



# Ovington Multiclass Championship

Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2024

## Sailing Instructions (SIs)

The Organising Authority is the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy (WPNSA) in conjunction with the 505, Flying Fifteen, K1, Musto Skiff, OK, Phantom and VX One UK Class Associations.

### 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 '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.4. RRS Appendix T (Arbitration) will apply.
- 1.5. [DP] RRS 40.1 applies at all times while afloat.
- 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.

### 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 on the event website at: <https://wpnsa.ourclubadmin.com/notice-board.php?event=38>.
- 3.2. 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].

### 4. CODE OF CONDUCT [DP]

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



## 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 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. FORMAT OF RACING

- 6.1. It is intended that there will be a yellow fleet (505, Musto Skiff and VX One) and a blue fleet (Flying Fifteen, K1, OK and Phantom). There will be a yellow and a blue fleet start. If a class has 12 or more entries the Organising Authority may consider a separate start for that class.

## 7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1. Registration will be 08:30 to 09:30 on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2024 in Room 4.
- 7.2. The competitor briefing will be held at 10:00 on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2024 in Spinnakers.
- 7.3. The schedule is as follows:

Date	First Warning Signal
Sat 05 Oct 24	11:55
Sun 06 Oct 24	10:55

- 7.4. The event will consist of up to six races. The intention is that there will be no more than four races a day. However, additional races may be sailed in order to complete the programme if weather or other reasons dictate.
- 7.5. To alert competitors that a sequence of races is about to begin, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound signal at least three minutes before the first warning signal of that sequence of races.
- 7.6. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15:00.

## 8. CLASS FLAGS

- 8.1. The class flags will be:

Start	Classes	Flag
Yellow Fleet Start	505, Musto Skiff & VX One	Yellow Flag
Blue Fleet Start	Flying Fifteen, K1, OK & Phantom	Blue Flag

## 9. RACING AREA

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

## 10. COURSES

- 10.1. 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.
- 10.2. The course and number of laps to be sailed will be displayed on the committee boat.
- 10.3. No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.



## 11. MARKS

- 11.1. Marks 1 and 2, 3s, 3p, 4s and 4p will be a 1.6m orange cylindrical buoy with Ovington Logo on.
- 11.2. An extended Mark 1 will be used for the Fast Fleet and Musto Skiff Class. It will be a 1.6m blue buoy with a black band.
- 11.3. The Starting Mark will be a dan buoy displaying an orange flag.
- 11.4. The Finishing Mark will be a dan buoy displaying a blue flag.

## 12. OBSTRUCTIONS [DP]

- 12.1. 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.
- 12.2. 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.
- 12.3. Only the Northern entrance should be used in leaving or returning to Portland Inner Harbour, unless directed otherwise by an Official or Portland Harbour Authority Boat.
- 12.4. Boats must 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 using a 3, 2, 1 go sequence. At 3 minutes before start Warning signal will be displayed. At minus 2 minutes preparatory will be displayed. Minus 1 minute preparatory will be removed at 0 minutes, class flag removed and race starts. This changes RRS 26.
- 13.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and the starting mark.
- 13.3. A boat that does not start within three minutes after their starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
- 13.4. The intended starting order will be confirmed at the competitors briefing, depending on the number of entries for each class. Competitors are advised that the sequence could be changed when afloat and that they should comply with the class flags displayed on the committee boat.
- 13.5. The inner distance mark (IDM) may be used on the finish line. If used, boats may not sail between the IDM and the committee on any lap, including the finish.

## 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, or the finishing line to a new position.
- 14.2. Minor mark moves (up to approximately 100m) may be made without signalling the change. This changes RRS 33.

## 15. THE FINISH

- 15.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the committee boat and the finishing mark.
- 15.2. The race committee may give a finishing place to any boat as follows:
  - a) When a race support vessel displays Flag W with an intermittent sound signal, boats that have not finished may be given a finishing place anywhere on the race course.
  - b) When a boat finishes in accordance with this instruction, she shall be awarded a finishing place matching her observed race position in that race. This changes RRS A5.
  - c) Boats finished this way will not have grounds for redress.



## 16. PENALTY SYSTEM

16.1. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

## 17. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

17.1. 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>55 minutes</i>	<i>30 minutes</i>	<i>15 minutes</i>

17.2. If no boat has passed the first mark 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).

17.3. 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, given redress or finished using flag W, 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.

## 18. HEARING REQUESTS

18.1. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day when racing in Portland Harbour or 90 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day when racing 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.

18.2. Hearing request forms are available from the online Official Notice Board.

18.3. 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 and where they will be held, which may be online.

18.4. Data and the information from cameras, video and positioning equipment shall not be grounds for redress.

## 19. SCORING

19.1. Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

19.2. Each class will be scored separately. However, there may be a handicap series scored as well to give an overall winner from all classes.

19.3. A boat's series score will be calculated as follows:

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

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

19.4. Boats may request a review of a boat's score with the online form on the Official Notice Board.



## **20. SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP]**

- 20.1. A safety tally system will be in operation.
- 20.1.1. Tallies comprise of numbered rubber wristbands; numbers will be allocated at registration. Tallies shall be worn visibly, over clothing, on the right wrist/arm by sailors at all times while afloat.
- 20.1.2. Sailors shall individually tally-out before racing by personally collecting their tally.
- 20.1.3. Competitors shall individually tally-in immediately on returning to shore by personally going to the tally control point to return their tally. This must be done no later than 10 minutes after the last boat has come ashore.
- 20.1.4. The penalty for failing to tally-out or tally-in as instructed above will be three points added to the boat's series score for the first offence and five points added to the boat's series score each subsequent offence. The penalty is non-excludable. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.
- 20.2. A boat that retires from a race must notify the race committee as soon as possible. A declaration form is available on the online Official Notice which shall be completed by competitors when ashore.

## **21. REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT [DP]**

- 21.1. Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the race committee. Competitors shall request a substitution of crew online with the form on the Official Notice Board.
- 21.2. 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 with the online form on the Official Notice Board.

## **22. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

- 22.1. See NoR 9.

## **23. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS [DP]**

- 23.1. See NoR 14.

## **24. RUBBISH DISPOSAL**

- 24.1. Rubbish is not to be thrown in the sea. Rubbish may be placed aboard official boats.

## **25. BERTHING [DP]**

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

## **26. PRIZES**

- 26.1. See NoR 21.

## **27. RISK STATEMENT**

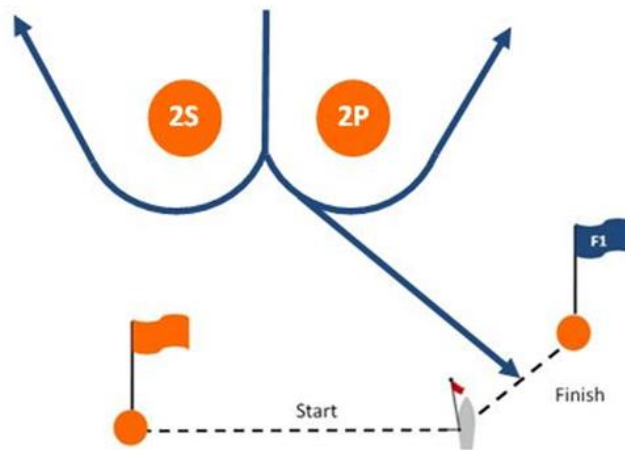
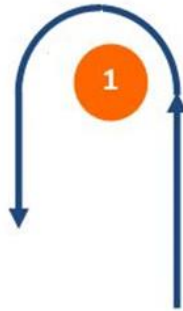
- 27.1. See NoR .

## **28. INSURANCE**

- 28.1. See NoR 18.

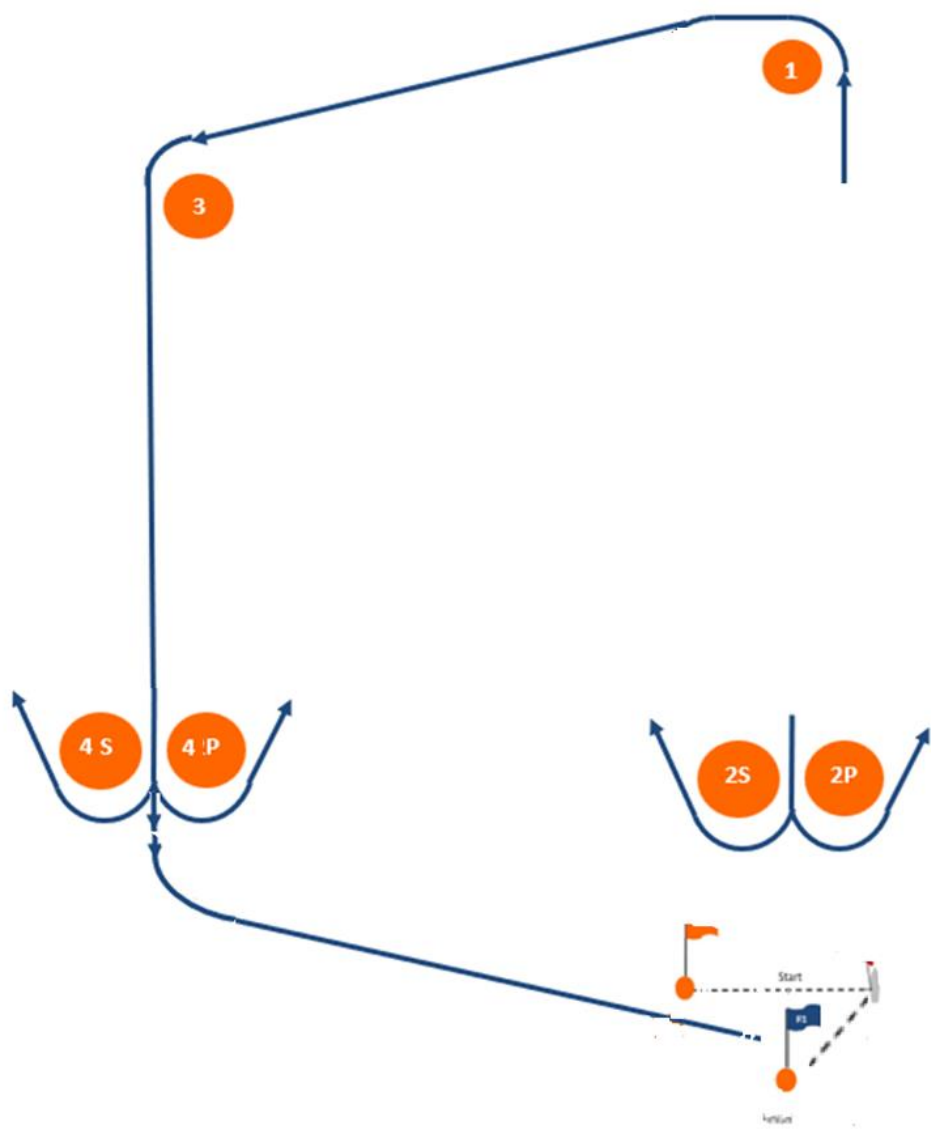


# APPENDIX ONE – COURSE DIAGRAM



COURSE SIGNAL	Mark Rounding Order
L2	Start - 1 - 2s/2p - 1 - 2p - Finish
L3	Start - 1 - 2s/2p - 1 - 2s/2p - 1 - 2p - Finish
L4	Start - 1 - 2s/2p - 1 - 2s/2p - 1 - 2s/2p - 1 - 2p - Finish
L5	Start - 1 - 2s/2p - 1 - 2s/2p - 1 - 2s/2p - 1 - 2s/2p - 1 - 2p - Finish





COURSE SIGNAL	Mark Rounding Order
T2	Start - 1 - 3 - 4s/4p - 3 - 4p - Finish
T3	Start - 1 - 3 - 4s/4p - 3 - 4s/4p - 3 - 4p - Finish
T4	Start - 1 - 3 - 4s/4p - 3 - 4s/4p - 3 - 4s/4p - 3 - 4p - Finish
T5	Start - 1 - 3 - 4s/4p - 3 - 4s/4p - 3 - 4s/4p - 3 - 4s/4p - 3 - 4p - Finish

