

Sprint 15 Sport National Championships

Yaverland Sailing and Boating September 21st to 23rd 2019

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organising Authority is the Yaverland sailing and Boating Club with Shanklin Sailing Club in conjunction with the UK Sprint 15 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 disqualification.

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. Competitors will be required to sail to the RYA Racing Charter, which can be found in the RYA Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 - 2020.
- 1.3. In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the Clubhouse.

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 flagpole located at the Clubhouse.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes'. This changes the meaning of AP in RRS race signals.
- 4.3. No boat may launch whilst AP is displayed ashore.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1 The intended schedule is as below.

Day	Date	Event	Location	Time
Friday	20 th September	Registration	Yaverland Clubhouse	18.00 – 19.00
Saturday	21 st September	Registration	Yaverland Clubhouse	11.00 – 12.00
Saturday	21 st September	Briefing	Yaverland Clubhouse	12.00
Saturday	21 st September	Warning signal for race 1	Out at sea	13.55
Saturday	21 st September	Warning signal for race 2		ASAP after race 1
Sunday	22 nd September	Warning signal for race 3	Out at sea	10.25
Sunday	22 nd September	Warning signal for race 4		ASAP after race 3
Sunday	22 nd September	Warning signal for race 5		ASAP after race 4
Monday	23 rd September	Warning signal for race 6	Out at sea	10.25
Monday	23 rd September	Warning signal for race 7		ASAP after race 6

- 5.2 The schedule may be altered by the Race Committee due to the weather conditions or other causes.
- 5.3. 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 one minute before a warning signal is made.
- 5.4. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 13:55.

6. CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be flag E

7. RACING AREA

Racing will take place in Sandown Bay.

8. THE COURSES

- 8.1. The courses in Attachment A show the course, 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 number of laps to be sailed.

9. MARKS

- 9.1 MARKS 1,2,3,4 are large orange cylindrical buoys.
- 9.2 The starting marks will be a committee boat at the starboard end of the line, and a white buoy at the port end.
- 9.3 The finishing marks will be the same as the starting marks.

10. THE COURSE

The course is as shown in attachment A. The diagram does not necessarily indicate the angles between the legs.

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 a mast displaying orange flag on the race committee signal vessel and the starting mark.
- 11.3. A boat that does not start within 5 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 a mast displaying blue flag on the race committee signal vessel and the finishing mark.
- 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:

Race Time limit	Mark 1 time limit	Race Target time
75 minutes	20 minutes	45 minutes

15.2. If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

15.3. Boats failing to finish within 20 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 Clubhouse. 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, 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 in the Clubhouse, 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).

16.6. 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. EXONERATION PENALTY

17.1. A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing or rule 31 may, after finishing the race concerned and before the start of any related protest hearing, notify the race committee that she accepts an Exoneration Penalty – a 30% scoring penalty (SCP) calculated as stated in RRS 44.3(c), except that the minimum penalty is three places and she shall not be scored worse than the number of boats that came to the starting area. However, if the boat caused injury or serious damage or, despite taking a penalty, gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach her penalty shall be to retire.

17.2. When an Exoneration Penalty is accepted:

- (a) Neither the boat nor a protest committee may then revoke or remove the penalty.
- (b) The boat shall not be penalized further in a protest hearing when the protest committee decides that it was appropriate to the facts found and the applicable rules.

18. RYA ARBITRATION

18.1. When a protest is lodged, a boat may at the same time request RYA Arbitration, or the protest committee or race committee may offer it.

18.2. If the parties and a member of the protest or race committee agree that RYA Arbitration is suitable, an arbitrator (who may be that member of the protest committee) will call an Arbitration Hearing. When it is the arbitrator's opinion that a boat that is a party to the arbitration hearing has broken a rule for which the Exoneration Penalty is available, the party will be invited to accept that penalty and, if accepted, the protesting boat will be allowed to withdraw the protest, changing RRS 63.1.

18.3. When there is not agreement to use RYA Arbitration or when, after RYA Arbitration, a protest is not withdrawn or the Exoneration Penalty is not applicable to the facts, there will be a normal protest hearing at Sprint 15 Sport Nationals 2019-SI-final

which the arbitrator may be a member of the protest committee. RRS 66 and 70 (reopening and appeal, respectively) do not apply to an arbitration since this is not a protest committee decision or procedure. A boat may still accept an Exoneration Penalty at any time before the start of a protest hearing and receive its protection from further penalization. She may also retire.

19. SCORING

- 19.1. The Low Point System of Appendix A4 will apply, using A9, a series longer than a regatta.
- 19.2. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 19.3. When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 19.4. When from four to five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 19.5. When six or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

20. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 20.1. 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'. [DP].
- 20.2. 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 located on the official notice board.
- 20.3. Boats intending to race **must** sign out on the tally out form located on the official notice board. On return to shore boats **must** sign in that they have returned. [DP]

21. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 21.1. Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee. [DP].
- 21.2. 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].

22. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

Equipment may be inspected or measured at any time during the event for compliance to the class rules.

23. EVENT ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display event advertising supplied by the Organising Authority. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies. [DP].

24. RUBBISH DISPOSAL

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

26. 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].

27. 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 Sprint 15 Sport Nationals 2019-SI-final

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;

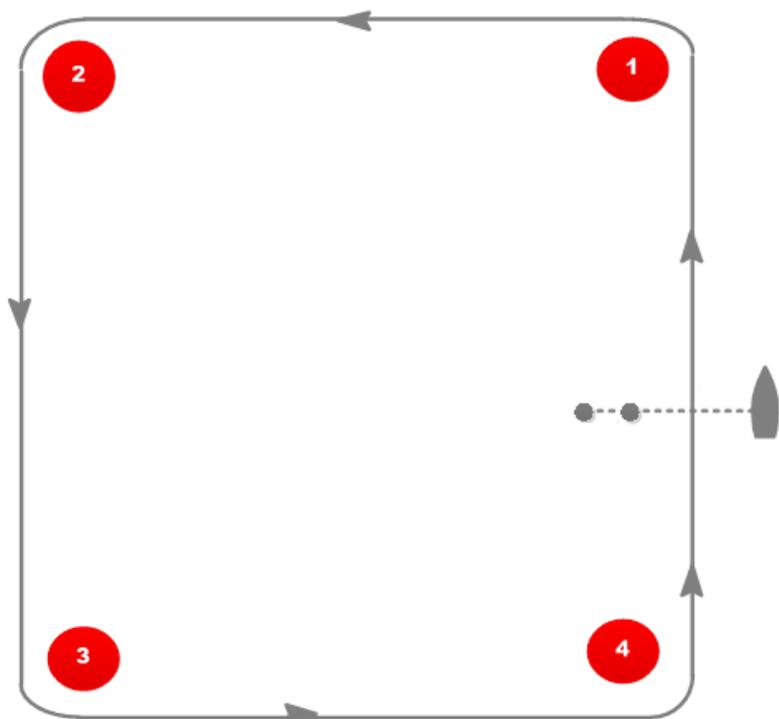
(f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;

(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.

28 INSURANCE

Each boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per incident or equivalent.

ATTACHMENT A- THE COURSE



Start/Finish

The start/finish line forms an upwind gate G. Boats must pass through the gate each lap. Failure to do so will result in the lap not being counted.

The port end mark may be moved towards the Committee boat after the start.

Signal	Mark rounding order
1	1-2-3-4-Finish
2	1-2-3-4-G-1-2-3-4-Finish
3	1-2-3-4-G-1-2-3-4-G-1-2-3-4-Finish
4	1-2-3-4-G-1-2-3-4-G-1-2-3-4-G-1-2-3-4-Finish