



Europe UK National Championship 18th – 20th June 2021 and Streaker Southern Area Championship 19th – 20th June 2021

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 Europe Class Association and the UK Streaker Class Association

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2. The Organising Authority implements the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Racing Charter. Competitors shall undertake to sail in accordance with the Charter.
- 1.3. The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.
- 1.4. The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.5. The RYA Exoneration Penalty and Arbitration will be available.
- 1.6. RRS 63.7 is changed so that in the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.
- 1.7. RRS Appendix P5, Special Procedures for Rule 42, will apply to Europe Class races. The specified wind speed limit is 12 knots.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. 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.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at:
<https://www.wpnsa.org.uk/events/europe-uk-national-championship-2021>.
- 3.2. The race office is located online and may be contacted on race.office@wpnsa.org.uk.
- 3.3. 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 communication that is not available to all boats. [DP].
- 3.4. An event WhatsApp is available for competitors (which is the same group as for registration) which will be used for communication during the event. The link to join is
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/GAnX0G2f70Z9YgXdhzmkD4>. This does not replace the Official Notice Board.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1. Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials. [DP].
- 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. [DP].

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the main WPNSA flag poles.
- 5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with not less than 30 minutes” when racing in Portland Harbour or “not less than 60 minutes” when racing in Weymouth Bay in the race signal AP.
- 5.3. Flag D with one sound means ‘The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes’ after flag D is displayed if racing is in Portland Harbour or ‘The warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes’ after flag D is displayed if racing is in Weymouth Bay. Boats shall not leave the slipway until this signal is made.
- 5.4. Flag P will be displayed if sailing is in Portland Harbour and flag W if in Weymouth Bay.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1. Registration will be online during the times indicated in SI6.2. Please only register once you are actually onsite. To register for the event, please send either a WhatsApp message (<https://chat.whatsapp.com/GAnX0G2f70Z9YgXdhzmkD4>) with your name and sail number or if you do not have WhatsApp, please send an email with the same information to race.office@wpnsa.org.uk.
- 6.2. A competitors briefing will be posted online on the Official Notice Board by 17:00 on Thursday 17th June. Competitors may ask questions about the briefing by submitting them to race.office@wpnsa.org.uk by 08:00 on Friday 18th June. Answers will be posted on the official notice board.

Date	Time	Item	No. of Races	First Warning Signal
Fri 18 th Jun	08:30 – 09:30	Europe Online Registration		
		Europe Class Races	3	11:55
Sat 19 th Jun	08:30 – 09:30	Streaker Online Registration		
		Europe and Streaker Races	3	11:55
Sun 20 th Jun		Europe and Streaker Races	3	10:25

- 6.3. One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that no class becomes more than one race ahead of schedule and the change is made according to SI 2.1.
- 6.4. 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 a warning signal is made.
- 6.5. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15:00.

7. CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1. The class flags are:-
Europe Class: Europe Class Logo on a white background
Streaker Class: Streaker Class Diagonal Stripe on a white background

8. RACING AREA

- 8.1. The racing area is in Portland Harbour or Weymouth Bay.

9. COURSES

- 9.1. The diagrams in SI Appendix One shows the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2. The course and number of laps to be sailed will be displayed on the committee boat.
- 9.3. No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
- 9.4. A gate may be replaced by a single mark to be left to port.

10. MARKS

- 10.1. Marks 1, 2, 2s, 2p, 3, 3s, 3p, 4s and 4p will be a 1.6m blue cylindrical buoy with a black band.
- 10.2. Mark 5 will be a 1.6m orange dumpy buoy.
- 10.3. The starting mark will be either an official boat displaying an orange flag or a dan buoy displaying an orange flag.
- 10.4. The finishing mark will be either an official boat displaying a blue flag or a dan buoy displaying a blue flag.

11. OBSTRUCTIONS

- 11.1. Boats shall keep more than 100 metres away from vessels over 100m in length, vessels at anchor or vessels displaying Flag A (indicating divers in the water). These areas are obstructions as defined in the rules.
- 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 must be observed. Any directions given by Portland Harbour Authority either in person or by VHF (Ch 74) must be complied with without delay. Failure to comply with this instruction may result in a penalty [DP].
- 11.3. Boats will not transit at any time through the RNSA moorings, which are to the left of the Marina exit as leaving the Marina.

12. THE START

- 12.1. Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made five minutes before the starting signal.
- 12.2. The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the starting mark of the port end.
- 12.3. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 12.4. A boat that does not start within four minutes after the starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 13.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark or the finishing line to a new position.
- 13.2. Minor mark moves (up to approximately 100m) may be made without signalling the change. This changes RRS 33.

14. THE FINISH

- 14.1. The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing mark at the starboard end and the course side of the port end finishing mark.
- 14.2. The race committee may give a finishing place to any boat as follows:
 - a) When a race committee vessel displays flag W with two sounds, boats that have not yet finished may be given a finishing place anywhere on the race course, at a nearby mark or not.
 - b) When a boat finishes in accordance with this instruction, she shall be awarded a finishing place matching her race position in that race. This changes RRS A5.

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1. Turn penalties may be declared on the Turns Acknowledgement Form available at:
<https://www.wpnas.org.uk/turns-acknowledgement-form>.

16. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

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

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Target Time	Finishing Window
<i>20 minutes</i>	<i>70 minutes</i>	<i>45 minutes</i>	<i>20 minutes</i>

- 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, 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.

17. HEARING REQUESTS

- 17.1. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day when racing is in Portland Harbour or 90 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day when racing is in Weymouth Bay or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 17.2. Hearing request forms are available from <https://www.wpnas.org.uk/protest-form>.
- 17.3. 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. The venue for the hearing will be advised to the relevant parties.
- 17.4. A list of boats that have been penalised for breaking RRS 42 under Appendix P will be posted.

18. SCORING

- 18.1. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.2. A boat's series score will be calculated as follows. The Europe and Streaker classes will be scored separately:
- 18.2.1. When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 18.2.2. 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.
- 18.2.3. 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.
- 18.3. Competitors may request a review of a boat's score by completing the online form at <https://www.wpnas.org.uk/request-for-a-review-of-a-boats-score>.

19. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1. RRS 40.1 applies at all times while afloat. [DP]
- 19.2. A safety tally system will be in operation.
- 19.2.1. The tally control point will be by the picnic tables.
- 19.2.2. A tally number will be allocated and emailed to all competitors ahead of the event.
- 19.2.3. Competitors shall individually check-out before racing by personally going to the tally control point and giving their tally number to advise they are going racing.
- 19.2.4. Competitors shall individually check-in immediately on returning to shore by personally going to the tally control point and giving their tally number to advise they are ashore. This must be done no later than 10 minutes after the last boat has come ashore.
- 19.2.5. The penalty for failing to tally-out or tally-in as instructed above will be five points added to the boat's series score for each offence. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.
- 19.3. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. A declaration form is available online <https://www.wpnas.org.uk/retirement-declaration> which shall be completed by competitors when ashore.
- 19.4. Boats wishing to sail ashore before the end of the day's racing shall not do so unless authorised by an official boat. The official boat will instruct boats in the procedure for returning ashore.

20. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT [DP]

- 20.1. Substitution of competitors is not allowed.
- 20.2. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorised in writing by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race. Competitors shall request a substitution of equipment online at <https://www.wpnsa.org.uk/request-for-a-change-of-equipment>.

21. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 21.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.
- 21.2. When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection. [DP].

22. SUPPORT VESSELS [DP]

- 22.1. RRS 37 will be used. Except when responding to the signal in RRS 37, support boats, coaches and other support persons shall stay at least 100 metres outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start on that course until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 22.2. During the event, support boats shall not tow boats participating in the event unless the race committee has signalled that towing is allowed.
- 22.3. In order to prevent fuel spillage, refuelling of boats/tanks is not permitted on the pontoons at WPNSA. Boats may refuel at the Portland Marina fuel pontoon or removable tanks may be taken offsite to be refuelled at a service station.
- 22.4. Kill cords shall be worn at all times whilst engines are running. The Course Safety Leader will be looking out for compliance on this issue, there are no excuses and boats will be requested to leave the race area immediately if kill cords are not being used appropriately.

23. TRASH DISPOSAL

- 23.1. [DP] Rubbish is not to be thrown in the sea. Sailors are to bring any rubbish ashore and place it in an appropriate bin. Due to COVID-19, rubbish may not be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

24. BERTHING [DP]

- 24.1. Boats shall be kept in their assigned spaces whilst in the boat park.

25. PRIZES

- 25.1. Prizes will be awarded as follows for the Europe class:
 - UK National Champion – first GBR boat overall
 - Open Trophy – first boat overall
 - First Nationals Trophy – best placed UK boat who this event is their first time at the Europe National Championship
 - Roaring 40s Trophy – best placed boat whose helm is aged 40 years or over on the first day of the championship
 - Swinging 60s Trophy – best placed boat whose helm is aged 60 years or over on the first day of the championship
 - Junior Trophy - best placed boat whose helm is aged under 18 on the first day of the championship
 - Ladies Trophy – best placed GBR boat whose helm is female
 - Men's Trophy – best placed GBR boat whose helm is male
 - Classic Rig Trophy – best placed boat whose rig is not carbon-composite
 - No Discard Trophy – best placed boat on full results without any discards
- 25.2. Prizes will be awarded as follows for the Streaker class:
 - Streaker Southern Area Championship Trophy

26. RISK STATEMENT

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.

27. INSURANCE

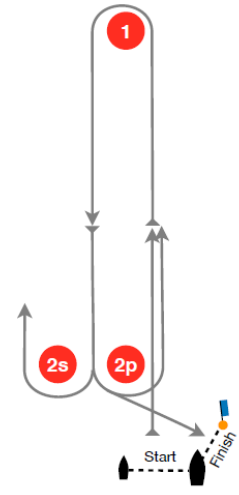
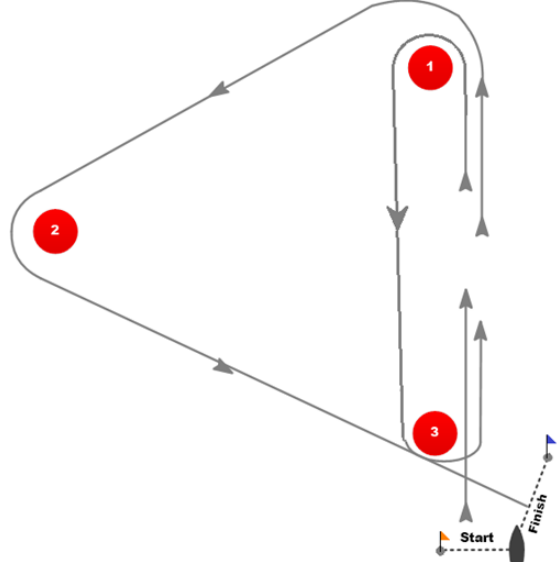
- 27.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

28. COVID STATEMENT [DP] [NP]

- 28.1. By taking part in any of the events covered by this notice of race, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force from time to time in respect of COVID-19 and for complying with the WPNSA and Organising Authority COVID-19 procedures. 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 have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.

Appendix 1 – Course Diagrams

L	Inner Trapezoid with finish pin to windward of finish boat	LT	COURSE: WINDWARD/LEEWARD TRIANGLE with reaching finish
Signal	Mark Rounding Order	Signal	Mark Rounding Order
L2	Start-1p-2s/2p-1p-2p-Finish	LT2	Start – 1 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – Finish
L3	Start-1p-2s/2p-1p-2s/2p-1p-2p-Finish	LT3	Start – 1 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – Finish
L4	Start - 1p - 2s/2p - 1p - 2s/2p - 1p - 2s/2p - 1p - 2p - Finish	LT4	Start – 1 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – Finish

I	COURSE: TRAPEZOID INNER LOOP Reaching Finish	O	COURSE: TRAPEZOID OUTER LOOP Reaching Finish
Signal	Mark Rounding Order	Signal	Mark Rounding Order
I2	Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 2 – 3p – 5 – Finish	O2	Start – 1 – 2 – 3s/3p – 2 – 3p – 5 – Finish
I3	Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 2 – 3p – 5 – Finish	O3	Start – 1 – 2 – 3s/3p – 2 – 3s/3p – 2 – 3p – 5 – Finish
I4	Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 2 – 3p – 5 – Finish	O4	Start – 1 – 2 – 3s/3p – 2 – 3s/3p – 2 – 3s/3p – 2 – 3p – 5 – Finish

