



Weymouth & Portland National Sailing Academy



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SB20 UK NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
14-17 June 2012**

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1.0 RULES

- 1.1 The championship will be governed by the Current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), SB20 Class Rules, the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions. In case of conflict these Sailing Instructions will prevail.
- 1.2 Rule 44.1 & 44.2 are changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe is required.

2.0 ADDITIONAL IDENTIFICATION

- 2.1 Boats will be required to affix a bow number and sponsors branding on each side of the hull. The organising authority will supply stickers and instructions for their application. If the stickers will be issued at registration.

3.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board (ONB) at the Weymouth and Portland Sailing Academy. Situated on the glass kiosk in the event centre.

4.0 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 08.30 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the Schedule of Races will be posted by 20.00 on the day before it will take effect. The changes will be numbered sequentially and indicated by flying flag "L" together with the appropriate numeral pennant.

5.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be flown from the flagstaff of the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy, situated outside the race office.

6.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES

Date	Race Schedule	High Tide
Thursday 14 th June	Races 1, 2 & 3	1531 1.4m
Friday 15 th June	Races 4, 5 & 6	1632 1.5m
Saturday 16 th June	Races 7, 8 & 9	1723 1.7m
Sunday 17 th June	Races 10 & 11	1810 1.8m

- 6.1 The Race Committee reserve the right to alter or reschedule the above program in order to preserve the regatta status due to any reason.

7. CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 It will not be necessary for a class flag to be worn.
- 7.2 For the warning signal purposes Naval Numeral No. 2 will be used.

8.0 RACE AREA

- 8.1 The racing area will be either a) Weymouth Bay or b) Within Portland Harbour. If racing is to be in Portland harbour, flag 'P' will be displayed with the class flag when boats are released. If racing is to be in Weymouth bay, flag 'W' will be displayed with the class flag on release.

9.0 THE COURSES

- 9.1 The courses to be sailed will be windward leeward as per the Course Card – Appendix 1.

10.0 MARKS

- 10.1 All marks will be orange Jaffa inflatable 5 ½ foot dumpy buoys. Alternate mark 1 (following a course change) will be a black Jaffa inflatable 5 ½ foot dumpy buoy. The spreader mark will be a dan buoy with a pink flag.
- 10.2 The port hand starting mark will be a mast on the pin end committee vessel displaying an orange flag or a 6ft orange pillar buoy.

10.3 The port hand finishing mark will be a dan buoy with a blue flag

11.0 THE START

11.1 PROCEDURE

The starting procedure will be as per RRS 26. (5 minute sequence)

12.0 START TIMES

12.1 An Orange Flag will be displayed 5 minutes prior to each warning signal.

Date	Races	First Warning Signal	Prep. Flag Up	Prep. Flag Down	Start Time
Thurs 14 June	3	12:00 hrs	12:01 hrs	12:04 hrs	12:05 hrs
Fri 15 June	3	10:30 hrs	10:31 hrs	10:34 hrs	10:35 hrs
Sat 16 June	3	10:30 hrs	10:31 hrs	10:34 hrs	10:35 hrs
Sun 17 June	2	10:30 hrs	10:31 hrs	10:34 hrs	10:35 hrs

12.2 Second and third races each day will follow as soon as possible after the preceding race.

12.3 An announcement on VHF Ch.37(M) may also be made to draw attention to any imminent start following a postponement

12.4 On the final day there will be no start after 14:30 hrs

13.0 STARTING LINE

13.1 The start line will be between an orange mast flying an orange flag on the Main Committee Vessel and a mast on the pin end committee vessel displaying an orange flag or an orange pillar buoy.

13.2 An Inner Distance Mark (IDM) may be laid approx 15 metres from the Starting Vessel, but not necessarily on the start line, this will be an inflatable mark.

13.3 The IDM (if laid) is a mark of the course

13.4 After the 1 minute signal for each start, no yacht may pass between the Inner Distance mark and the Committee Vessel.

13.5 Any yacht infringing this rule shall sail to the pre start side of the start line around either end of the line before starting.

13.6 SI 11.4 ceases to apply following a valid start to each race.

13.7 During the final minute before each start, the gap between the limit mark and the Committee vessel does not rank as an obstruction.

13.8 No yacht shall start later than 10 minutes after her starting signal.

13.9 A board on starboard shrouds of the CB will indicate the course, the number of Laps to be sailed, and the approximate distance to the weather mark.

13.10 A board on the port shrouds of the CB will indicate the bearing of the windward mark. These will also be announced on VHF Radio Ch.37(M)

14.0 RECALLS

14.1 In the event of an Individual recall, the committee vessel will announce on VHF Ch.37(M) that Flag "X" is displayed. Approximately one minute following the start concerned the committee may announce those sail numbers that were OCS. Failure to make this announcement will not constitute grounds for redress.

15.0 THE FINISH

15.1 The finish line will be between a staff flying an orange flag on the Committee Vessel and a blue flag on the main committee vessel.

16.0 TIME LIMITS

- 16.1 The time limit for the first boat to finish in each race shall be 90 minutes. The time limit for all other boats shall be 20 minutes after the first valid finisher. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.
- 16.2 Should Races not meet the target times, this will not be grounds for redress.

17.0 YACHTS RETIRING

- 17.1 Any Yacht which, having started, retires from the race or does not complete the race for any reason, must notify the Race Officer by VHF Radio on Channel 37(M) and await an acknowledgement.

18.0 PROTESTS

- 18.1 Boats wishing to protest are requested in addition to satisfying the requirements of RRS 61, to radio their intentions to the Race Officer on completion of the race concerned, giving the name or sail number of the boat they intend to protest and await an acknowledgement.
- 18.2 Protest forms will be available from the reception desk in the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy.
- 18.3 Protests must be delivered to the race office at the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy within 1 hour of the return to the Club pontoon of the Main Committee Vessel. This time will be posted on the ONB. In exceptional circumstances this time may be varied by the Protest Committee.
- 18.4 A notice will be posted on the ONB indicating the location and time of the protest hearing, within 30minutes of the delivery of the protest form.
- 18.5 The protest committee is empowered to award lesser penalties than prescribed in the RRS.

19.0 SCORING

- 19.1 Scoring will be in accordance with RRS Appendix A and the Low Point System will be used as amended by SI 17.2.
- 19.2 Eleven races are scheduled of which 6 must be completed for the event to qualify as a championship, if fewer than 6 races are sailed all races will count.
- 19.3 When six races or more are completed one discard is allowed.
- 19.4 When ten or more races are completed 2 discards are allowed. (Amends RRS A.2)
- 19.5 Race results will be published on the ONB as soon as possible after racing each day.

20.0 SAFETY

- 20.1 All yachts must keep a listening watch on VHF Channel M1 (37a)

21.0 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 21.1 A yacht or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class rules and Sailing Instructions.

22.0 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 22.1 Yachts shall not be hauled out during the competition except with and according to the prior written permission of the Race Committee.

23.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 23.1 Competitors participate in this competition entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the competition.

24.0 PRIZES AND PRIZE GIVING

- 24.1 The Prize giving will be held on Sunday 17 June at a target time of 15:30 hrs