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East Antrim Boat Club



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RS 400 and RS 200 Northern Championships 2024

Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th May 2024

Hosted by EAST ANTRIM BOAT CLUB

88 Coastguard Road, Larne,

Co Antrim. BT40 1AU

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The event will be organised by East Antrim Boat Club in conjunction with the RS Class Association of Ireland

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a)

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing and the class rules of the RS400, RS200 & RS Aero*.
- 1.2 Racing rules Race Signals AP, 31, 33, 35, 44.1, 60.1(a), 60.1(b), 61.3, 62.1(a), 62.2, A2 A5.1 and A5.2 will be changed. The changes appear, in full, in these sailing instructions.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

See NoR 3.1

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

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

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole at the front of the Clubhouse.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in Race Signals AP. This changes race signals AP.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

See NoR 9

7 CLASS FLAGS

RS 400	RS 400 Class Flag or if not available Numeral 1
RS 200	RS 200 Class Flag or if not available Numeral 2

8 RACING AREA

Racing will take place within a defined racing area in Larne Lough. (Refer Addendum B)

9 COURSES

- 9.1 A Windward leeward course will be used. The diagram in Addendum A shows the course, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be passed.
- 9.2 The course to be sailed will be indicated by boards on the side of the committee boat.

10 MARKS

- 10.1 Marks will be described in the briefing.
- 10.2 Hitting a mark other than the start or finish marks will not be penalized. This changes RRS 31.
- 10.3 If one or other of the gate marks is missing, the remaining mark shall be rounded to port.

11 OBSTRUCTIONS

There are no isolated obstructions in or near the race area that are not marked. At low water there are shallow areas in the approaches to the slipway. These will be mentioned in the competitor briefing.

12 THE START

- 12.1 The starting line will be between the mast on the committee boat displaying an orange flag at the starboard end and the course side of a port-end starting mark.
- 12.2 A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her 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 course changes may not be signalled. This changes RRS 33.

14 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between the mast on the committee boat displaying a blue flag at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end finishing mark.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

See NoR 14.

16 TIME LIMITS

- 16.1 Boats failing to finish within a 15-minute finishing window after the first boat in her class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2

16.2 In addition to RRS 32, the race committee may also award a finishing score to a boat that is still racing by displaying to her from a committee vessel (which may be in motion) flag W with one sound signal. A boat so notified is no longer required to sail the course, shall stop racing and shall return to the starting area, or return ashore if there is no more racing. A finishing score under this sailing instruction will be the score she would have received had she sailed the course and finished within any time limit, without gaining or losing any place. However, when two or more boats that are overlapped are notified, they will be scored as if they were tied. The decision by the race committee to use this procedure or not to use it shall not be grounds for requesting redress. This changes rules 60.1(b) and 62.1(a).

17 HEARING REQUESTS

17.1 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 the later. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.

17.2 Hearing Request forms are available at the race office.

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. Hearings will be held in the protest room displayed on the event Noticeboard (WhatsApp Group)

18 SCORING

As per NoR 15

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

19.1 [DP] [NP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

19.2 [DP] All competitors shall tally out and tally in as described at the briefing.

20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

20.1 [DP] [NP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

20.2 [DP] [NP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorised by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity.

21 EQUIPMENT AND 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.

22 SUPPLIED BOATS

Does not apply.

23 OFFICIAL VESSELS

Official vessels will be identified at the Competitor Briefing.

24 [DP] [NP] SUPPORT TEAMS

As per NoR 16

25 TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard official or support person vessels.

26 BERTHING

[DP] [NP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the dinghy park.

27 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Does not apply.

28 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Does not apply.

29 PRIZES

As per NoR 21

30 RISK STATEMENT

As per NoR 19.

31 INSURANCE

As per NoR 20

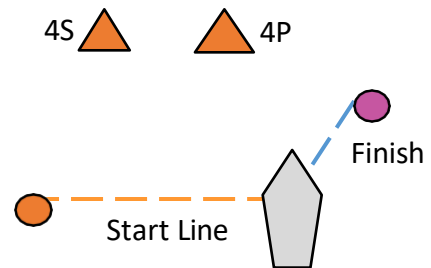
ADDENDUM A – Courses

Windward – Leeward

- L2 1, 4P/4S, 1, 4P, Finish
- L3 1, 4P/4S, 1, 4P/4S, 1, 4P, Finish
- L4 1, 4P/4S, 1, 4P/4S, 1, 4P/4S, 1, 4P, Finish



Marks 4P/4S are a gate
 Marks 1 and 4P to be rounded to Port
 RS 400 Class will use Mark 1A instead of Mark 1

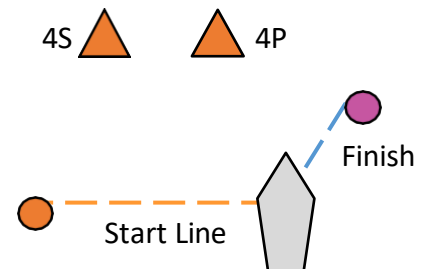


Windward – Leeward with Spreader

- S2 1, 2, 4P/4S, 1, 2, 4P, Finish
- S3 1, 2, 4P/4S, 1, 2, 4P/4S, 1, 2, 4P, Finish
- S4 1, 2, 4P/4S, 1, 2, 4P/4S, 1, 2, 4P/4S, 1, 2, 4P, Finish



Marks 4P/4S are a gate
 Marks 1 and 4P to be rounded to Port
 RS 400 Class will use Mark 1A & 2A instead of Mark 1 & 2



ADDENDUM B – Race Area

