



RS Games

RS21 National Championship 2022

Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy

Thursday 21st to Sunday 24th July 2022

Sailing Instructions (SIs)

The Organising Authority is the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy (WPNSA) in conjunction with the UK RS21 Class Association and RS Sailing.

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 120 minutes before scheduled start time of the first race of the day, except for changes to the schedule of races 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 <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/3615/event?name=rs21-uk-national-championship-2022>.
- 3.2 The race office is located in the RS Games Hub.
- 3.3 While racing from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. [DP].
- 3.4 There will be a competitor briefing in the RS Sailing Hub at 11:00 on Thursday 21st July 2022

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 flagpoles on the main mast outside the Academy.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' when racing in the harbour or 'not less than 60 minutes' when racing is in the bay, in the race signal AP.
- 5.3 Flag P displayed indicates racing will be Portland harbour. Flag W displayed indicates racing will be in Weymouth Bay. This may be displayed below a class flag no later than two hours before the scheduled start time.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1

Date	First Warning Signal	No. of Races
Thu 21st Jul	13:30	2
Fri 22nd Jul	11:00	3
Sat 23rd Jul	11:00	3
Sun 24th Jul	11:00	2

- 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 five 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 On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 15:00.

7 CLASS FLAGS

7.1 Class flag will be as follows:

Class	Flag
RS21	White background with RS21 logo on it

8 RACING AREAS

8.1 The racing area will be in Portland Harbour or Weymouth Bay.

9 COURSES

- 9.1 The diagrams in SI Appendix A show the course options to be sailed with the order in which the marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2 The course area to be used will be posted each day on the Official Notice Board at least two hours before the scheduled start time of the first race of the day.
- 9.3 The course and number of laps to be sailed will be displayed on the committee boat.
- 9.4 The approximate bearing of mark one may be displayed on the committee boat.
- 9.5 If a gate is replaced by a single mark, it is to be left to port.

10 MARKS

- 10.1 Marks 1, 2s, 2p will be 1.8m pink cylindrical buoys.
- 10.2 One starting mark will be the Race Committee signal vessel displaying an orange flag. The other will be either an official boat displaying an orange flag, or a dan buoy displaying an orange flag.
- 10.3 One finishing mark will be an official boat displaying a blue flag. The other will be either an official boat displaying a blue flag, or a dan buoy displaying a blue flag.

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.
- 12 Boats shall not transit at any time through the RNSA moorings, which are to the left of the Marina exit when leaving the Marina.

13 THE START

- 13.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made five minutes before the starting signal.
- 13.2 When both starting marks are vessels, the starting line is between the two staffs, one on each vessel, displaying an orange flag. When one starting mark is a dan buoy, the starting line is between the staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end, and the course side of the dan buoy at the port end.
- 13.3 A boat that does not start within four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

14 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 14.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark.
- 14.2 Minor mark moves, up to approximately 100m in any direction, may be made without signalling the change. This changes RRS 33.
- 14.3 Add new RRS rule 32.3: "The Race Committee may also shorten the course by displaying Code Flag F in the vicinity of mark 1 while making repetitive sound signals. When this signal is made, boats shall round mark 1 on the required side and then sail to the finishing line and finish. Mark 2S/2P is not a mark of the course on this final leg.

15 THE FINISH

- 15.1 The finishing line is either between the two masts displaying a blue flag on two official boats, or between the mast displaying a blue flag on an official boat and the nearby dan buoy displaying a blue flag
- 15.2 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, penalised, or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.
- 15.3 When an official boat displays flag W with two sounds, boats still racing shall be scored by the race committee in their observed position in the race at that time. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 15.4 When SI 15.3 applies, SI 15.2 does not.

16 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 16.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 16.2 Jury members may blow a whistle when they see what they believe to be a breach of a rule.

16 TIME LIMITS

- 16.1 The time limits and target times are as follows:

Time limit	Target time	Finishing Window
60 mins	40 mins	17 mins

- 16.2 Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

17 HEARING REQUESTS

- 17.1 Appendix T applies.
- 17.2 Protests/Redress shall be lodged online via the online Jury system located at racingrulesofsailing.org. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit using the online form available [protest form](#).
- 17.3 The protest time limit for each class is 60 minutes after the last boat of each class has finished the last race of the day or after Flag AP over A is displayed ashore in the Portland Harbour, and 90 minutes when racing in Weymouth Bay.
- 17.4 The hearings will be heard in person unless otherwise advised.
- 17.5 A Hearing Schedule will be posted on the Official Notice Board as soon as possible after a protest has been lodged, but not later than 30 minutes after the end of Protest Time Limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 17.6 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b) at [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 12.
- 18.2 A competitor may submit a request to review a boat's score online at [scoring inquiries](#).

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP]

- 19.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify an official boat if possible.
- 19.2 Competitors shall check in with the race committee each day before the orange attention signal of their first race, by passing close on the starboard side of the main Signal boat on port tack and await acknowledgement from the Race Committee. [DP]
- 19.3 Boats wishing to sail ashore before the end of the day's racing shall endeavour to inform an official vessel before leaving the course area. [DP]
- 19.4 Boats shall follow the instructions of the Official Boats. Infringements will be reported to the race committee, which may protest the boat.

20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 20.1 Substitution of competitors is not allowed. Competitors may request a change of crew through the [online form](#). [DP].
- 20.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised in writing by the race committee. Requests for substitution of equipment shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity by completing the [online form](#). [DP]

21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS.

- 21.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water or ashore, a boat may be instructed by an equipment inspector to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection. A boat shall comply with any reasonable request made by an Equipment Inspector. [DP]

22 SUPPLIED BOATS

- 22.1 See NOR 14.

23 OFFICIAL VESSELS

- 23.1 Official vessels are defined as Signal Boat, Finish boat, Mark Layers, Safety Boats, jury boats.

24 SUPPORT BOATS [DP]

- 24.1 See NoR Appendix one.

25 RUBBISH/TRASH DISPOSAL

25.1 Rubbish may be placed aboard support person vessels.

26 BERTHING [DP]

26.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned berths.

27 HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

27.1 See NoR 16.

28 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

28.1 See NoR 17.

29 PRIZES

29.1 See NoR 24.

30 RISK STATEMENT AND DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

30.1 See NoR 21.

31 INSURANCE

31.1 See NoR 23.

Appendix A – Course Diagram

L	COURSE: WINDWARD / LEEWARD
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
L2	Start – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – Finish
L3	Start – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – Finish
L4	Start – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – Finish

