



International Moth Class UK Open Grand Prix

13th & 14th May 2017



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

1. RULES

- 1.1 The racing will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 – 2020*, the International Moth Class rules and the Sailing Instructions.

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 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 OF RACES

- 5.1 The schedule of races and the times of warning signals are:

| Day | Race Number | Warning signal |
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| Saturday | Race 1 | 11:55 |
| | Race 2 | ASAP after Race 1 |
| | Race 3 | ASAP after Race 2 |
| Sunday | Race 4 | 10:25 |
| | Race 5 | ASAP after Race 4 |
| | Race 6 | ASAP after Race 5 |

- 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 five minutes before a warning signal is made.
5.3 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 15:30.

6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 The Class flags will be the class insignia on either a blue or a yellow background or code flag O.

7. RACING AREA

- 7.1 The course area will be Portland Harbour.

8. THE COURSE

- 8.1 The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses including 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 The approximate bearing of the windward mark may be displayed on the committee boat.

9. MARKS

- 9.1 Marks 1, 2, 3, 3s and 3p will be 1.6m blue inflatable buoys with a black band.
- 9.2 Mark S the starting mark will be a dan buoy displaying an orange flag.

10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1 Boats shall keep clear of bunkering vessels or diving operations (Flag A).

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 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. THE START

- 12.1 Races will be started by using Rule 26.
- 12.2 The Starting Line will be between a mast displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat and mark S or a mast displaying an orange flag on a boat at the port end.
- 12.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after the starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rules A4 and A5.

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between a mast displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee Boat and mark 3p.
- 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. PENALTIES

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

15. TIME LIMITS

- 15.1 If no boat has completed the 1st lap within 30 minutes the race shall be abandoned and re-sailed where possible.

16. PROTESTS & REDRESS

- 16.1 Protest forms are available from the Race Office, which is in Room 4.
- 16.2 Protests and Requests for Redress must be lodged in writing with the Race Office, within 60 minutes of the last boat finishing the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 16.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties to a hearing or named as witnesses. It shall be the responsibility of competitors to check the notice board for such notices.
- 16.4 Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under Rule 61.1(b).
- 16.5 Breaches of instructions 18, 22 and 23 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes rule 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 rule 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 rule 62.2.

17. SCORING & RESULTS

- 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 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 17.4 When four or more 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'.
- 18.2 A tally system will be in operation.
 - 18.2.1. The location of the tally board will be under the balcony, outside the changing rooms.
 - 18.2.2. Your tally, a rubber numbered band, must be collected from the tally board and worn at all times whilst afloat. Numbers will be allocated at registration.
 - 18.2.3. On completion of (or retirement from) the race, or races where they are held back to back, you must return directly to WPNSA and replace your tally on the tally board in its correct position.
 - 18.2.4. In the event that you come ashore away from WPNSA, you must telephone the club on 01305 866000 as soon as practicable, to report your position and safety.
 - 18.2.5. 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 rules 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.
- 18.4 Declarations are not required except for boats retiring. 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 2 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

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

21. PRIZES

- 21.1 Prizes will be given to the first three boats overall. Additional prizes will be at the discretion of the Race Committee having regard to the number of boats entered.

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 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.

23. TRASH DISPOSAL

- 23.1 Boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.

24. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 24.1 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. MEDIA RIGHTS, CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

- 25.1 By participating in the regatta, competitors grant to the IMCA-UK the right in perpetuity to make, use, and show at the IMCA-UK's discretion any motion or still pictures, audio recordings, or similar media. IMCA-UK grants the Organising Authority and the event sponsors the right in perpetuity to use and show this media at the IMCA-UK's discretion. This provision shall be interpreted as broadly as possible.
- 25.2 Competitors may be required to be interviewed during the regatta.

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".

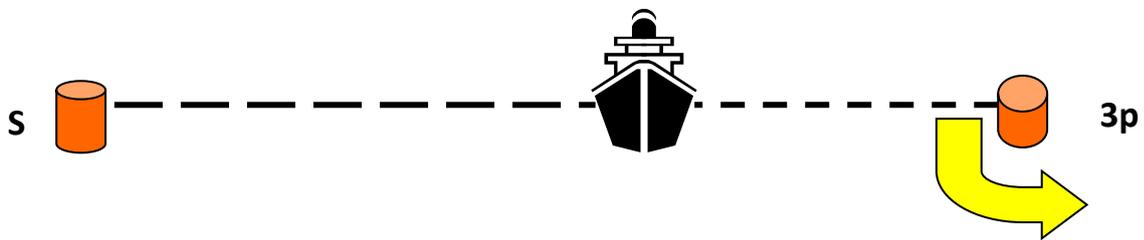
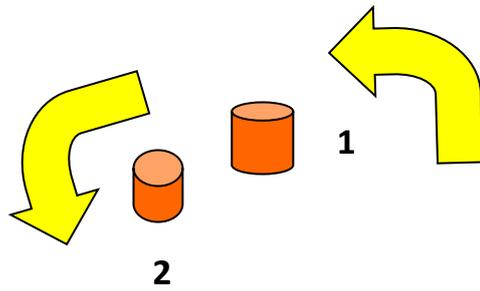
Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- (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

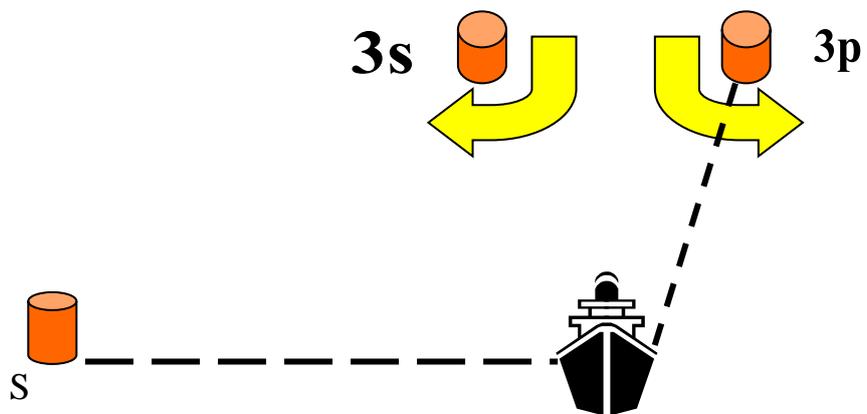
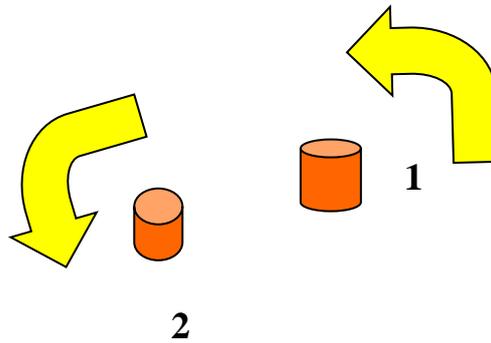
- 27.1 No boat shall race unless the boat is currently insured for third party risks to the minimum sum of £3,000,000 per incident (or its equivalent in any other currency) and such insurance shall be valid for the helmsperson who will be racing her.

ATTACHMENT A1



| Signal | Mark rounding order |
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| L2 | Start - 1 - 2 - 3p - 1 - 2 - Finish |
| L3 | Start - 1 - 2 - 3p - 1 - 2 - 3p - 1 - 2 - Finish |
| L4 | Start - 1 - 2 - 3p - 1 - 2 - 3p - 1 - 2 - 3p - 1 - 2 - Finish |
| L5 | Start - 1 - 2 - 3s - 1 - 2 - 3p - 1 - 2 - 3p - 1 - 2 - 3p - 1 - 2 - Finish |

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| G2 | Start - 1 - 2 - 3s/3p - 1 - 2 - Finish |
| G3 | Start - 1 - 2 - 3s/3p - 1 - 2 - 3s/3p - 1 - 2 - Finish |
| G4 | Start - 1 - 2 - 3s/3p - 1 - 2 - 3s/3p - 1 - 2 - 3s/3p - 1 - 2 - Finish |
| G5 | Start - 1 - 2 - 3s/3p - 1 - 2 - Finish |