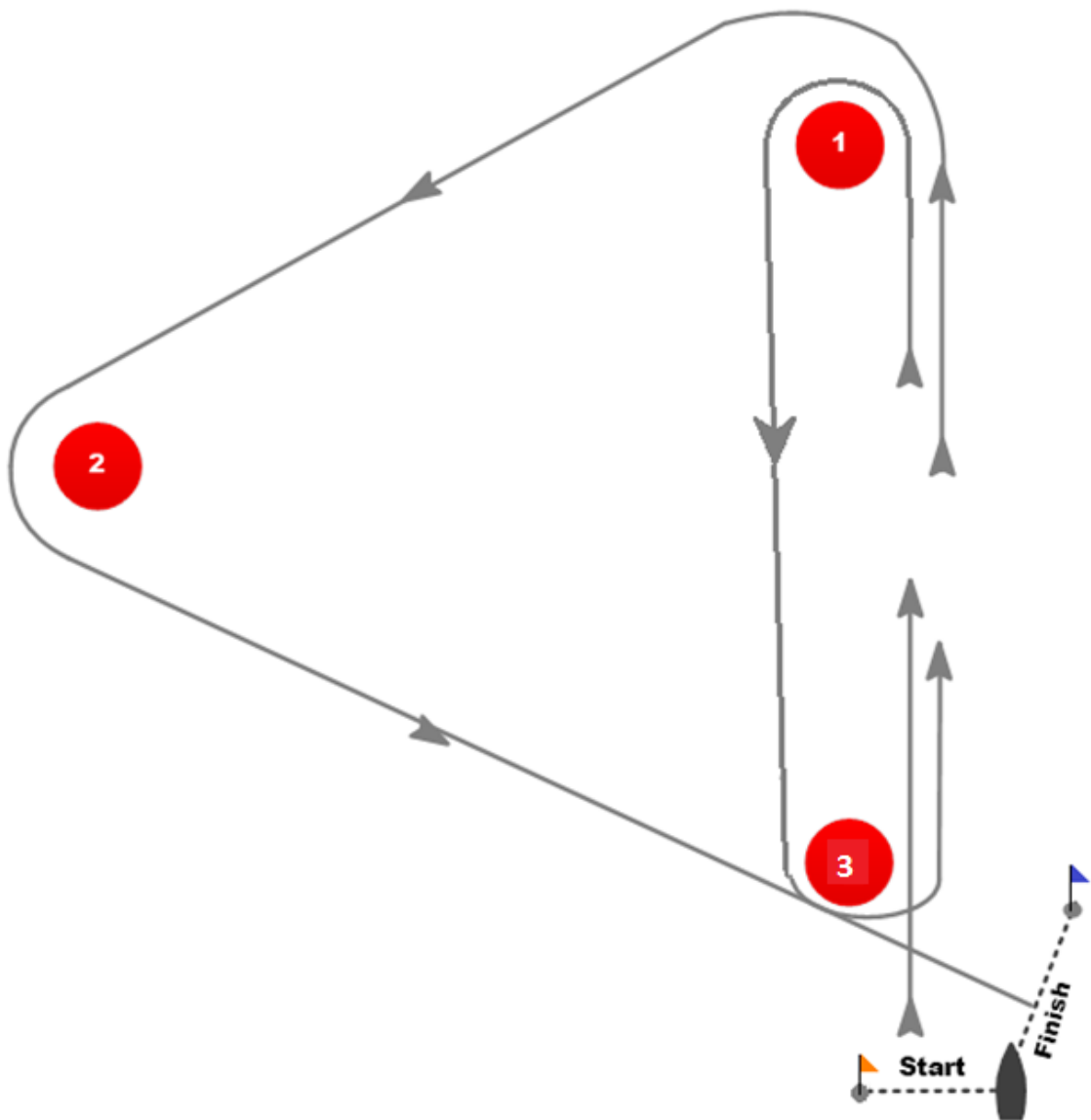
27. INSURANCE

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

28. TELEVISION & PHOTOGRAPHERS' RIGHTS

Competitors give absolute right and permission for video footage or photographs of themselves or their boat to be published in any media for press, editorial or advertising purposes.

TS	COURSE: TRIANGLE/WINDWARD- LEEWARD with reaching finish
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
TS2	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – Finish
TS3	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – Finish
TS4	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – Finish



T	COURSE: TRIANGLE with reaching finish
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
T1	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – Finish
T2	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – Finish
T3	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – Finish

