

RS 400, RS 200, and RS AERO Western Championship 2023

Sailing Instructions

April 1st to April 2nd 2023

Galway City Sailing Club

53°16'07"N 9°02'16"W

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*.
- 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 09:00 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.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

See NOR 5.1

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 main flagpole. The flagpole will be situated just inside the gate of the dinghy park
- 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

- 6.1 Racing:

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Race</i> |
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| Saturday 1 st of April | Races 1 to 3 |
| Sunday 2 nd of April | Races 4 to 6 |

- 6.2 The scheduled time of the first warning signal of the first race on Saturday is 11:55. The scheduled time of the first warning signal of the first race on Sunday is 10:55. There will be a briefing at 9:30 am in the dinghy park beside the launch beach on the Saturday morning.
- 6.3 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound signal at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 6.4 Race 4 may be run on the Saturday at the discretion of the Race Committee. To indicate this intention, the finish boat will display flag Numeral 4 at the end of Race 3.
- 6.5 In the event that Races 1, 2 or 3 are not completed on Saturday additional races may be sailed on Sunday.
- 6.6 On the last day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15:00.

7 CLASS FLAGS

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| RS 400 | RS 400 Class Flag |
| RS 200 | RS 200 Class Flag |
| RS Aero | RS Aero Class Flag |

If the class flags are not available the class flags for the race will be designated at the briefing.

8 RACING AREA

The racing areas are detailed in Appendix 2. Depending on the conditions of the day the Race Officer will decide which sailing area is to be used. This will be communicated at the briefing.

9 COURSES

- 9.1 The diagram in Appendix 1 shows the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be passed.
- 9.2 The courses to be sailed will be indicated by boards on the side of the committee boat.

10 MARKS

- 10.1 Marks 1, 1A, 2S and 2P will be large orange inflatable marks. The start mark will be a yellow spherical mark, the finish mark will be a pink/red spherical mark.
- 10.2 Hitting a mark other than the start or finish marks will not be penalised for the RS400 and RS200 Class only. 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

N/A

12 THE START

- 12.1 The starting line will be a pole on the committee boat displaying an orange flag at the starboard end and the course side of a port-end yellow spherical 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.

12.3 The order of start will be;

1st start. 400,

2nd start. 200,

3rd start. Aeros

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 a 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 13

NOR 13.1 is amended to the following RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty for the RS400 & RS 200 only.

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 in the office in the sailing club, inside the gate of the dinghy park.

18 SCORING

As per NoR 14

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

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

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 OFFICIAL VESSELS

Official vessels will be identified as follows: TBC at briefing

23 [DP] [NP] SUPPORT TEAMS

As per NoR 15

24 TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard official or support person vessels.

25 BERTHING

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

26 PRIZES

As per NoR 24

27 RISK STATEMENT

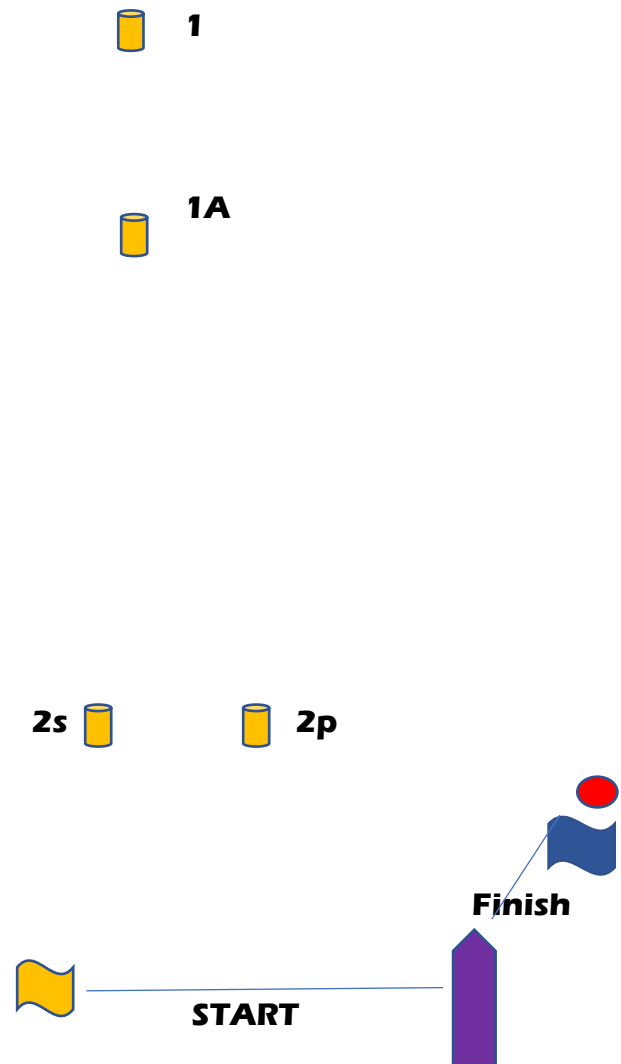
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28 INSURANCE

As per NoR 23

APPENDIX 1

Course Diagram



RS 400/RS200

L2 1, 2s/2p, 1, 2p, finish

L3 1, 2s/2p, 1, 2s/2p, 1, 2p, finish

L4 1, 2s/2p, 1, 2s/2p, 1, 2s/2p, 1, 2p, finish

The RS 400s use mark 1, the RS 200s and RS Aeros use mark 1A instead of mark 1.

Marks 1, 1A are to be rounded to Port

Marks 2s/2p is a gate

The course number will be displayed from the Start Boat prior to each start

Appendix 2 RACE AREAS

Race Area 1



Race Area 2

