



**RS** **aero** *class association*

## RS Aero UK Open & National Championship 2020

28<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020

### Eastbourne Sovereign Sailing Club

Organizing Authority: Eastbourne Sovereign Sailing Club  
in conjunction with the RS Aero UK Class Association

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. RRS 31 is changed so that marks other than starting and finishing marks may be touched without penalty.
- 1.3. The notation [DP] in a rule of the NoR or SI means that the penalty for breaching the rule is at the discretion of the protest committee.
- 1.4. RRS Appendix P, Special Procedures for RRS42 will apply and is amended by deleting clauses P2.2, P2.3 and P2.4 and by having P2.1 apply to all penalties incurred under P1.2.

### 2. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 2.1. There will be a briefing available, refer to the online noticeboard on the ESSC website [https://go.sailing-at-eastbourne.co.uk/?page\\_id=1314](https://go.sailing-at-eastbourne.co.uk/?page_id=1314)
- 2.2. Notices to competitors will be posted on the online notice board, on the ESSC website [https://go.sailing-at-eastbourne.co.uk/?page\\_id=1314](https://go.sailing-at-eastbourne.co.uk/?page_id=1314)
- 2.3. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag mast on the club house.
- 2.4. [DP] Boats shall not launch or leave their allocated berth until their launch group flag (White, Red, Blue or Orange) is displayed with flag D. The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after flag D is displayed.
- 2.5. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect except that an extra race may be posted at least 30 minutes before flag D is displayed (SI 2.4) on the day it will take effect. Any other change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 30 minutes before flag D is displayed (SI 2.4) on the day it will take effect.
- 2.6. The class flags will be the class insignia on the following background colours:

| Class      | Flag                      |
|------------|---------------------------|
| RS Aero 5: | Numeral '5' on light blue |
| RS Aero 7: | Numeral '7' on yellow     |
| RS Aero 9: | Numeral '9' on pink       |

### 3. SCHEDULE OF RACES

3.1 The race schedule will be as follows:

| Date:                            | Warning Signal: | No. of Races Scheduled: |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> August   | 13:00           | 2                       |
| Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> August | 11:00           | 3                       |
| Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> August   | 11:00           | 3                       |
| Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> August   | 11:00           | 2                       |

One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that no class becomes more than one race ahead of schedule and the change is made according to SI 2.5.

- 3.2 The warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable.
- 3.3 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least two minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 3.4 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15:30.
- 3.5 No more than four races will be sailed on any day.
- 3.6 The Championship will consist of a maximum of 10 races.

#### **4. RACING AREA**

- 4.1. Racing shall take place on the waters to the South East of the club approx. 1nm.
- 4.2. Danger Area: Boats shall familiarize themselves with the location of the Storm Water Outfall marked by a red port hand basket on top of a pole. Located approximately 200m South West of the ESSC Clubhouse

#### **5. THE COURSES**

- 5.1. The diagrams in Appendix A show the course, the course designations, the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 5.2. No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
- 5.3. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will replace the original mark, or lay a new mark and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.
- 5.4. Refer to the table in Appendix A for description of course marks.
- 5.5. RS Aero 7s & 9s will sail course 'O' (Outer) and the RS Aero 5s will sail course 'I' (Inner).

#### **6. THE START**

- 6.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an Orange flag on a Committee vessel and either a staff displaying an orange flag on a Committee vessel, or an orange pillar mark (with 'START' marked on it)
- 6.2. [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

#### **7. THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a Blue flag on a Committee vessel and a red spherical mark.

#### **8. TIME LIMITS & TARGET TIMES**

- 8.1. The time limit and target time in minutes is as follows:

| Time limit | Finish window | Target time |
|------------|---------------|-------------|
| 70         | 15            | 40          |

Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

- 8.2. Boats failing to finish within the finish window time after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored according to their observed position on the course, which may be the position at the last mark rounded. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

#### **9. PROTESTS, PENALTIES & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 9.1. Whistle System; A judge will be on the water during the event. To encourage boats to take a penalty afloat, the judge may blow a whistle when they see what they believe to be a breach of a rule. If no boat takes a penalty, the protest committee may protest a boat.
- 9.2. Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 9.3. For each class, 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 later.
- 9.4. 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.
- 9.5. Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 9.6. Penalties for breaches of class rules, RRS 55 or rules in the NoR and SIs marked [DP], are at the discretion of the protest committee.

- 9.7. Breaches of SI12, Safety Regulations, will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 9.8. On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

## **10. SCORING**

- 10.1. One Championship race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.2. Series scoring
  - (a) When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
  - (b) When from four to seven races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score
  - (c) When eight or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 10.3. Points will accrue to the registered helm and not the entered boat.
- 10.4. A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 10.5. To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat may complete a scoring enquiry form available at the race office.

## **11. PRIZES**

- 11.1. The UK National Championship Title and 1st place Trophy in each Championship fleet shall be awarded to the highest placed competitor who is either (or both) British or whose main residence is within the UK.
- 11.2. Prizes will be awarded to the top three helms in each fleet, the first Lady helm, and for the following age categories (age as at 31 December 2020):

|                     |                 |                  |
|---------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Master: 55 and over | Youth: under 19 | Junior: under 16 |
|---------------------|-----------------|------------------|
- 11.3. Only the first 2 races of each day will count towards the Master's title.

## **12. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 12.1. [DP] Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices at all times while afloat, except briefly while adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- 12.2. Competitors shall tally on and off at the designated tally board, located adjacent to the clubhouse, prior to launching and after recovering from the water. The penalty for failing to comply with this SI will be points equal to 10% of the number of boats in that fleet added to the boat's series score without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5. The penalty shall apply on each day the SI is infringed and will be rounded to one decimal place. For a first infringement only, competitors will be invited to make a £10 donation to the RNLI as an alternative penalty.
- 12.3. [DP] A boat that retires from a race, or does not intend to start a race, shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

## **13. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT & CHANGE OF RIG SIZE**

- 13.1. [DP] Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 13.2. [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 13.3. Should a competitor wish to change rigs during the championship, they may do so once only within their original entry fee, but all races completed using the changed rig will be scored as a separate entry. Requests for permission to change rigs must be submitted in writing to the race office prior to the change.

## **14. EQUIPMENT & MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

On the water, a boat can be instructed by a member of the race committee or technical committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection. Equipment may be inspected at any time in accordance with NoR 6.

## **15. SUPPORT BOATS**

[DP] Support persons shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

## **16. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

[DP] Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

## **17. RISK STATEMENT**

17.1. 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."

17.2. 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 other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;
- (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 organizer 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.
- (g) It is their responsibility to familiarize themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.
- (h) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £2 million against third-party claims, or the equivalent in other currencies.

## **18. MEDIA RIGHTS, CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT**

18.1. By participating in the event, competitors automatically grant the Organising Authority and their sponsors, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of the athlete during the period of the competition without compensation.

18.2. Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the Organising Authority.

18.3. Competitors may be asked to be interviewed during the regatta.

## **19. COVID 19**

19.1. The event will be run inline with the UK Governments regulations and RYA guidance in affect at the time of the event.

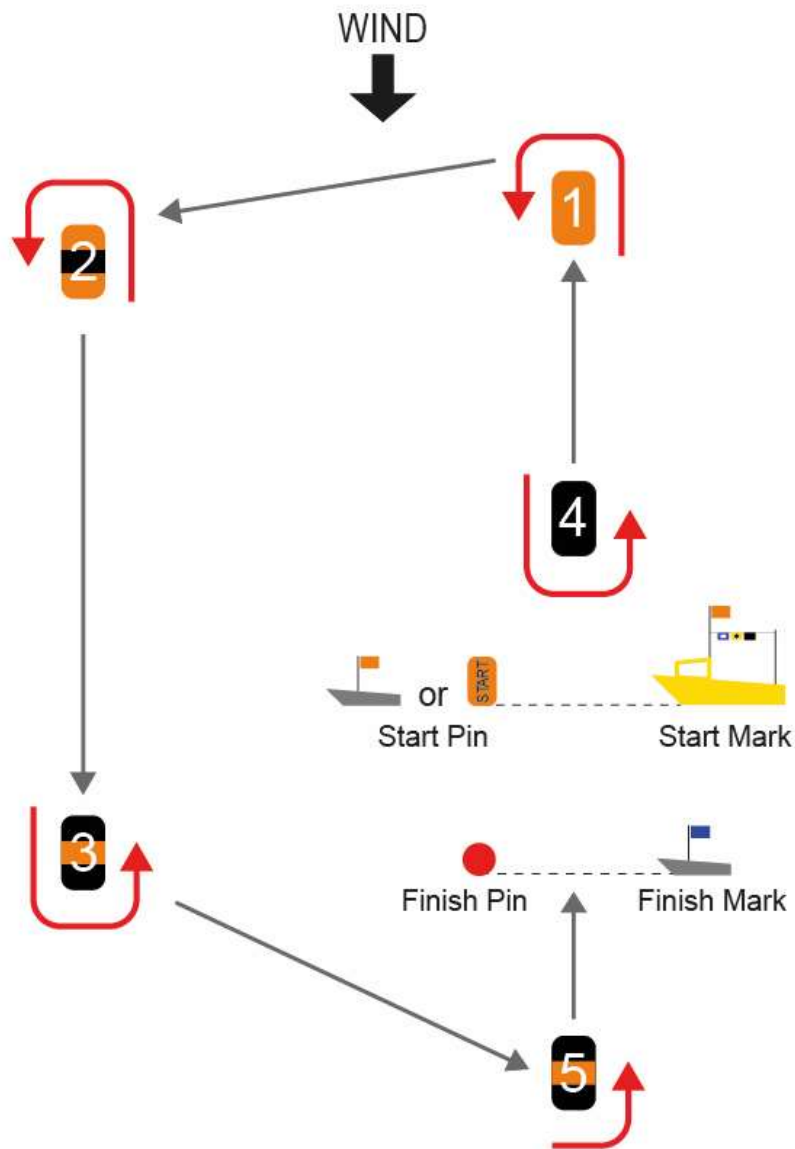
19.2. Guidance will be published on the club website and online notice board.

19.3. [DP] Competitors shall adhere to all guidance and signage from the OA.

## APPENDIX A - COURSE DIAGRAMS

Courses are indicative. Angles and distances are not to scale

| Windward/Leeward Loops Course |  |
|-------------------------------|--|
| I (Inner)<br>RS Aero 5        | Start – 1 – 4 – 1 – 2 – 3 – 5 – Finish |
| O (Outer)<br>RS Aero 7 & 9    | Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – 5 – Finish |



| Marks               | Description   |
|---------------------|---|
| 1                   | 6 ft Orange Pillar mark   |
| 2                   | 6 ft Orange Pillar mark with black band   |
| 3                   | 5ft Black Pillar mark with orange band  |
| 4                   | 5ft Black Pillar mark   |
| 5                   | 5ft Black pillar mark with orange band  |
| Start starboard end | Staff displaying an Orange flag on a Committee vessel   |
| Start port end      | Staff displaying an orange flag on a Committee vessel, or an orange pillar mark (with 'START' marked on it) |
| Finish mark 1       | Staff displaying a blue flag on a Committee vessel  |
| Finish mark 2       | Red spherical mark  |

*Note: the finish committee boat may be at either the starboard or port end of the finish line*