



# WEYMOUTH AND PORTLAND NATIONAL SAILING ACADEMY

## SOLO REGATTA 28 - 29 JUNE 2008

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



Organised by the National Solo Class in association with Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy, and sailed under the burgee of Portland Castle Sailing Club.

#### 1.0 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the RYA shall apply.
- 1.3 The National Solo Class Rules and Constitution shall apply.
- 1.4 The WPNSA Local Sailing Instructions and Regulations shall apply.

#### 2.0 NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board situated in the glass conservatory in the Events Hall.

#### 3.0 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20.00hrs on the day before it will take effect.

#### 4.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the signal gantry located on the external balcony outside the Race Office on the seaward corner of the Events Hall.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' if racing is in Portland Harbour.
- 4.3 Boats may not go afloat or leave the pontoon berths until flag R is hoisted above the Class flag.
- 4.4 When flag Y is displayed ashore rule 40.1 applies to all Classes at all times while afloat. Should the rules of any of the classes require rule 40.1 to apply at all times flag Y will be displayed over the class flag it relates to.

#### 5.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Six races are programmed.
- 5.2 A briefing for competitors will be at 10.30hrs on Saturday 28 June.
- 5.3 **Saturday 28 June**

<b>Race 1</b>	<b>Race 2</b>	<b>Race 3</b>
11:55hrs	Asap after Race 1	Asap after Race 2

#### **Sunday 29 June**

<b>Race 1</b>	<b>Race 2</b>	<b>Race 3</b>
09:55hrs	Asap after Race 1	Asap after Race 2

Any postponed races, all will be sailed back to back.

- 5.4 When there has been a long postponement and when more than one race (Or sequence of races for two or more classes) will be held on the same day, the Warning Signal for the first race and each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound for at least five minutes before a Warning Signal is displayed.
- 5.5 On the last day of the regatta no Warning Signal will be made after 1500 hrs.

#### 6.0 CLASS FLAGS

The class flag will be Numeral Pennant one

#### 7.0 RACING AREAS

All races will take place in Portland Harbour.

#### 8.0 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The diagrams in attachment A show the courses to be sailed including the approximate angles between legs, the

- order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 No later than the Warning Signal the race committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
- 8.3 When there is a gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark.
- 8.4 Courses may be shortened or abandoned according to RRS 32
- 8.5 Legs of the course may be changed after the start according to RRS 33

## **9.0 THE MARKS**

- 9.1 Marks will be pale orange inflatable buoys.
- 9.2 The starting line will be between a staff or mast displaying an orange flag on the committee at the starboard end, and the port end starting mark that will be a dan buoy displaying an orange flag.
- 9.3 The finishing line will be between a staff or mast displaying an orange flag and a blue flag on the finishing committee boat at the starboard end and a dan, buoy displaying a blue flag at the port end. Or if the race is shortened between the committee and the nearby rounding mark
- 9.4 A race committee boat signalling a change of leg of the course is a mark as provided in instruction 12.2

## **10.0 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS**

- 10.1 Boats shall not intrude into the working areas of Portland Port. Boats shall remain well clear of vessels employed in diving operations (Displaying flag A)

## **11.0 THE START**

- 11.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal. An attention signal Orange Flag with one sound will be made five minutes before the warning signal for the first start of the day (See 5.3).
- 11.2 The race committee will display the course to be sailed before the warning signal on a course indicator board on the starboard side of the committee boat.
- 11.3 A gate start may be used as per Addendum C of appendix L of the RRS in which paragraph 8 is changed to read 6 minutes and paragraph 13 changed to read 8 minutes.
- 11.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 11.5 A boat attempting to start later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start, This changes rule A4.
- 11.6 If any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line during the two minutes before her starting signal, the race committee will display flag V and / or a flashing red light on the bow of the Committee Boat. It will be displayed until all boats have sailed completely to the pre-start side, but not after the starting signal. Varies RRS Appx L 11.5 This will not affect RRS 29.1, 30.1 or 30.3.

## **12.0 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 .See RRS 33.
- 12.2 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee boat signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes rule 28.

## **13.0 THE FINISH**

- 13.1 The finishing line will be as described in 9.3

## **14.0 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 14.1 A boat that has taken a penalty under rule 31.2 or 44.1 may complete an acknowledgment form at the race office within the protest time limit.
- 14.2 As provided in rule 67, the protest committee may, without a hearing, penalize a boat that has broken rule 42 (propulsion).

## **15.0 TIME LIMITS**

- 15.1 The time limits for first finisher shall be 60 minutes with a 20 minute mark 1 time limit. If no boat passed mark 1 within the time limit the race will be abandoned. The target race length for the leading boat in each race shall be 45 minutes.

15.2 At the expiry of the time limit boats that have not finished will be awarded a position based on their position on the course at that time.

## **16.0 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 16.1 Protest forms will be available either from the event race office or the main WPNSA reception. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 16.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee and protest committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2]
- 16.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Jury Room the location of which will be posted on the Protest Notice Board, beginning as soon as practicable.
- 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 A list of boats that, under instruction 14.4, have acknowledged breaking rule 42. Or have been disqualified by the protest committee will be posted before the Protest time limit.
- 16.6 Breaches of instructions 11.3, 14.3, 18, 19.2, 22, 23 & 24 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 16.7 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered if;  
(a) Within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day. (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.

## **17.0 SCORING**

- 17.1 The low points scoring system will be used as per RRS Appendix A A4.1.
- 17.2 A minimum of two races will constitute a series.
- 17.3 There will be one discard, If, four or more races are sailed.

## **18.0 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 18.1 A Tally System shall be in operation for all racing-taking place at WPNSA. The system will be explained on a leaflet available at registration. The location of the tally board will be given at the competitors briefing.
- 18.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

## **19.0 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 19.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 19.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **20.0 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

- 20.1 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 measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

## **21.0 OFFICIAL BOATS**

- 21.1 Official boats may be marked as follows: Committee Boats; Official Patrol Boats, Jury, Media.

## **22.0 SUPPORT BOATS**

- 22.1 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 the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 22.2 All support craft in whatever capacity shall register with WPNSA before they are permitted to launch, and will launch only under the direction of WPNSA staff who will indicate where such launching and recovery shall take place.

## **23.0 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

23.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

#### **24.0 PRIZES**

24.1 Prizes will be awarded in the Clubhouse Cafeteria as soon as possible after racing on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June, in accordance with NOR 11.0.

#### **25.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

25.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their risk. See RRS 4 "Decision to Race".

25.2 A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else reduces this responsibility.

25.3 It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and her crew is competent to sail and compete in them.

25.4 Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the organising authority, the race committee, the race officer, patrol boats and beach masters.

25.5 The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities.

#### **26.0 INSURANCE**

26.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third – party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per event, or the equivalent in a foreign currency.

## ATTACHMENT A

### COURSE

1 Lap = Start, 1, 2, 3, Finish

2 Laps = Start, 1, 2, 3, 1, 3, Finish

3 Laps = Start, 1, 2, 3, 1, 3, 1, 2, 3, Finish

4 Laps = Start, 1, 2, 3, 1, 3, 1, 2, 3, 1, 3, Finish

All marks taken to Port.

Diagram not to scale

2 Lap course demonstrated

