



NATIONAL SOLO CLASS ASSOCIATION

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18th & 19th June 2016

Weymouth & Portland National Sailing Academy (WPNSA)

The Organising Authority (OA) is the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy (WPNSA) sailed under the burgee of WPNSA Sailing Club in association with The National Solo Class Association.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013 – 2016*, the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions. In the event of a conflict, the Sailing Instructions will prevail.
- 1.2 Competitors should note that the National Solo Class Association (NSCA) implements the RYA Racing Charter and that all competitors will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter.
- 1.3 The Equipment Rules of Sailing will apply.
- 1.4 Part 5, Section B of *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, as well as rules 44.1 and 63.1 will be changed in the Sailing Instructions to permit Protest Arbitration.
- 1.5 Competitors will be required to wear adequate personal buoyancy at all times whilst afloat – except for a short period whilst changing clothing. Flag 'Y' will not be displayed; this changes RRS rules 40.1 and Race Signals 'Y'.
- 1.6 Rule 43.1(b) will be amended such that a competitor's clothing and equipment shall not weigh more than 10 kg including footwear and clothing worn below the knee.

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the glass kiosk underneath the main balcony outside the changing rooms.

3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 09:00 on the day it will take effect, except that changes to the schedule of races will be posted by 19:00 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the main flag pole situated outside the race office.
- 4.2 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 and not less than 60 minutes if racing is in Weymouth Bay'. Boats are not to leave the slipway until this signal is made.
- 4.3 Flag P displayed with flag D indicates racing will be in Portland Harbour. Flag W displayed with flag D indicates racing will be in Weymouth Bay.
- 4.4 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes if racing is in Portland Harbour and 60 minutes if racing is in Weymouth Bay' in the race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1

Day	Date	Event	Time	Where
Saturday	18 th June 2015	Registration & Inspection	09:00 – 10:30	Room 4
		Competitor Briefing	10:30	Room 6
		Race 1 – start	12:00	
		Race 2	asap after race 1	
		Race 3	asap after race 2	
Sunday	19 th June 2016	Race 4	11:00	
		Race 5	asap after race 4	
		Race 6	asap after race 5	
		Prize giving	asap after racing	Spinnakers

5.2 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 15:00.

6. CLASS FLAGS

6.1 The Class flags will be flag F.

7. RACING AREAS

7.1 The course area will be Portland Harbour or Weymouth Bay.

8. THE COURSE

8.1 The diagrams in Appendix A show the course options including, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.2 No later than the warning signal, the approximate compass bearing of the first leg may be displayed on the race committee signal boat.

8.3 No later than the warning signal the course letter and the number of laps will be displayed on the committee boat.

9. MARKS

9.1 Marks 1, 2, 3, 4p and 4s will be 1.5m orange dumpy buoys.

9.2 Mark 1a will be a small orange dumpy buoy.

9.3 The Starting mark will be a dan buoy with an orange flag.

9.4 The Finish mark will be a dan buoy with a blue flag.

9.5 New marks, as provided in instruction 12.1, will be the same shape and colour as the original marks.

10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

10.1 Boats shall keep clear of vessels at anchor or vessels displaying Flag A, indicating divers in the water.

10.2 The attention of all competitors, race management personnel and spectators afloat is drawn to the fact that Portland Inner and Outer 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.

10.3 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.

11. THE START

11.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

11.2 An orange flag will be displayed at least 5 minutes prior to the first warning signal of each race.

11.3 The start line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Boat and either a mast displaying an orange flag on a boat or the starting mark at the port end.

11.4 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after the starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4.

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position, or lay a new mark and remove the original as soon as practicable.
- 12.2 If a change of course is required for marks 4p and 4s these may be substituted by a single mark to be left to port.

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying orange and blue flags on the committee boat and the finishing mark.

14. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 14.1 The time limits and target times are as follows:
- 14.2

Time limit	Mark 1 time limit	Target time
75 minutes	30 minutes	45 minutes

- 14.3 If no boat has passed Mark 1 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 rule 62.1(a).
- 14.4 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes rules 35.

15. PROTESTS & REDRESS

- 15.1 The Exoneration Penalty and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available.
- 15.2 Protests forms are available at the Race Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.3 The protest time limit is 60 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 if racing is in Portland Harbour and 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 if racing is in Weymouth Bay.
- 15.4 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. Hearings will be held in the protest room located at Room 3 beginning at the time posted.
- 15.5 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 15.6 Breaches of instructions 17, 19, 20 and 21 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches and for class rule breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 15.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
 - a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.
- 1.1. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

16. SCORING

- 16.1 Low Points System of Appendix A will apply.
- 16.2 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.3 Series scores:
 - 16.3.1 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - 16.3.2 When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1 Check-Out and Check-In:

- (a) The tally control point will be located under the main balcony outside the changing rooms.
- (b) Tallies comprise numbered rubber wristbands. Numbers will be allocated at registration, and posted on the official notice board. Tallies shall be worn visibly, over clothing, on the right wrist by the helm at all times while afloat.
- (c) The helm shall individually tally-out before racing by personally collecting their tally.
- (d) The helm shall individually tally-in immediately on returning to shore after racing, but no later than the protest time limit, by returning the tally personally to tally control.
- (e) The first offence for failure to comply with this instruction will be a donation of £10 to the RNLI, subsequent offences will result in disqualification from the races concerned without a hearing. This changes rule 63.1 and A5.

17.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

18. REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

18.1 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

19. TRASH DISPOSAL

19.1 Boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.

20. RADIO COMMUNICATION

20.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

21. PRIZES

21.1 Prizes will be at the discretion of the Race Committee having regard to the number of boats entered.

21.2 The prize giving will take place as soon as possible after racing.

22. 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."

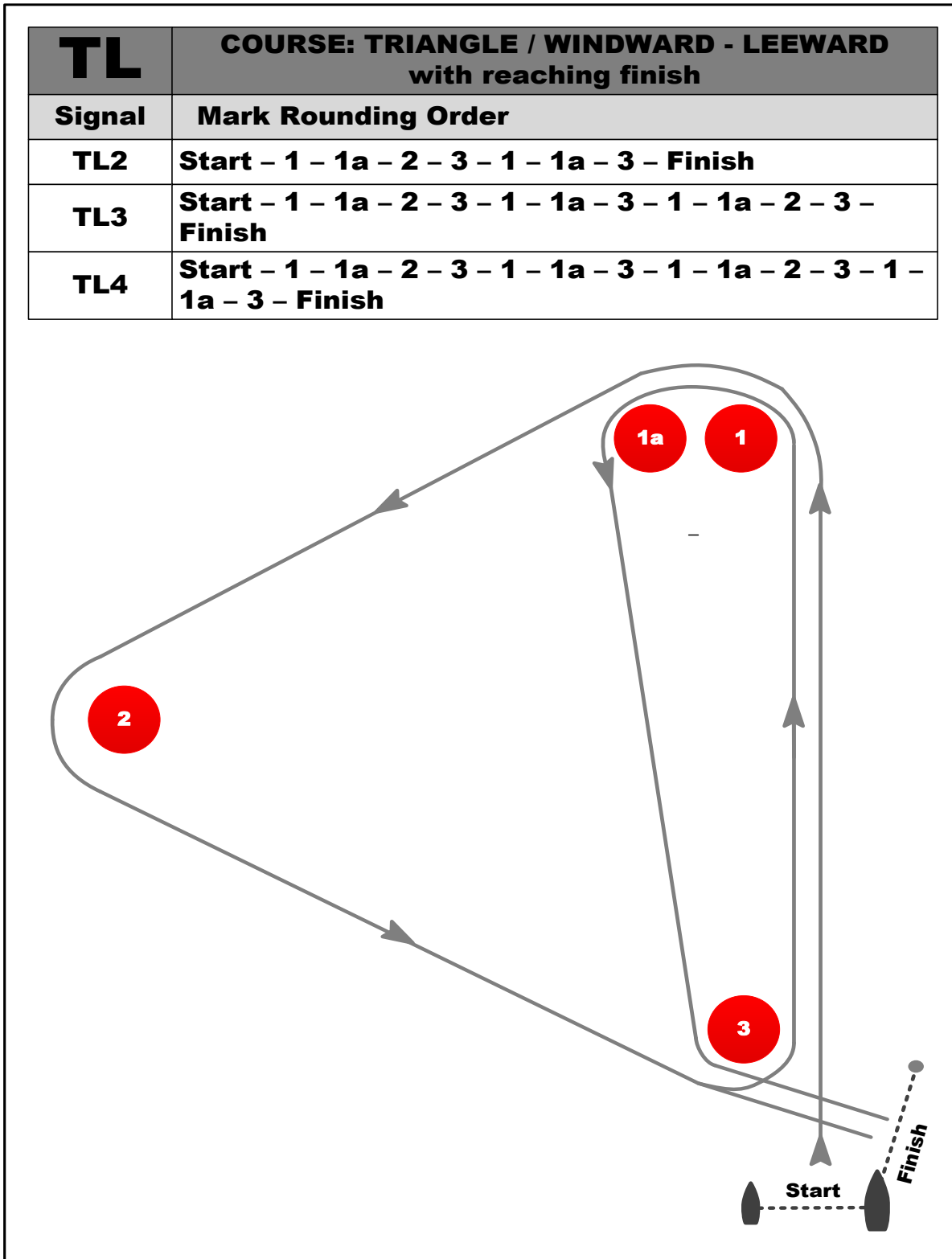
Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- 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;

23. INSURANCE

23.1 Each boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

ATTACHMENT A - COURSE DIAGRAMS



LA	COURSE: WINDWARD / LEEWARD with spreader mark and reaching finish
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
L2	Start - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - 4p - Finish
L3	Start - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - 4p - Finish
L4	Start - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - 4p - Finish

