



# Rooster UK RS Tera National Championships

## 31<sup>st</sup> August – 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

#### ORGANISING AUTHORITY

Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy (WPNSA) in conjunction with The UK RS Tera Class Association

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 a disqualification.

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 – 2020.
- 1.2. International RS Tera Class Rules will apply. In addition:
  - 1.2.1. Electronic compasses or variations thereof will not be permitted [DP]
  - 1.2.2. All sailors must wear a whistle attached to their buoyancy aids [DP]
  - 1.2.3. All boats shall carry a painter of 6mm floating line at least 8m in length (measured from the fitment point) permanently attached to the standard fitment position in front of the mast [DP]
  - 1.2.4. Rear handles on the transom must have the plastic loops fitted as supplied by RS [DP]
  - 1.2.5. The scrutineering process which is intended to assist in compliance with the RS Tera Class Rules will involve boats being selected at random for checks during the event. That technical officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in the rules.
- 1.3. Competitors shall sail in accordance with the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Racing Charter.
- 1.4. The Post-Race Penalty and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Dispute Process will be available. The Post-Race Penalty will be 30%.
- 1.5. All competitors will be required to wear personal floatation devices, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment, at all times while afloat. Flag Y will not be displayed. This changes RRS 40. [DP]
- 1.6. In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence.

#### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

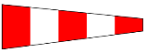
- 2.1. Notices will be posted on the online official notice board, which is available at <https://www.wpnsa.org.uk/events/rs-tera-national-championships-2020>.
- 2.2. The race office may be contacted at [race.office@wpnsa.org.uk](mailto:race.office@wpnsa.org.uk).


### 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09:00 on the day that they will take effect, except that changes to the schedule of races will be posted before 19:00 on the day before it will take effect.

### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole adjacent to the dinghy park.

4.2. When flag AP  is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

4.3. Flag D  displayed over the fleet flag with one sound means 'The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after flag D is displayed.' Boats are not to leave the beach until this signal is made. [DP]

### 5. REGISTRATION

Competitors shall complete all registration requirements before racing. The registration form link can be found in the Event Guide.

### 6. SCHEDULE


Day	Date	Event	Time
Sunday	30 <sup>th</sup> August	Boat arrival	From 14:00
		Online briefing available	Not later than 20:00
Monday	31 <sup>st</sup> August	First warning signal	10:55
Tuesday	1 <sup>st</sup> September	First warning signal	09:55

6.1. The pre-recorded race briefing will be made available through the online official notice board. Questions may be emailed to [rsterasecretary@gmail.com](mailto:rsterasecretary@gmail.com) and those questions, with answers from the Organising Authority and/or Race Committee as appropriate, will be posted as soon as possible on the online official notice board. Please note that questions will be answered in the order received, and those received after 21:00 on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August are not guaranteed to be answered prior to racing on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August.

6.2. The Championship will consist of up to 8 races. The intention is that there will be no more than 4 races a day.

6.3. No warning signal will be made after 15:00 on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020.

### 7. CLASS FLAGS

7.1. RS Tera PRO fleet      PRO flag      

7.2. RS Tera SPORT fleet      SPORT flag      

### 8. RACING AREAS

Racing will be in Portland Harbour.

### 9. COURSES

9.1. The diagrams in Attachment A show the course to be sailed.

9.2. The course and number of laps to be sailed will be displayed on a board on the Committee Boat.


9.3. The approximate bearing of mark 1 may be displayed on the Committee Boat.

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


## 10. MARKS

- 10.1. Marks 1, 2, 3p, 3s, 4p and 4s shall be 1.6m blue cylindrical buoys with black bands.
- 10.2. The starting mark will be a boat displaying an orange flag or dhan buoy with an orange flag
- 10.3. The finishing mark will be a dhan buoy with a blue flag

## 11. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 11.1. The following areas are designated as obstructions, which boats shall keep more than 100 metres away from: vessels over 100 metres in length, vessels at anchor or vessels displaying Flag A  (indicating divers in the water).
- 11.2. 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. [DP]
- 11.3. Boats will not transit at any time through the RNSA moorings, which are to the left of the Marina exit as leaving the Marina. [DP]


## 12. THE START

- 12.1. Races will be started by using RRS 26 with a 5-minute warning signal.
- 12.2. An attention signal will be made 10 minutes before the start by displaying an orange flag.
- 12.3. The Starting Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Boat and a mast displaying an orange flag on a pin-end boat, or a dhan buoy with an orange flag.
- 12.4. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. [DP]
- 12.5. A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS (Did Not Start) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 12.6. In the main fleets, the PRO fleet will start first, followed by the SPORT fleet.
- 12.7. If there is a general recall  for the PRO fleet, the SPORT fleet will be started after the restart of the PRO fleet.

## 13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark to a new position.

## 14. THE FINISH

- 14.1. The finishing line will be the race committee signal boat staff displaying a blue flag at the port end, and a dhan buoy with a blue flag at the starboard end.
- 14.2. Scoring other boats:
  - 14.2.1. After the first boat has sailed the course and finished, 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.
  - 14.2.2. When a race committee boat displays flag W  with two sounds, boats still racing may be finished by this race committee boat.
  - 14.2.3. When a boat is scored in accordance with this instruction, she shall be given score for a place after all boats that have sailed the course and finished.  
This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

## 15. TIME LIMITS

15.1. The time limit and target time for the leading boat in minutes is as follows:

<i>Time limit</i>	<i>Target time</i>
60	40

15.2. Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes may be scored according to their observed position on the course, which may be the position at the last mark rounded. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5. See also instruction 13.2.

## 16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1. A system for Post-Race penalties, advisory hearings and arbitrations will be available. The Post-Race penalty will be 30% of the number of boats (rounding 0.5 upwards) entered in the relevant fleet.

16.2. Protest forms are available at <https://www.wpnas.org.uk/protest-form>. Protests and requests for redress or reopening must be made within the appropriate time limit.

16.3. For each fleet, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished last race of the day or 30 minutes after flag AP over A is displayed ashore.

16.4. Notices will be posted on the Jury Notice Board at <http://juryboard.org/> 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 online using video links, further instructions will be sent to the participants of the hearing.

16.5. Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted on the Jury Notice Board to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

16.6. On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress based on a PC decision shall be delivered no later than 20 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

## 17. SCORING

17.1. The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply

17.2. One race shall be completed to constitute a series.

17.3. The total score for each boat will be the sum of her scores as follows:

17.3.1. If 4 or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

17.3.2. If from 5 to 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17.3.3. If 8 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst 2 scores.

17.4. Points for the PRO and SPORT fleets shall be calculated separately.

17.5. A competitor may submit a request to review a boat's score online at <https://www.wpnas.org.uk/request-for-a-review-of-a-boats-score>.

**18. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 18.2. Competitors shall wear a personal flotation device at all times while afloat, except briefly while adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Flag Y will not be displayed. This changes RRS 40. [DP]
- 18.3. A safety tally system will be in operation.
  - 18.3.1. The tally control point will be by the marquee.
  - 18.3.2. A Competitor’s tally will be their championship number. Numbers will be allocated and emailed to all competitors ahead of the event.
  - 18.3.3. Competitors’ shall individually check-out before racing by personally going to the tally control point and giving their championship number to advise they are going racing.
  - 18.3.4. Competitors’ shall individually check-in immediately on returning to shore by personally going to the tally control point and giving their championship number to advise they are ashore. This must be done no later than 10 minutes after the last boat has come ashore.
  - 18.3.5. The penalty for failing to tally-out or tally-in as instructed above will be five points added to the boat’s series score for each offence. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.
- 18.4. A boat that retires from a race shall notify an official boat as soon as possible. A declaration form is available online <https://www.wpnsa.org.uk/retirement-declaration> which must be completed by competitors when ashore. Competitors may also use this form to indicate races which they did not finish (DNF) or in which they took penalty turns. [DP]

**19. REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT**

Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the race committee. Requests for substitution of equipment shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity. A competitor may submit a request online at <https://www.wpnsa.org.uk/request-for-a-change-of-equipment>. [DP]

**20. OFFICIAL BOATS**

- 20.1 There will be no support boats at this event, only safety fleet.
- 20.2 Personal equipment such as food bags, drinks, spare parts and extra clothing will not be stored on any official boat for the duration of the event. Competitors should ensure that they carry sufficient food and water on their own boat. [DP]

**21. TRASH DISPOSAL**

Sailors must store take any rubbish ashore and put in bins.

**22. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones. [DP]

**23. PRIZES**

- 23.1 Prizes will be given as follows:- Pro fleet: 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>, Sport fleet: 1<sup>st</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>.
- 23.2 The titles will be awarded as follows:

RS Tera Pro National Champion:	First RS Tera Pro Overall
RS Tera Sport National Champion:	First RS Tera Sport Overall
RS Tera Club Trophy:	Lowest combined score of 1 <sup>st</sup> 3 competitors from any one club, Sport or Pro, (competitors who enter from more than one club will be scored as the first club listed on the entry). Clubs must have a minimum of three boats entered to qualify for this prize

## **24. RISK STATEMENT**

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."

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:

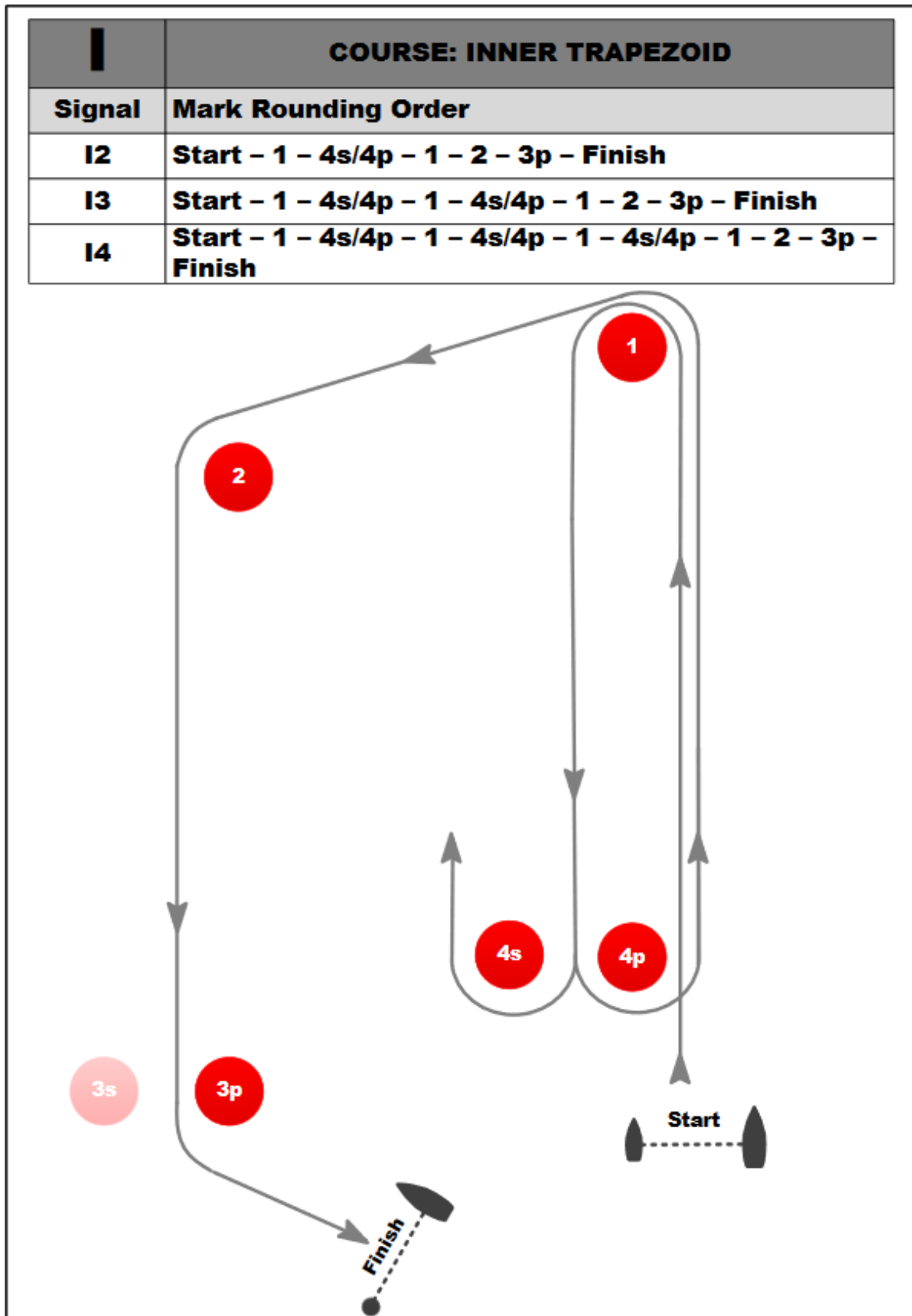
- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their property whether afloat or ashore;
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent 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.

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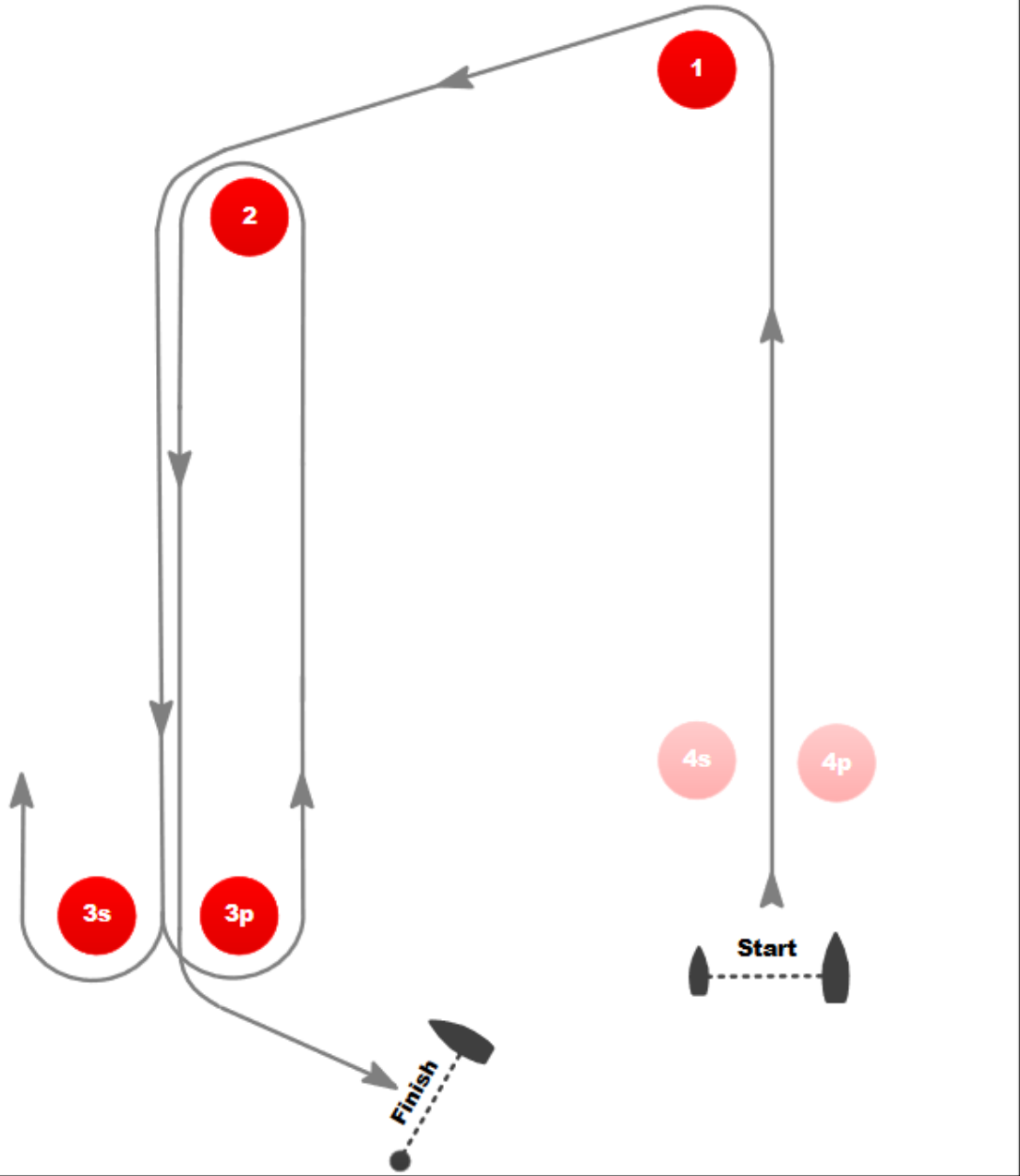
## **25. INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent

**ATTACHMENT A - COURSES**



<b>O</b>	<b>COURSE: OUTER TRAPEZOID</b>
<b>Signal</b>	<b>Mark Rounding Order</b>
<b>O2</b>	<b>Start - 1 - 2 - 3s/3p - 2 - 3p - Finish</b>
<b>O3</b>	<b>Start - 1 - 2 - 3s/3p - 2 - 3s/3p - 2 - 3p - Finish</b>
<b>O4</b>	<b>Start - 1 - 2 - 3s/3p - 2 - 3s/3p - 2 - 3s/3p - 2 - 3p - Finish</b>





## END OF SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### **FURTHER INFORMATION:**

**The UK RS Tera Class Association would like to thank WPNSA for all their help in putting this event on, together with all the volunteers who have offered to help us. There may be significant changes in Government and/or local Government COVID-19 guidance, regulation and operating procedures between the issue date of this document and the event date, we will endeavour to keep competitors informed. We would, however, ask that all competitors and volunteers take action to keep themselves informed of any changes in guidance.**

### **Part of our operational plan is shown below**

- a) We will, as an Organising Authority, take a considerate and conservative approach to the racing and the wind strength, sea state and the ability of competitors. This may mean postponements to starts. This is to ensure that we minimise as much as we can the impact on the local community. We will however endeavour to meet the programme as laid out in the Notice of Race.
- b) We have to maintain control of launching/recovery and the dinghy park. There will be special requirements for launching, recovery and the hygiene of boats and equipment, it is the responsibility of every competitor to make themselves aware of those regulations and to follow them, this includes labelling with their competitor number the boat trolley.
- c) Competitors, parents and guardians should be prepared to provide their own PPE, should Government guidelines change. This may include amongst other items, hand sanitiser and face masks. Please make yourselves aware of the current regulations and guidance.
- d) Social distancing and gatherings should be in accordance with regulation, including any mitigation.
- e) Personal equipment such as food bags, drinks, spare parts and extra clothing will not be stored on any official boat for the duration of the event. Competitors should ensure that they carry sufficient food and water on their own boat.
- f) The changing facilities onsite will be closed, except for the toilets.
- g) There will be a post-race snack available for the competitors. This will be served from a specific service location.
- h) Other catering facilities will be limited and all transactions should be by card payment only.

Should you have any questions please contact the RS Tera Secretary at [rsterasecretary@gmail.com](mailto:rsterasecretary@gmail.com) who will try to help.