RS Aero Open

28th June 25

Organising Authority (OA) is Draycote Water Sailing Club in conjunction with RS Aero class association

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

1.1. This event is governed by the rules as defined in *the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028.*

1.2. Competitors shall sail in accordance with the *RYA Racing Charter*.

1.3. Competitors must abide by the RYA anti-doping policy.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTION

2.1. Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 30 minutes before the first warning signal on the day it will take effect and shall be valid for all subsequent races in the series.

2.2. Changes to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it takes effect.

3. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

3.1. The official notice board will be the event page online.

3.2. The race office will be The Waterside Reception, can also be contacted via the online form.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with all reasonable requests from race officials, club volunteers, marshals and staff.

4.2. [DP] All Competitors and support person must abide by Draycote water sailing club rules and regulations, failing to comply may result in disqualification without a hearing. This changes RRS 63

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1. Signals made ashore will be made on the club flag pole located on the patio.

5.2. When AP is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes in race signals AP. This changes RRS Race Signals.

5.3. [DP] Flag D with one sound signal means 'boats shall not leave the shore until this signal is made; the warning signal shall not be less than 30 minutes after Flag D is displayed'

5.4. Signals ashore made under a class flag only apply to that class.

5.5. Competitors should note, signals may be flown from the flagpole in connection to club racing, these will be flown under a club flag.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1.

Date	Activity	Time
28th June	Race 1 warning signal	10:55
	Race 2,3,4	ASAP after race 1, 2 or 3

6.2. To alert boats that a race will begin shortly, the orange start line flag will be raised with one sound signal 2 minutes before the warning signal.

7. CLASS FLAGS

7.1. Class flag

7.1.1. RS Aero 5	Black numeral 5 with blue background.
7.1.2. RS Aero 6	Black numeral 6 with a purple background.
7.1.3. RS Aero 7	Black numeral 7 with a yellow background.
7.1.4. RS Aero 9	Black numeral 9 with a pink background.

8. RACING AREA

8.1. The racing area is Draycote Water.

8.2. Competitors should note club racing may also be taking place on the water.

9. COURSES

9.1. The diagrams in 'SI addendum 1' should the course, including approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks to be passed and the side each mark is to be left.

9.2. No later than the warning signal the race committee shall display the course letter and number of laps on the back of the committee boat.

10. MARKS

10.1. All rounding marks will be orange dumpy race marks.

10.2. The starting mark will be a boat or danbuoy displaying an orange flag

10.3. The finishing mark will be a boat or danbuoy displaying a blue flag.

11. OBSTRUCTIONS

11.1. Boats shall not sail at any time within 30 meters of the shore except in an emergency or in front of the club compound

11.2. Fishing boats whether engaged in fishing or not, this includes the area the line extends from or being cast in.

11.3. Rescue boats or committee boats when not displaying defined start or finish signals.

11.4. Exclusion areas are marked by yellow buoys and shall not be entered.

12. THE START

12.1. The start line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee vessel and the start mark.

12.2. [DP] Boats who's warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.

12.3. Boats failing to start with 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

12.4. The intended starting order will be announced at briefing and displayed on the back of the committee boat.

12.5. If there are multiple starts then the warning signal for each subsequent start will be asap after the preceding start.

12.6. If there is a general recall the starting order will be maintained with the recalled fleeting getting a new start not less than 1 minute after removal of '1st substitute'.

13. CHANGES TO THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

13.1. The position of marks may be changed by less than 50m during a race, such a change will only be made if no boat is sailing towards the mark. Flag C will not be flown to indicate this change, nor will "+" or "-". This changes RRS 33.

13.2. If a change of more than 50m in any direction is required this will be signalled in line with RRS 33.

14. THE FINISH

14.1. The finish line will be between the flag pole on the committee vessel and the finish mark.

14.2. At the discretion of the race officer, any competitor failing to finish within a reasonable time period of the first boat finishing that race may be finished on the course by a committee boat or safety boat displaying Flag W.

14.3. Any competitor so finished will score the number of points in accordance to their finishing position in that race. This changes RRS 28.1.

15. Not used.

16. TIME LIMITS

16.1.

Mark 1-time limit	Race Target Time	Finishing Window	Max Race Time
20 minutes	45 minutes	15 minutes	65 minutes

16.2. If no boat passes mark 1 within the mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned

16.3. Failure to meet the race target time will not be grounds for redress, this changes RRS 62.1(A)

16.4. Boats failing to finish within the finishing window after the 1st boat to sail the course and finish or within the time limit, whichever is later will be scored "Did not finish". This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

17. HEARING REQUESTS

17.1. The Protest time limit will be 30 minutes after the last boat in her class finishes the last race of the day or 'no more racing today' is signalled by the race committee, whichever is later.

17.2. The protest time will be displayed on the official notice board (see SI 3.1).

17.3. Hearing request forms are submitted online or to the race office.

18. Not used.

19. SAFETY REGULATIONS

19.1. [DP]A boat retiring from a race shall inform the race committee or safety boat before returning to shore.

20. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUPIMENT

20.1. [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorised by the race committee in writing. The request must be at the first reasonable opportunity, this may be after the race.

21. EQUIPMENT MEASURES AND CHECKS

21.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with class rules, NOR or SI.

22. Not used.

23. Not used.

24. SUPPORT TEAMS

24.1. Support teams and vessels will not be allowed on the water.

25. TRASH DISPOSAL

25.1. Trash must not be places on support vessels and must be carried by competitors until returning to shore.

26. BERTHING

26.1. [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the dinghy park for the duration of the regatta unless instructed otherwise.

27. Not used.

28. Not used.

29. Not used.

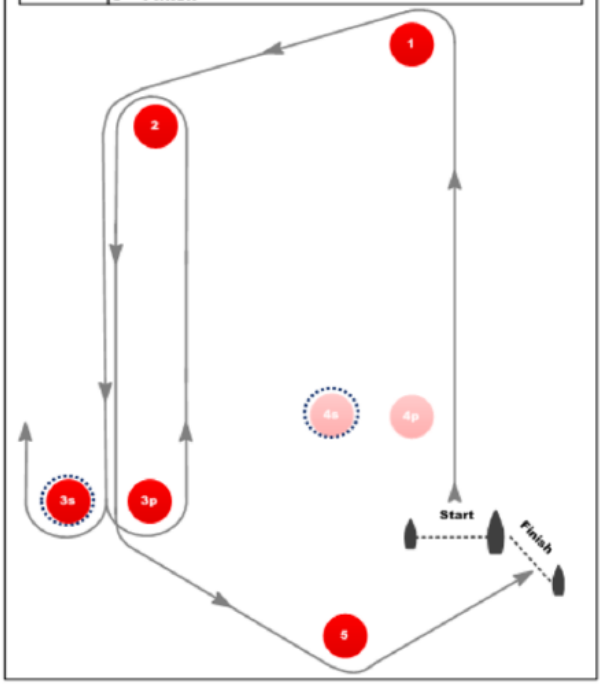
30. Not used.

31. INSURANCE

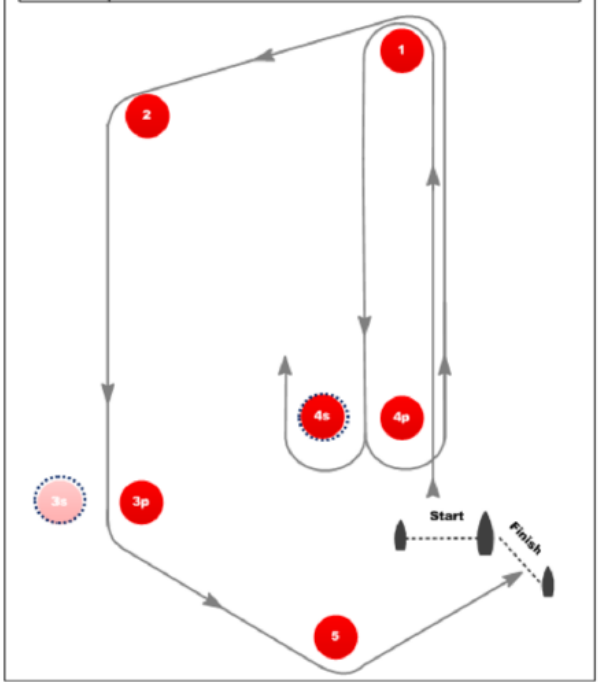
31.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

SI addendum 1

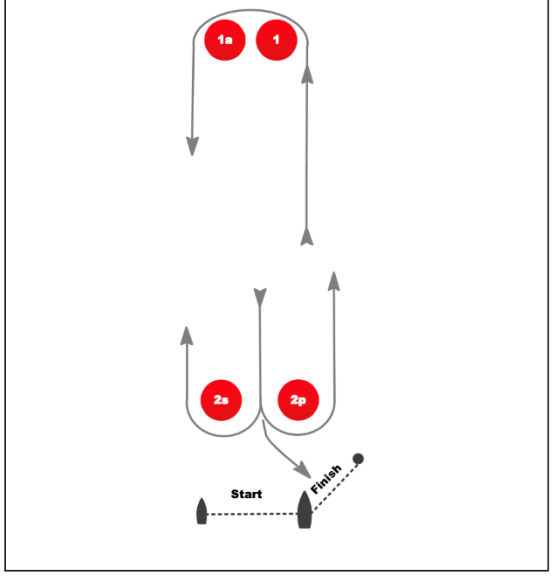
OX	COURSE: OUTER with reaching finish
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
OX2	Start – 1 – 2 – 3s/3p – 2 – 3p – 5 – Finish
OX3	Start – 1 – 2 – 3s/3p – 2 – 3s/3p – 2 – 3p – 5 – Finish
OX4	Start – 1 – 2 – 3s/3p – 2 – 3s/3p – 2 – 3s/3p- 2 – 3p – 5 – Finish



IX	COURSE: INNER with reaching finish
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
IX2	Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 2 – 3p – 5 – Finish
IX3	Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 2 – 3p – 5 – Finish
IX4	Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 2 – 3p – 5 – Finish



LRA	COURSE: WINDWARD / LEEWARD with spreader mark and reaching finish
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
LRA2	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2p – Finish
LRA3	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2p – Finish
LRA4	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2p – Finish



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