



Byte National & Open Championship 2018

20th – 22nd July 2018

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organising Authority is the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy (WPNSA) in conjunction with the International Byte Class Association

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 International Byte Class Rules will apply.
- 1.3. Boats participating in this regatta shall conform to the *World Sailing Equipment Rules of Sailing 2017 – 2020 (ERS)*.
- 1.4. The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NoR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.
- 1.5. The RRS will be changed as follows:
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'. RRS 63.7 is changed so that in the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

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

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 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. [DP].
- 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	Where	Time
Thursday	19 th July	Pre-event Coaching		12:30 – 17:00
Friday	20 th July	Registration	Room 4	09:00 – 11:00
		Competitors Briefing	Spinnakers	11:30
		Warning signal for race one		12:55
		Warning signal for race two		ASAP after race one
		Welcome Reception	Spinnakers	After racing
Saturday	21 st July	Warning signal for race three		10:25
		Warning signal for race four		ASAP after race three
		Warning signal for race five		ASAP after race four
		Barbecue	Spinnakers	19:00 onwards
Sunday	22 nd July	Warning signal for race six		09:55
		Warning signal for race seven		ASAP after race six
		Prize giving & afternoon tea	Spinnakers	ASAP after racing

5.2. The Race Committee reserve the right to modify the programme due to extreme weather conditions or other causes. This may include bringing scheduled races forward.

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 a warning signal is made.

5.4. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15:00.

6. CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be a white flag with the Byte Class logo on it.

7. RACING AREA

The race area will be in either Portland Harbour and Weymouth Bay.

8. THE COURSES

8.1. The diagrams in Attachment 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. The course configuration and number of laps will be displayed on the committee boat.

8.3. No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

9. MARKS

9.1. Marks 1, 2 and 4 will be 1.6m blue dumpy buoys with a black band.

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

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

10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

10.1. Boats shall keep more than 100 metres away from vessels over 100 metres, vessels displaying Flag A (indicating divers in the water) or vessels at anchor (except for race committee vessels). These areas are obstructions as defined in the Rules.

10.2. The attention of all competitors, race management personnel and spectators afloat are 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.

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.

10.4. Boats shall 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 with the warning signal made five minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2. The starting line will be between staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal vessel at the starboard end and the starting mark at the port end.
- 11.3. A boat that does not start within five 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 move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.
- 12.2. Minor mark moves (up to approximately 100m) may be made without signalling the change. This changes RRS 33.

13. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee signal vessel and the finishing mark.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 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. The race target time is 45 minutes. 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 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1. Protest forms are available at the race office, located in Room 4. Protest 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 afloat no more racing today, whichever is later. If boats are held ashore the protest time limit is 30 minutes after flag AP over A is displayed ashore.
- 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 in Room 3, beginning at the time posted.
- 16.4. Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee, or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.5. Breaches of SIs 18, 20, 21 and 22 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 16.6. 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.
- 16.7. Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided for in RRS 70.5.

17. SCORING

- 17.1. The Low Point System of Appendix A4 will apply.
- 17.2. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.3. When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 17.4. 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.
- 17.5. When seven or more 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 to tally-out and tally-in will be located under the balcony outside the changing rooms.
- 18.2.2. Tallies comprise of numbered rubber wristbands. Numbers will be allocated to each competitor at registration. Tallies shall be worn visibly, over clothing, on the right wrist by all sailors at all times while afloat.
- 18.2.3. Each competitor shall individually tally-out before racing by personally collecting their tally.
- 18.2.4. 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.
- 18.2.5. 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.
- 18.3. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. A Retirement Form will be available at the tally board.

19. REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

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. SUPPORT BOATS

- 20.1. 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.
- 20.2. Team leaders, coaches and other support persons shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the for the first race until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

21. TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash shall not be thrown in the sea. It may be placed aboard support or official boats. [DP].

22. 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].

23. PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows (all the ages are as of 20th July 2018):

- 1st, 2nd and 3rd places overall
- 1st under 16 year old
- 1st Junior girl (under 21 years)
- 1st Youth (between ages 16 to 21 inclusive)
- 1st Lady
- 1st over 50 year old
- Spot prizes - various

24. 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.

25. INSURANCE

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

Attachment A - Course

LT	COURSE: WINDWARD-LEEWARD/TRIANGLE with reaching finish
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
LT2	Start – 1 – 2 – 4 – 1 – 4 – Finish
LT3	Start – 1 – 2 – 4 – 1 – 4 – 1 – 2 – 4 – Finish
LT4	Start – 1 – 2 – 4 – 1 – 4 – 1 – 2 – 4 – 1 – 4 – Finish

