

## RYA National Ranker 2022 - Kites

Eastney Beach, Portsmouth 19th – 21<sup>st</sup> August

The Organising Authority is the Royal Yachting Association (RYA)

### 1. Rules

- 1.1. The event is governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021 – 2024.
- 1.2. RRS Appendix F shall apply.
- 1.3. These sailing instructions may amend or add to the Notice of Race. In the event of conflict between these SIs and the Notice of Race, these SIs shall take precedence.

### 2. Additional Identification [DP] [NP]

- 2.1. Competitors will be issued with numbered bibs at registration. Bibs shall be retained by the competitor throughout the event and worn, with the numbers clearly visible, at all times whilst racing. After racing has completed on the last day, bibs must be returned to The Race Office.

### 3. Cameras & Electronic Devices [DP] [NP]

- 3.1. In accordance with the relevant Class Rules, camera recording & tracking equipment is permitted.
- 3.2. Any camera recording equipment fitted to the boat shall not extend the length of the boat or change the intended function of any part of the boat.

### 4. Notice to Competitors

- 4.1. Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board [here](#).

### 5. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 5.1. Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted at least 1 hour before the start on the day they 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.

### 6. Signals Made Ashore

- 6.1. Signals made ashore will be relayed to competitors on the beach by the beach master.

### 7. Format of Racing

- 7.1. Racing formats are as follows:  
The regatta shall consist of a single series

### 8. Schedule of Races

- 8.1 A maximum of 6 races per day shall be sailed with a maximum of 15 races in the regatta.
- 8.2 On Sunday 21st August no warning signal will be made after 1500
- 8.3

Date	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>
First Warning signal	12.57	12.57	09.57

### 9. Class Flags

- 9.1. The Class Flag will be the IKA logo on a yellow background.

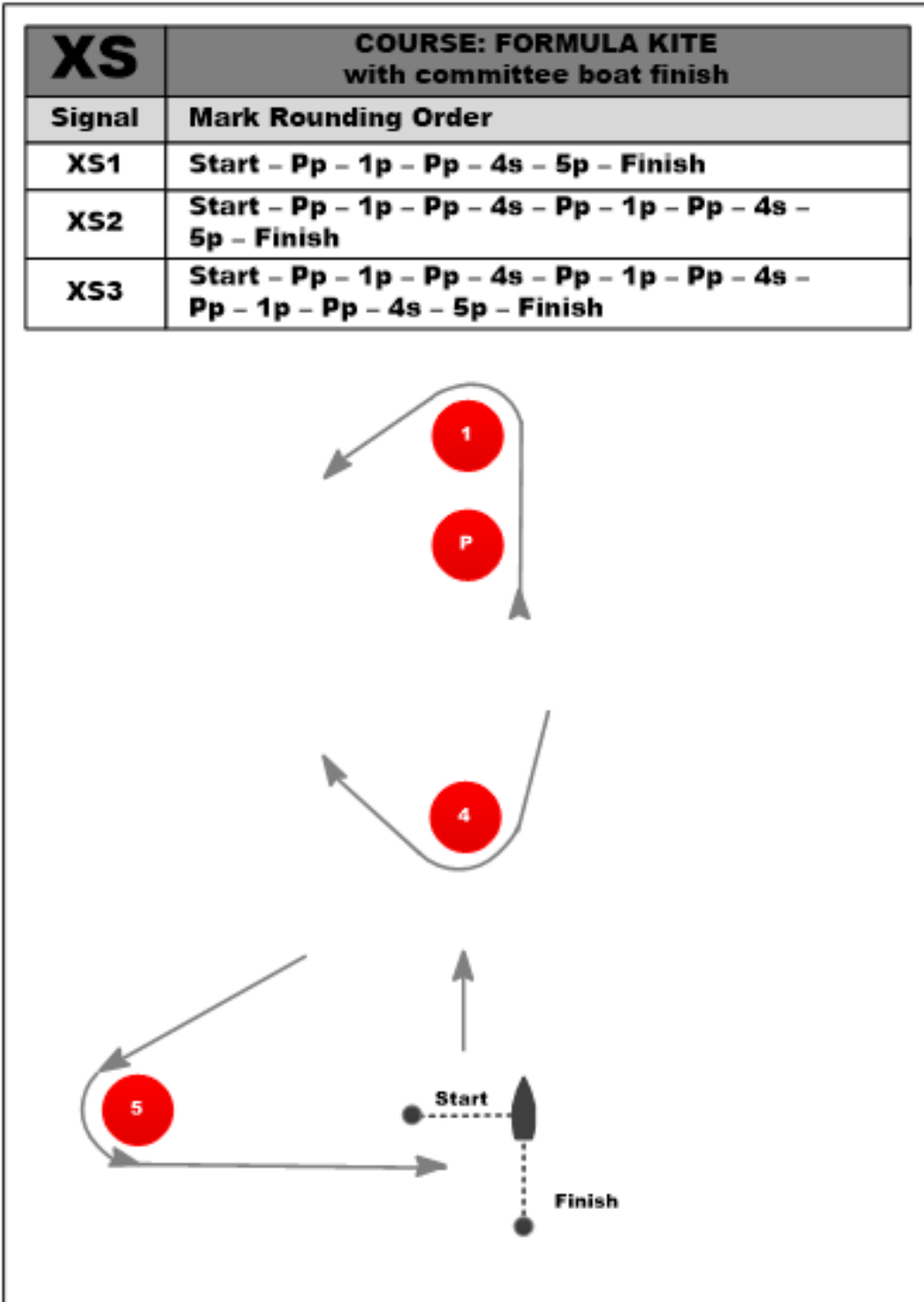
### 10. Racing Areas

- 10.1 Attachment A shows the intended location and names of the racing areas.
- 10.2 The following areas are defined as obstructions:
  1. The bathing area off Southsea beach bounded by yellow special marks
  2. The submerged barrier, indicated by a line of yellow special marks to the west of the racing area between Lumps Fort just east of Southsea Pier and Horse Sand Fort
- 10.3 No boat is permitted to enter the bathing area.

11. Courses

11.1. The course shall be as per the below diagram:

11.2.



12. Marks

12.1. Marks 1, P, 4 and 5 will be orange inflatable buoys.

12.2. Starting marks will be a staff displaying the orange flag on the race committee vessel at the starboard end and a buoy with an orange flag at the port end.

12.3. Finishing marks will be a staff displaying the orange flag on the race committee vessel and a buoy with a blue flag. This changes Race Signals, Other Signals in the RRS.

### 13. The Start

13.1. The start will be a 3-minute sequence as set out in Appendix F, Rule 26.

13.2. A boat starting later than 2 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

### 14. The Finish

14.1. The finishing line is defined in SI 12.3 above.

14.2. [DP] [NP] After finishing and clearing the finishing line, boats shall keep clear of the finishing area and of all boats not yet finished.

### 15. Time Limits & Target Times

15.1. Time limits and target times are as follows:

Target Time	Mark 1 Time Limit	Time Limit for leader	Finish Window
12 mins	6 mins	24 mins	6 mins

### 16. Protests & Requests for Redress

16.1. Hearing requests shall be submitted through the Official Notice Board.

16.2. For each class or fleet, 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 within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings may be scheduled to begin 30 minutes after the protest time limit for each class.

16.4. Lists of boats that have been given a standard penalty by the Race Committee, or have been disqualified by the protest committee will be posted.

#### 16.5. Post Race Penalty

(a) A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 of the RRS or RRS 31, may, after finishing the race concerned and before the start of a related protest hearing, notify the race committee that she accepts a Post Race Penalty – a 30% scoring penalty 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.

(b) When a post-race penalty is accepted:

(i) Neither the boat nor a protest committee may then revoke or remove the penalty.

(ii) The boat shall not be penalised further in a protest hearing when the protest committee decides that it was appropriate to the facts found and the applicable rules.

#### 16.6. RYA Arbitration

(a) When a protest is lodged, a boat may at the same time request RYA Arbitration, or a member of the protest committee may offer it.

(b) If the parties and a member of the protest 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 Post Race 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.

(c) When there is not an agreement to use RYA Arbitration or when, after RYA Arbitration, a protest is not withdrawn or the Post Race Penalty is not applicable to the facts, there will be a normal protest hearing at which the Arbitrator may be a member of the protest committee. RRS 66 and 70 (reopening and appeal) do not apply to an arbitration since this is not a protest committee decision or procedure. A boat may still accept a Post Race Penalty at any time before the start of a protest hearing and receive its protection from further penalisation. She may also retire.

### 17. Scoring

17.1. Scoring will be in accordance with RRS Appendix A and as follows

13.1.1 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

13.1.2 When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

13.1.3 When from 6 to 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

13.1.4 When 9 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her 2 worst scores.

#### 18. Safety Regulations [DP] [NP] [SP]

18.1. Check-out and check-in. The requirements of this instruction are specified for the safety of competitors.

18.2. The tally control point to check-out and check-in competitors will be located at the kite launching area with the beach master.

18.3. Competitors shall individually check-out before leaving the shore by collecting their tracker from the tally master. Competitors shall individually check-in immediately on returning to shore after racing by returning their tracker to the tally master.

18.4. The penalty for failure to comply with this instruction will be 5 points added to the boat's series score for each infringement without a hearing. A list of boats that have infringed will be posted on the official notice board within 20 minutes after the protest time limit. This changes rule A5.

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

18.6. Competitors wishing to sail ashore before the end of the day's racing shall inform a support boat and proceed directly to the beach and inform the beach master as soon as possible after their return to shore.

18.7. Those wishing to free sail after racing must first return to the beach and remove their racing bib and return their tracker. This only applies before release for racing and after the last competitor has finished the last race of the day. Safety cover will not be provided before or after racing and any competitor's free-sailing do so at their own risk.

#### 19. Replacement of Equipment [DP] [NP]

19.1. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the Organising Authority. Requests for equipment substitution must be submitted before the protest time limit on the day the replacement equipment has first been used. If a substitution is made afloat, the competitor shall inform the Race Committee of the substitution at the earliest opportunity. Replacement equipment shall comply with the class rules.

#### 20. Official Vessels

20.1. No equipment will be carried by official support vessels.

#### 21. Safety Vessels [DP] [NP]

21.1. Except as provided in SI 24.2 and 24.3, team leaders, coaches, safety vessels, safety personnel, and anyone associated with a competitor shall stay outside areas where boats are racing, and shall not communicate with competitors at any time while afloat, unless attending a boat in distress requiring assistance, or as directed by the race committee.

#### 22. Trash Disposal [DP] [NP]

22.1. As sailors, we seek to protect and restore our oceans and coastal waters. Trash may be placed aboard safety and race committee vessels.

#### 23. Berthing

23.1. Competitors shall take their equipment away with them after each day of racing.

#### 24. Radio Communication [DP] [NP]

24.1. A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction includes mobile telephones.

#### 25. Prizes

25.1. Prizes are detailed in the Notice of Race.

#### 26. Insurance [DP] [NP]

26.1. Competitors shall be members of the British Kitesports Association or hold other suitable insurance with cover of at least £1 million against any third party claim.

Attachment A:

Race Area

