

## VRsport.tv UK National and Open Championships

27<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> August 2016

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



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

#### **1. RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013 - 2016, the International Moth Class rules and these sailing instructions (SIs).
- 1.2 All competitors shall be members of IMCA UK or in the case of overseas competitors they shall be members of their local Moth Class Association or IMCA

#### **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 IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 3.1 Any change to the SIs will be posted at least 90 minutes before the advertised starting time of the race, or races, concerned, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000hrs 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.

#### **5. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

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

Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> August	Race 1	1255 hours
	Race 2	ASAP after Race 1
	Race 3	ASAP after Race 2
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> August	Race 4	1125 hours
	Race 5	ASAP after Race 4
	Race 6	ASAP after Race 5
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> August	Race 7	1125 hours
	Race 8	ASAP after Race 7
	Race 9	ASAP after Race 8
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> August	Race 10	1025 hours
	Race 11	ASAP after Race 10
	Race 12	ASAP after Race 11

- 5.2 Boats shall not leave the slipway until flag D is displayed. The warning signal will be 'not less than 30 minutes' from the display of flag D

- 5.3 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1500hrs.

#### **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 shows the course 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, 3s and 3p will be 1.6m blue inflatable buoys with a black band. 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. STARTS**

11.1 Races will be started by using rule 26.

11.2 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.

11.3 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 before the starting signal. This changes rule 26.

11.4 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after the starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rules A4 and A5.

## **12. THE FINISH**

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

12.2 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.

12.3 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 12.2 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.

## **13. PENALTIES**

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

## **14. TIME LIMITS**

14.1 If no boat has completed the 1<sup>st</sup> lap within 30 minutes the race shall be abandoned and re-sailed where possible.

## **15. PROTESTS & REDRESS**

- 15.1 Protest forms are available from the Race Office, which is in Room 4.
- 15.2 Protests and Requests for Redress must be lodged in writing with the Race Office, within 90 minutes of the last boat finishing the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 15.3 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.
- 15.4 Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 15.5 Breaches of instructions 17, 19, 21 and 22 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a).
- 15.6 Penalties for infringements other than those in RRS Part 2 are at the discretion of the protest committee and may be less than disqualification.
- 15.7 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.
- 15.8 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.

## **16. SCORING & RESULTS**

- 16.1 The low point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.
- 16.2 Three races must be completed to constitute a championship.
- 16.3 When fewer than 4 races are sailed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. If four or more races are sailed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. If eight or more races are sailed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

## **17. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

### **17.1 PERSONAL BUOYANCY**

Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices at all times while afloat, except briefly while adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Flag Y will not be displayed. This changes rule 40.

### **17.2 TALLY SYSTEM**

The requirements of this instruction are specified for the safety of competitors.

- a) A tally system will be in operation.
- b) The location of the tally board will be under the balcony, outside the changing rooms.
- c) 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.
- d) 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
- e) 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.
- f) 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.

17.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

#### 17.4 DECLARATIONS

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.

### 18. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT & MEASUREMENT CHECKS

18.1 HELM SUBSTITUTION - 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.

18.2 SAIL NUMBER CHANGE - 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.

18.3 FOIL CHANGES - 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.

18.4 EQUIPMENT & MEASUREMENT CHECKS - A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

### 19 ADVERTISING

Boats shall display the advertising of the event sponsor supplied by the Organising committee on both sides of the forward 25% of the hull.

### 20 PRIZES

Prizes will be given to the first 6 boats overall.

Additional prizes will be given for:

- UK National Champion
- Ladies National Champion
- British Open/1<sup>st</sup> Overseas Competitor (awarded to 1<sup>st</sup> non-UK sailor)
- Best 1<sup>st</sup> Nationals
- 1<sup>st</sup> Junior Master for Caws Sails Trophy- Best sailor aged 40 or over but less than 45 years old (on 1<sup>st</sup> day of the event)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Master for Wings of Time - Best sailor aged 45 or over but less than 55 years old (on 1<sup>st</sup> day of the event)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Grand Master - Best sailor over 55 years old (on 1<sup>st</sup> day of the event)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Under 21 (on 1<sup>st</sup> day of the event)
- First sailor with boat older than 3 years (on 1<sup>st</sup> day of the event)
- Trier's Trophy (Lowest placed boat that completes all races)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Sailor in Silver Fleet
- 1<sup>st</sup> Sailor in homebuilt boat

Additional prizes have been kindly provided by Ronstan and presented by Sailtek Ltd.

## **21 SUPPORT BOATS**

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.

## **22 TRASH DISPOSAL**

Boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats

## **23 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions, text messages or cellular phone calls while racing.

## **24 MEDIA RIGHTS, CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT**

24.1 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.

24.2 Competitors may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment, positioning equipment, or other electronic devices as provided by the Organising Authority.

24.3 Competitors may be required to be interviewed during the regatta.

## **25. RISK STATEMENT**

25.1 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."

25.2 The Organising Authority accept no responsibility or liability for loss of life or injury to skipper or crew or others, or for the loss of, or damage to, any vessel or property

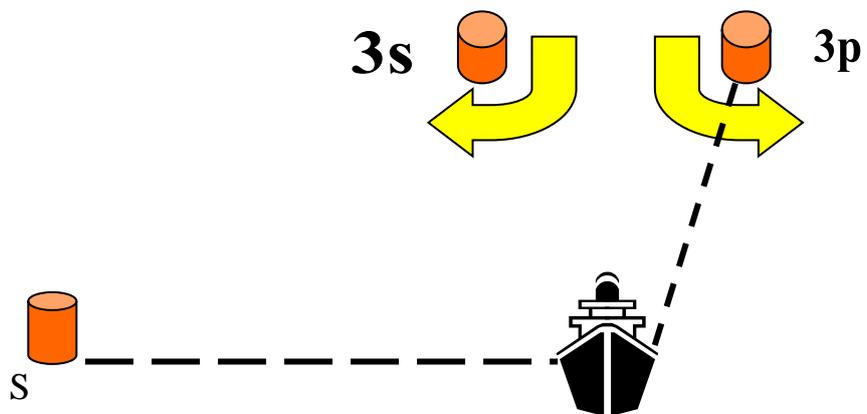
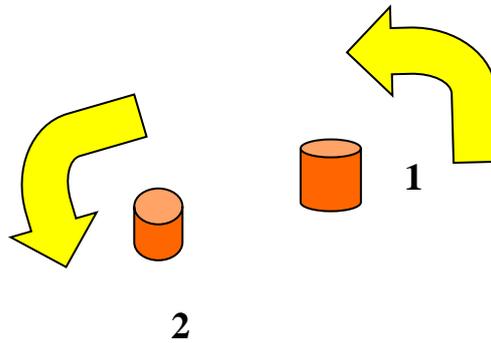
25.3 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- 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 other property whether afloat or ashore;
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;
- 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 organizer 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.

## **26 INSURANCE**

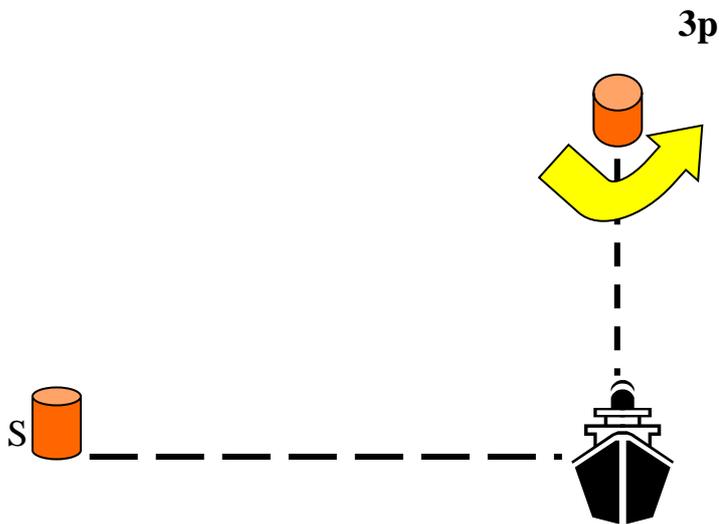
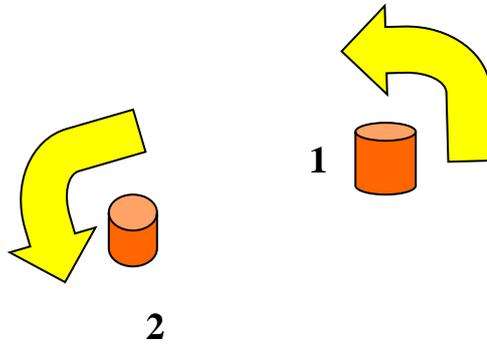
No boat shall race unless the boat is currently insured for third party risks to the minimum sum of £3,000,000 per incident (or its equivalent in any other currency) and such insurance shall be valid for the helmsperson who will be racing her.

# ATTACHMENT A1



Signal	Mark rounding order
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

## ATTACHMENT A2



Signal	Mark rounding order
S2	Start - 1 - 2 - 3p - 1 - 2 - Finish
S3	Start - 1 - 2 - 3p - 1 - 2 - 3p - 1 - 2 - Finish
S4	Start - 1 - 2 - 3p - 1 - 2 - 3p - 1 - 2 - 3p - 1 - 2 - Finish
S5	Start - 1 - 2 - 3p - 1 - 2 - Finish