



**2024 Noble Marine RS100, RS300 and RS600 National Championships**  
**Thursday 12th to Sunday 15th September 2024**  
**Eastbourne Sovereign Sailing Club**

Organizing Authority: Eastbourne Sovereign Sailing Club  
in conjunction with the RS Class Association

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

### **1. RULES**

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. RRS 31 is changed so that marks other than starting and finishing marks may be touched without penalty.
- 1.3. The notation [DP] in a rule of the NoR or SI means that the penalty for breaching the rule is at the discretion of the protest committee.
- 1.4. Not used

### **2. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS**

- 2.1. A briefing will be held at 1100 on Thurs 12 Sept on the clubhouse patio. A briefing will be held at 1000 on Sat 14 Sept on the clubhouse patio for weekend only competitors.
- 2.2. Notices to competitors will be posted on the online notice board in the club house.
- 2.3. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag mast on the club house.
- 2.4. [DP] Boats shall not launch unit flag D is displayed. The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after flag D is displayed.
- 2.5. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect except that an extra race may be posted at least 30 minutes before flag D is displayed (SI 2.4) on the day it will take effect. Any other change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 30 minutes before flag D is displayed (SI 2.4) on the day it will take effect.
- 2.6. The class flags will be as follows:
  - RS100 - Red flag with black RS100
  - RS300 - Light blue flag with black RS300
  - RS600 - Pink flag with black RS600

### **3. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

3.1 The race schedule will be as follows:

| <b>Date:</b>            | <b>Warning Signal:</b> | <b>No. of Races Scheduled:</b> |
|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Thursday 12th September | 12:25                  | 2                              |
| Friday 13th September   | 10:55                  | 3                              |
| Saturday 14th September | 10:55                  | 3                              |
| Sunday 15th September   | 10:25                  | 2                              |

- 3.2 The warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable.
- 3.3 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 two minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 3.4 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15:00.
- 3.5 No more than four races will be sailed on any day.
- 3.6 The Championship will consist of a maximum of 10 races.
- 3.7 Classes may be started in any order.

#### 4. RACING AREA

- 4.1. Racing shall take place on the waters to the South East of the club approx. 1nm.
- 4.2. Danger Area: Boats shall familiarize themselves with the location of the Storm Water Outfall marked by a red port hand basket on top of a pole. Located approximately 200m South West of the ESSC Clubhouse

#### 5. THE COURSES

- 5.1. The diagrams in Appendix A show the course, the course designations, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 5.2. No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display
  - 5.2.1. The approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
  - 5.2.2. The number of laps to be sailed as shown in Appendix 1
- 5.3. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will replace the original with a change mark and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. The change mark will alternate between orange and black.
- 5.4. Minor mark moves, up to approximately 100m in any direction, may be made without signalling the change. This changes RRS 33.
- 5.5. Refer to the table in Appendix A for description of course marks.
- 5.6. The courses to be sailed will be Windward Leeward for RS100, and Trapezoid for RS300 and RS600.

#### 6. THE START

- 6.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an Orange flag on a Committee vessel and either a staff displaying an orange flag on a Committee vessel, or a dan buoy with an orange flag

#### 7. THE FINISH

- 7.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a Blue flag on a Committee vessel and a dan buoy with a blue flag.
- 7.2. 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
- 7.3. When SI 7.2 applies, SI 7.1 does not.

#### 8. TIME LIMITS & TARGET TIMES

- 8.1. The time limit and target time in minutes is as follows:

| <u>Time limit</u> | <u>Time Limit Extension</u> | <u>Mark 1 Time Limit</u> | <u>Target time</u> |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| 75 Minutes        | 20 Minutes                  | 15 minutes               | 40 minutes         |

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

- 8.2. If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned, this changes rule 32.1. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 8.3. If the lead boat finishes within the Time limit, the Time Limit will be extended by 20 minutes for all other boats. This adds to and amends RRS 35.
- 8.4. Boats failing to finish within the finish window time after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored according to their observed position on the course, which may be the position at the last mark rounded. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

#### 9. PROTESTS, PENALTIES & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 9.1. Not Used
- 9.2. Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 9.3. The protest time limit is 90 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.
- 9.4. 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.
- 9.5. Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

- 9.6. Penalties for breaches of class rules, RRS 55 or rules in the NoR and SIs marked [DP], are at the discretion of the protest committee.
- 9.7. Breaches of SI12, Safety Regulations, will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 9.8. 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.

## **10. SCORING**

- 10.1. One Championship race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.2. Series scoring
  - (a) When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
  - (b) When from four to seven races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score
  - (c) When eight or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 10.3. Points will accrue to the registered helm and not the entered boat.
- 10.4. A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 10.5. To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat may complete a scoring enquiry form available at the race office.

## **11. PRIZES**

- 11.1. The UK National Championship (first UK sailor)
- 11.2. Additional prizes will be awarded as per the notice of race.

## **12. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 12.1. [DP] Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices at all times while afloat, except briefly while adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- 12.2. Competitors shall tally on and off at the designated tally board, located adjacent to the clubhouse, prior to launching and after recovering from the water. The penalty for failing to comply with this SI will be points equal to 10% of the number of boats in that fleet added to the boat's series score without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5. The penalty shall apply on each day the SI is infringed and will be rounded to one decimal place. For a first infringement only, competitors will be invited to make a £10 donation to the RNLI as an alternative penalty.
- 12.3. [DP] A boat that retires from a race, or does not intend to start a race, shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

## **13. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT & CHANGE OF RIG SIZE**

- 13.1. [DP] Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 13.2. Not used
- 13.3. Not used

## **14. EQUIPMENT & MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

- [NP] A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.

## **15. SUPPORT BOATS**

No support boats will be permitted

## **16. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- [DP] 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.

## **17. RISK STATEMENT**

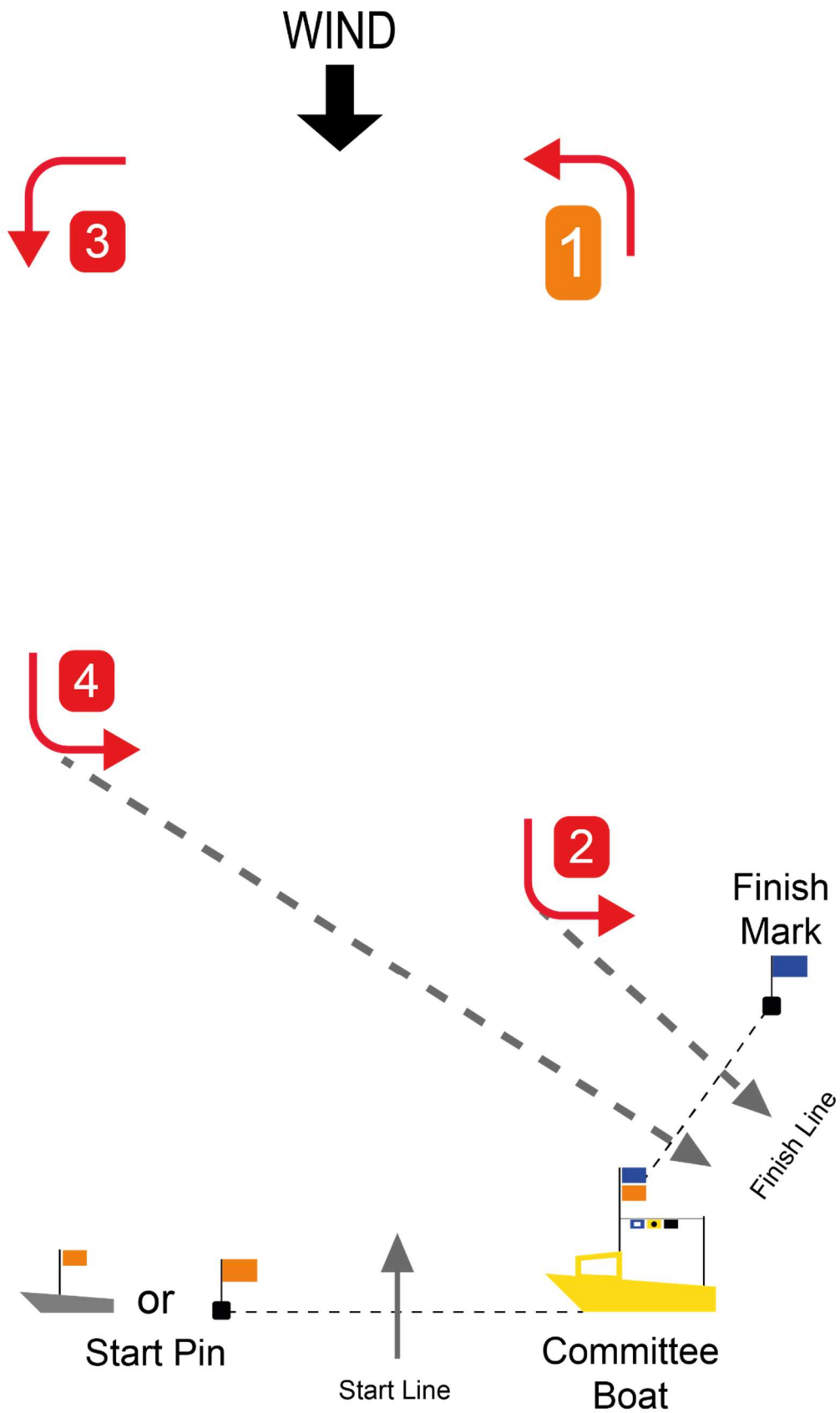
- 17.1. Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.”
- 17.2. Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each 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 other property whether afloat or ashore;
  - (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;
  - (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 organizer 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 familiarize 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 safety briefing held for the event.
  - (h) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £2 million against third-party claims, or the equivalent in other currencies.

## **18. MEDIA RIGHTS, CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT**

- 18.1. By participating in the event, competitors automatically grant the Organising Authority and their sponsors, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of the athlete during the period of the competition without compensation.
- 18.2. Not used
- 18.3. Not Used

# APPENDIX A - COURSE DIAGRAM

Courses are indicative. Angles and distances are not to scale.



| Windward/Leeward Course – RS100 |  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| L2                              | Start – 1 – 2 – 1 – 2 - Finish                 |
| L3                              | Start – 1 – 2 – 1 – 2 – 1 – 2 - Finish         |
| L4                              | Start – 1 – 2 – 1 – 2 – 1 – 2 – 1 – 2 - Finish |

| Trapezoid Course – RS300 & RS600 |  |
|----------------------------------|--|
| T2                               | Start – 1 – 3 – 4 – 2 – 1 – 3 – 4 - Finish                                 |
| T3                               | Start – 1 – 3 – 4 – 2 – 1 – 3 – 4 – 2 – 1 – 3 – 4 - Finish                 |
| T4                               | Start – 1 – 3 – 4 – 2 – 1 – 3 – 4 – 2 – 1 – 3 – 4 – 2 – 1 – 3 – 4 - Finish |

| Marks               | Description  |
|---------------------|--|
| 1                   | 6 ft Orange Pillar mark  |
| 2, 3 and 4          | 3ft Red Square mark  |
| 1 (change mark)     | 6 ft Black Pillar mark   |
| Start starboard end | Staff displaying an Orange flag on a Committee vessel                                    |
| Start port end      | Staff displaying an orange flag on a Committee vessel, or a dan buoy with an orange flag |
| Finish mark 1       | Staff displaying a blue flag on a Committee vessel                                       |
| Finish mark 2       | Dan buoy displaying a blue flag  |
|                     |  |