

Sailing Instructions



RYA Olympic Classes National Ranking Series 2019

Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy

30th & 31st March 2019

www.rya.org.uk/racing-events

1. Rules

- 1.1. Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. Appendix F Kiteboard Racing Rules shall apply.
- 1.3. Appendix T Arbitration does not apply.
- 1.4. Each boat shall have a valid measurement certificate (if required by class rules). During an event, equipment shall only be replaced with permission of the Race Officer.

2. Entries

Boats shall be entered by completing the entry outlined in the Notice of Race and meeting entry requirements at registration.

3. Notices to Competitors

Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the Event Website at www.rya.org.uk/racing-events

4. Changes in Sailing Instructions

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted no later than 120 minutes before the scheduled warning signal of the first race of that day, except that any change to the schedule of races on Sunday will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

5. Signals Made Ashore

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the official flagpole located on the balcony outside Room 4 and relayed to competitors by the beach master.
- 5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' for those racing in Portland Harbour and with 'not less than 60 minutes' for those racing in Weymouth Bay. This changes RRS Race Signals.
- 5.3. Boats shall remain on shore until their class flag is displayed under flag D with a sound signal. When Flag D is displayed without class flags, all boats may launch. The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after flag D is displayed.
- 5.4. When flag W is displayed over a class flag, racing will take place in Weymouth Bay. When flag W is not displayed racing will be in Portland Harbour.

6. Schedule

- 6.1. Registration is in the Race Office (Room 4) between 0900 and 1000.
- 6.2. Competitors Briefing will be in Spinnakers at 1030.
- 6.3. The warning signal for the first race of the day is scheduled at 1130 on Saturday 30th March. On Sunday 31st March the warning signal for the first race of the day is scheduled at 1100.
- 6.4. Up to 14 races are scheduled for all classes, with a maximum of 7 races per day.
- 6.5. No warning signal will be made after 1500 on Sunday.
- 6.6. Target time 15-20 minutes for all classes.

7. Class Flags

7.1. The class flags for all classes are as follows:-

Class	Flag	Combined Class
Formula Kite	Number 1 on a Yellow background	Flag K
Kitefoil Open	Number 2 on a Red background	

8. Racing Areas

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

9. Courses and Signals

- 9.1. The diagrams in Attachment 1 show the courses including the course signals, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2. Course signals will be displayed on a board on the race committee signal vessel.

10. Marks

- 10.1. The racing marks will be orange.

11. The Start

- 11.1. The start sequence and signals will be as follows. This changes RRS 26:

6 mins before start	Orange flag displayed with one or more sound signals. It will remain displayed throughout the start sequence, or until a lengthy postponement is expected.
3 mins before start	Warning (Class flag) displayed with one sound signal.
2 mins before start	Preparatory (U, P, I or Black as appropriate) displayed with one sound signal
1 min before start	Preparatory removed with one sound signal
Start	Class flag removed with one sound signal. If there is a further start in the sequence, the Class Flag for the next start, may be displayed either at this time, or after a short delay.

- 11.2. The starting order is as follows:-

- Formula Kite
- Kitefolil Open

- 11.3. In the event of Flag X (Individual Recall) being displayed, it will be displayed for 2 minutes, or until all OCS boats have returned and started correctly, whichever is the earlier. This changes RRS 29.1.
- 11.4. The starting line will be between a staff or mast displaying an orange flag on the race Committee Vessel at the starboard end, and the port end starting mark that will be a either a dan buoy displaying an orange flag or an orange buoy with no flag. The Committee Vessel will be a Protector.
- 11.5. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.
- 11.6. A boat starting later than 2 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 11.7. In the event of a general recall or postponement during a start sequence the order of starting will be maintained, and the classes will restart as indicated by the flag signals displayed.

12. Change of Course after the Start

To change the next leg of the course the race committee may either move the original mark or lay a new mark of similar appearance and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. Course change signalling using flag C will only be made when the course change is more than 10 degrees or more than 200m distance. This changes RRS 33.

13. The Finish

The finish line will be between a staff or mast displaying an orange flag on the committee vessel and the starting dan buoy displaying an orange flag or an orange buoy.

14. Time Limit

- 14.1. The time limit will be 30 minutes for all classes.
- 14.2. Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes of the first boat in their class that sailed the course and finished will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

15. Protest

- 15.1. Protests shall be in writing and delivered to the race office within 60 minutes after the time of the last boat has finished the last race of the day for classes sailing. Protest forms are available from the race office.
- 15.2. Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible.
- 15.3. A notice will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a hearing or named as witnesses. For protests by the race committee or protest committee, this is the notification required by rule 61.1(b).

16. Scoring

- 16.1. The Low Point System as provided in RRS Appendix A will apply. Each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score if between 4 and 6 race have been completed. If 7 or more races have been completed then her two worst scores will be excluded. 3 races shall be completed to constitute a series.

17. Safety

17.1. A mandatory Tally system will be employed.

17.1.1. Competitors will be given a 'Tally Number' at Registration. They should remove the elastic wrist bands bearing their Tally Number from the board prior to going afloat. The board will be located with the beach master at the launching area. Tallies shall be worn on the wrist. The Tally Band must be returned to its correct position upon its numbered peg immediately upon returning to shore.

17.1.2. Failure to Tally Out or In may result in a penalty:

- (a) First Offence - Donation of £25 to local RNLI
- (b) Second Offence - DSQ from that day's races.

17.2. RRS 40 shall apply at all times while afloat. Flag Y will not be displayed on shore. This changes RRS 40.

18. Electronic Equipment

18.1. The Organising Authority reserves the right to fit electronic positioning, video, and communication equipment, and any associated mounting brackets to a boat or sailboard. The carrying of such equipment shall not be grounds for redress. Where a bracket and/or electronic equipment is required, it does not constitute "equipment in normal position" for the purposes of RRS Definition Clear Astern and Clear Ahead; Overlap.

18.2. The penalty for carrying electronic equipment approved by a class coach shall be zero points. If electronic equipment is to be carried, the Race Committee shall be notified prior to racing that day.

19. Prizes

19.1. Prize giving for the event will take place as soon as possible after racing on Sunday 31st March.

20. Risk Statement

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."

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore 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 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, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the 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 safety briefing held at the venue;
- h) Each boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £3,000,000.

21. Shipping Movements

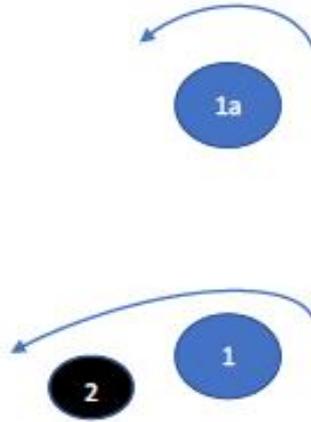
21.1. The attention of all competitors, race management personnel and spectators afloat is drawn to the fact that Portland Harbour is a working port and that harbour regulations must be observed. Any directions given by Portland Harbour Authority either in person or by VHF (CH 74) must be complied with without delay. Failure to comply with this instruction may result in a penalty.

22. Local Instructions

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

22.2. Visiting competitors should report to WPNSA Reception on arrival or call in advance (01305 866000) for access and berthing instructions.

Attachment 1 Course Diagrams
Course KL



Foil Course: S-1a-3a/3b-1a-F
Directional: S-1-2-3a/3b-1-2-F

