



UK 29er Class National and Open Championships

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22nd to 26th July 2023

Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy

Sailing Instructions (SIs)

The Organising Authority is the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy (WPNSA) in conjunction with the UK 29er Class Association

Version	Notes
V1.0	Initial Version
V2.0	Change to SI 23.7 to allow Support persons to communicate with competitors between races

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

- 1.1 The racing will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than 30 minutes before flag D is displayed, except for changes to the schedule of races which will be posted before 19:00 on the day before it will take effect.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board, which is at <http://29er.uk/onb>
- 3.2 The race office is located in WPNSA Room 4.
- 3.3 There will be a competitor briefing in the Event Hall at 10:30 on Saturday 22nd July 2023.
- 3.4 The race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors via the Telegram messaging system as outlined in NoR Appendix C. It is strongly recommended that all competitors join these groups.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT [DP]

- 4.1 Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance protocols or legislation, even if they later prove to be unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.
- 4.2 Competitors and support persons shall place advertising provided by the organising authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole on the balcony outside the southeast corner of the Event Hall.
- 5.2 Flag T with one sound means that competitors may collect their tallies in accordance with SI 19.2.
- 5.3 Flag AP displayed ashore without a numeral pennant means "Racing is postponed indefinitely. Flag D will be displayed to commence launching shortly after AP is removed." This changes Race Signals AP.
- 5.4 Flag D with one sound means that boats may now leave the slipway, boats shall not launch before this signal is made.
- 5.5 The table below shows the flag to be displayed to signify the intended sailing area and the minimum time from flag D being displayed until the first warning signal:

Sailing Area	Signal	Min time
Portland Harbour	Flag P	30 minutes
Weymouth Bay	Flag W	60 minutes

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 The schedule is as follows:

Day	Date	Time	Event	Location / Races
1	Saturday 22 Jul 23	08:00 – 10:30	Registration	Spinnakers
		<i>(This Changes NoR 9.1)</i>		
		10:30	Competitor Briefing	Event Hall
		12:55	First Warning Signal	Up to 4 qualifying races
2	Sunday 23 Jul 23	11:25	First Warning Signal	Up to 4 qualifying races
3	Monday 24 Jul 23	11:25	First Warning Signal	Up to 4 qualifying races
4	Tuesday 25 Jul 23	11:25	First Warning Signal	Up to 4 final series races
5	Wednesday 26 Jul 23	11:25	First Warning Signal	Up to 4 final series races

- 6.2 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 two minutes before the first warning signal is made.
- 6.3 Each day succeeding races will be started as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous race.
- 6.4 The intention is that there will be no more than four races a day. However, additional races may be sailed either in advance or arrears in order to complete the programme if weather or other reasons dictate. If an additional race is to be sailed, flag F will be displayed at the end of the previous race. An extra race does not constitute a change to the schedule.
- 6.5 On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 15:30.

7 CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 Class flags will be as follows:

Fleet	Flag
Signals Ashore	Light Blue flag with the 29er logo
Yellow Fleet	Plain Yellow
Blue Fleet	Plain Blue
Gold Fleet	Plain Yellow
Silver Fleet	Plain Blue

8 RACING AREAS

- 8.1 The racing area will be in Portland Harbour or Weymouth Bay. See SI 5.5 for signals and timings.

9 COURSES

- 9.1 The diagram in Appendix A shows the courses, including the course signals, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the identifier of the course to be sailed.
- 9.3 The approximate bearing and distance to mark one may be displayed on the committee boat.
- 9.4 If a gate is replaced by a single mark, it is to be left to port.

10 MARKS

- 10.1 Marks 1, 2s and 2p will be large orange dumpy buoys.
- 10.2 One starting mark will be the Race Committee signal vessel displaying an orange flag. The other will be an official vessel displaying an orange flag.
- 10.3 One finishing mark will be an official vessel displaying a blue flag. The other will be a staff mark displaying a blue flag.
- 10.4 When a new mark is laid as described in SI 13.1 it will be a large blue dumpy mark with a black band.

11 OBSTRUCTIONS [DP]

- 11.1 Boats shall keep more than 100 metres away from ships over 100 metres in length, ships at anchor or ships displaying Flag A (indicating divers in the water). These areas rank as obstructions.
- 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 shall be observed. Any directions given by Portland Harbour Authority either in person or by VHF (CH 74) shall be complied with without delay. Failure to comply with this instruction may result in a penalty.
- 11.3 Only the Northern entrance shall be used in leaving or returning to Portland Inner Harbour, unless directed otherwise by an Official or Portland Harbour Authority Boat.
- 11.4 Boats shall not transit at any time through the RNSA moorings, which are to the left of the Marina exit when leaving the Marina.

12 THE START

- 12.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.
- 12.2 The starting line will be between the mast displaying an orange flag on the committee vessel at the starboard end and the mast displaying an orange flag on the port end official vessel.
- 12.3 A boat that does not start within four minutes after her starting signal may be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1.
- 12.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for the other start. If two small yellow pillar marks are laid downwind of the starting vessels, boats waiting for their sequence shall not be on the course side of these marks, otherwise boats shall be at least 50m downwind of the start line and its extensions. Boats finishing a race while another fleet is in its starting sequence shall quickly proceed to this location whilst keeping clear of boats in their start sequence. [DP].

13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 13.1 To change the next leg of the course the race committee will lay a new mark as described in SI 10.4 and signal the change in accordance with RRS 33.
- 13.2 In addition, minor mark moves of up to approximately 100m may be made without signalling the change and will use the same colour mark as the original. This changes RRS 33.

14 THE FINISH

- 14.1 The finishing line will be between a mast with a blue flag on the official finishing vessel and the mast displaying a blue flag on the port end finish mark.
- 14.2 The Race Committee may give a finishing place to any boat that is still racing by displaying flag W to her from an official vessel (which may be in motion) with two sounds and a verbal confirmation. A boat's finishing place in these circumstances will be the place she would have received had she sailed the course and finished within any time limit, without gaining or losing any place.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.
- 15.2 Appendix P will apply, as changed by SI 15.3 and 15.4.
- 15.3 RRS P2.1 is changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.
- 15.4 RRS P2.3 will not apply and RRS P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one.
- 15.5 For infringements of rules other than in Parts 1, 2 or 3 of the RRS, the penalty for a breach of a rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

16 TIME LIMITS

- 16.1 The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below:

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window	Target Time
25 minutes	50 minutes	30 minutes	30 minutes

- 16.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 16.3 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized, given a score under SI 14.2 or given redress, will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35 and A5.1.

17 HEARING REQUESTS

- 17.1 RRS Appendix T applies.
- 17.2 For each fleet, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat in that fleet finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 17.3 Protests/Redress shall be lodged online using the form on the Official Notice Board or in writing on the form available from the Race Office.
- 17.4 A notice will be posted on the official notice board no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. This is the notification required by RRS 63.2. Advisory hearings, arbitration hearings and protest hearings may begin without a notice and within protest time when the parties are available.
- 17.5 The hearings may be heard in person or online and will be advised.
- 17.6 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b) hearings.
- 17.7 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress based on a Protest Committee decision shall be delivered no later than 20 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

18 SCORING

- 18.1 See NoR 15.
- 18.2 A boat wishing to query its score shall do so using the appropriate form on the online Official Notice Board.
- 18.3 Crews' Race:
 - a) A crews' race is scheduled at the end of the qualifying series.
 - b) The qualifying series will not be extended into another day in order to accommodate the crews' race.
 - c) The regular helm and crew shall swap roles within the same boat, no other crew changes are allowed.
 - d) The crews' race will be scored separately in each of the fleets, each fleet will have its own winner. If there are a reduced number of entries for this race, alternative arrangements may be made.

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP]

- 19.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify an official boat if possible.
- 19.2 A tally system will be in operation:
- a) The tally control point will be located between the dinghy park and the academy building.
 - b) Tallies comprise of numbered rubber wristbands. Numbers will be allocated at registration. Tallies shall be worn visibly, over clothing, on the right wrist by sailors at all times while afloat.
 - c) Sailors shall individually check-out before racing by personally collecting their tally.
 - d) Competitors shall individually check-in immediately on returning to shore by personally going to the tally control point. This must be done promptly.
 - e) The penalty for failing to check-out or check in as instructed above will be a standard penalty without a hearing. The standard penalty will be 3 points non excludable added to the boat's series score for the first infringement, and 5 points for subsequent infringements. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.
- 19.3 RRS 40.1 applies at all times whilst afloat.
- 19.4 Boats wishing to sail ashore before the end of the day's racing shall not do so unless authorised by an official vessels. The Official vessel will instruct boats in the procedure for returning ashore.
- 19.5 Boats shall follow the instructions of the Official vessels.

20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 20.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee. Where substitution has been approved by the race committee the boat will be counted as a new entry and all races already sailed scored as DNC [DP].
- 20.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made in writing to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity and approval shall not be confirmed until such request is signed by the race committee and posted on the official notice board. Where a boat is found in breach of this rule the race committee will impose any penalty it sees fit which may include the boat being scored DNF for all previous races. [DP]
- 20.3 All requests under SI 20 shall be made using the appropriate form on the online Official Notice Board.

21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS.

See NoR 10

22 SUPPLIED BOATS

N/A

23 OFFICIAL VESSELS

- 23.1 Official vessels may include:
- a) Protest Committee Vessels
 - b) Race Committee Vessels
 - c) Safety Vessels
 - d) Equipment Inspector Vessels
 - e) Food Vessels
 - f) Media / Photographer Vessels
- 23.2 Competitors may place clearly labelled (name and sail number) food & drink on the food vessels, or safety vessels designated as such by the race committee.
- 23.3 Safety vessels shall stay outside areas where boats are racing and shall not communicate with competitors unless attending a boat in distress requiring assistance, or as directed by the race committee. Food vessels or safety vessels designated as such by the race committee are allowed to pass food and drinks to competitors while they are not racing.
- 23.4 Support Vessels include vessels carrying teams leads, coaches, relatives of competitors not crewing official vessels or other support roles.
- 23.5 All Support Vessels must be approved and registered with WPNSA.
- 23.6 Support Vessels may be marked with an appropriate coloured flag, National Flag or Country Code and shall comply with instructions from the event safety officer.
- 23.7 Support vessels shall not be in the racing area, nor shall they communicate with any competitors, from the time of the preparatory signal for their race until they have finished and returned to the holding area as described in SI 12.4.

- 23.8 For the purposes of this rule, the racing area shall be defined as not less than 100m from any boat that is racing, and this shall specifically include an area not less than 100m immediately to leeward of the start and finish lines for any race.
- 23.9 All Support Vessels should monitor VHF channel 60 at all times while afloat but especially when Flag V is displayed in accordance with RRS 37.
- 23.10 All Support Vessels are expected to act as part of the safety fleet if requested to do so by the Race Committee. The course safety lead or Race officer has authority to ask any safety/support boat to act solely as a safety boat without contact with sailors unless it is in respect of safety, after the finish of each race. The class safety boat protocol describes in detail safety and support boat procedures all crews must acquaint themselves with this document which is on the class website.
- 23.11 Kill cords shall be worn whilst engines are running. Failure to do so will result in the support boat and her crew being banned from the racing area for the remainder of the event.
- 23.12 No boats shall be towed to or from the race area without the express permission of the RC or the CSL This will normally be signalled by Flag T being flown from the committee vessel.

24 SUPPORT BOATS [DP]

- 24.1 See NoR Appendix one.

25 RUBBISH/TRASH DISPOSAL

- 25.1 Boats shall not put waste / rubbish into the water. Waste / rubbish may be placed aboard Official and Support boats.

26 BERTHING [DP]

- 26.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places whilst in the boat park.

27 HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

N/A

28 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

N/A

29 PRIZES

- 29.1 See NoR 24.

30 RISK STATEMENT AND DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Rule 3 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:

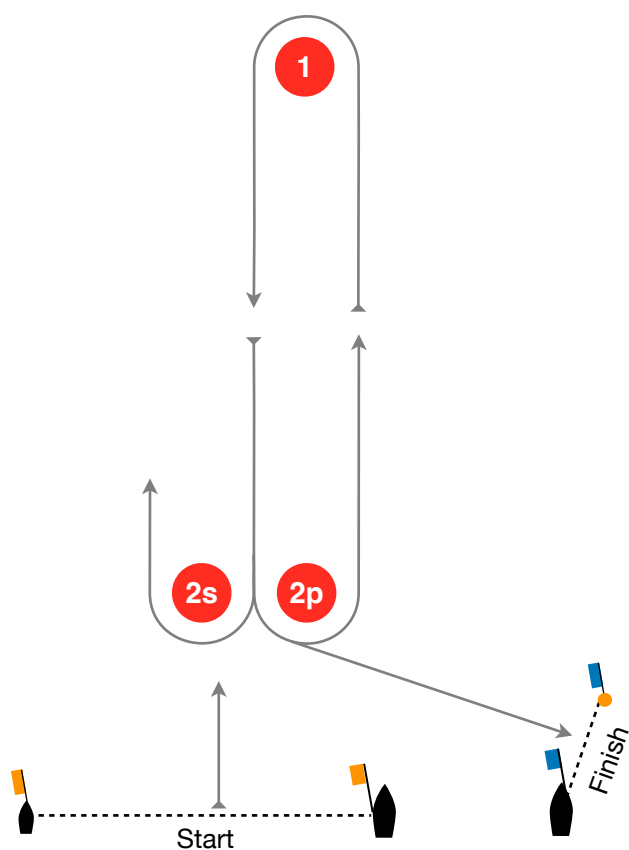
- (a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their 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.

31 INSURANCE

- 20.1 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.

Appendix A – COURSE DIAGRAM

L	COURSE: WINDWARD / LEEWARD with reaching finish
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
L2	Start - 1 - 2s/2p - 1 - 2p - Finish
L3	Start - 1 - 2s/2p - 1 - 2s/2p - 1 - 2p - Finish



Appendix B – FLEET ALLOCATIONS

Qualifying Series

- a) For the qualifying series boats will be assigned to fleets Yellow or Blue of, as nearly as possible, equal size and ability. Initial fleet assignments will be made by the Organising Authority, and posted by 09:00 on the first day of racing.
- b) In the qualifying series boats will be reassigned to fleets after each day of racing, except if on the first day only one race is completed. If all fleets have completed the same number of races, boats will be reassigned on the basis of their ranks in the series. If all fleets have not completed the same number of races the series scores for reassignment will be calculated for those races, numbered in order of completion, completed by all fleets. Reassignments will be made as follows:

Rank in series	Fleet Assignment
First	Yellow
Second	Blue
Third	Blue
Fourth	Yellow
Fifth	Yellow
Sixth	Blue
and so on	

- c) Assignments will be based on the ranking available at 21:00 that day regardless of protests or requests for redress not yet decided.
- d) If all fleets have not completed the same number of races by the end of a day, the fleets with fewer races will continue racing the following day until all fleets have completed the same number of races. All boats will thereafter race in the new fleets.

Final Series

- a) Boats will be assigned to final series fleets Gold or Silver on the basis of their ranks in the qualifying series. The boats ranked highest in the qualifying series will be assigned to the Gold fleet the remainder will be assigned to the Silver fleet. The gold fleet will contain half of the total boats in the series rounded up to the nearest whole number.