



British A Class Catamaran Association National Championship 2018 & Unicorn Open Meeting



8th – 10th June 2018
(Unicorn 9th & 10th June 2018)

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organising Authority is the Weymouth & Portland National Sailing Academy (WPNSA) in conjunction with the British A Class Catamaran Association (BACCA).

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 racing rules will be changed as follows:
 - RRS 40 changed so that RRS 40 applies at all times while afloat. Flag Y will not be displayed.
 - RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
 - RRS 63.7 is changed so that in the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will prevail.
- 1.3 The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the SIs means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

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

Day	Date	Event	Where	Time
Friday	8 th June	A Class registration	Room 4	09:00 – 10:00
		A Class competitors briefing	Spinnakers	10:30
		Warning signal for first race of the day		12:25
Saturday	9 th June	Unicorn registration	Room 4	09:00 – 10:00
		Unicorn competitors briefing	Spinnakers	10:30
		Warning signal for first race of the day		12:25
		Sailors supper	Spinnakers	
Sunday	10 th June	Warning signal for first race of the day		10:25
		Prize giving	Spinnakers	ASAP after racing

5.2 The A Class Nationals will consist of seven races and the Unicorn Open will consist of five races.

5.3 The race committee reserve the right to modify the programme for any reason. This may include bringing scheduled races forward, except the first race on the first scheduled day of racing for a class.

5.4 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.

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

6 CLASS FLAGS

The A Class class flag will be flag G.

The Unicorn class flag will be flag U.

7 RACING AREAS

Racing will be in Weymouth Bay or Portland Harbour.

8 THE COURSES

8.1 The courses in Attachment A show the courses, the order in which the marks are to be passed and the side on which the mark is to be left.

8.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the letter of the course to be sailed. The courses for both starts may be displayed against the appropriate colours.

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

9 MARKS

9.1 Marks 1, 4s and 4p will be 1.6m blue cylindrical buoys with a black band. Mark 1a will be a small orange dumpy buoy.

9.2 A gate may be replaced by a single mark to be left to port.

9.3 The starting marks will be either an official boat displaying an orange flag or a dan buoy displaying an orange flag.

9.4 The finishing marks will be either an official boat displaying a blue flag or 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 masts displaying orange flags on the starting marks.
- 11.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. The starting area includes the extensions of the start line. [DP].
- 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 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

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between masts displaying blue flags on the finishing marks.
 - 13.2 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 as follows:
 - 13.2.1 When an official boat displays flag W with two sounds, boats still racing may be scored as their observed position on the race course.
 - 13.2.2 When a boat is scored in accordance with this instruction, she shall be given a score for a place after all boats that have sailed the course and finished.
- This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

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 time limits and target times are as follows:

Time limit	Target time
120 minutes	50 minutes

15.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing, unless SI 13.2 applies. 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. 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 if racing is in Portland Harbour and 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day if racing is in Weymouth Bay 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 SIs 11.3, 18, 21, 22, 23 and 24 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.

17 SCORING

- 17.1 Three races are required to be completed by to constitute a series.
- 17.2 The total score of each A Class boat will be the sum of her scores as follows:
- (a) When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores.
 - (b) When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 17.3 The total score of each Unicorn Class boat will be the sum of her scores as follows:
- (a) When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores.
 - (b) 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 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 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 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee. [DP].
- 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. [DP].

20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 20.1 A valid measurement certificate as required by the class rules must be available for examination by the race committee if requested.
- 20.2 Equipment may be inspected or measured at any time during the event for compliance to the class rules.

21 SUPPORT BOATS

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

22 TRASH DISPOSAL

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

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. [DP].

25 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded dependent on the number of entries but as a minimum, prizes will be presented for 1st to 3rd places for the A Class. The Unicorn class prizes will be dependent on the number of entries, but as a minimum first prize will be awarded.

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 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 – THE COURSE

LA	COURSE: WINDWARD / LEEWARD with spreader mark and reaching finish
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

