

# NOBLE

MARINE INSURANCE



**Noble Marine**  
**RS100, RS500 & RS600 National**  
**Championships 2025**  
**25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> September**  
**Hosted by Mount's Bay Sailing Club**

**RS**  
CLASS  
ASSOCIATION

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### ORGANISING AUTHORITY

This event will be organised by Mount's Bay Sailing Club in conjunction with the RS Class Association.

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.

### 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, 60.1(a), 60.3(b), 61.4(b), 61.2(a), A2 A5.1 and A5.2 will be changed. The changes appear, in full, in the notice of race or 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

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in Mount's Bay Sailing Club Dinghy Pen adjacent to the Race Office.

### 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 from the flagpole adjacent to the race office in the Mount's Bay Sailing Club dinghy pen
- 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 signal AP.
- 5.3 [DP] Boats shall not leave the shore until released, which will be notified by displaying flag D ashore with one sound signal. The warning signal will not be made less than 45 minutes after flag D is displayed.

## **6 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 6.1 See NoR 9 for schedule.
- 6.2 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.
- 6.3 A fourth race may be run on any day at the discretion of the Race Committee. To indicate this intention the finish boat will display flag Numeral 4 at the end of the third race that day.

## **7 CLASS FLAGS**

RS100	RS100 Red Class Flag or if not available Numeral 1
RS500	RS500 Green Class Flag or if not available Numeral 5
RS600	RS600 Pink Class Flag or if not available Numeral 6

## **8 RACING AREA**

See NoR 12.

## **9 COURSES**

- 9.1 Courses to be sailed will be Windward Leeward and Trapezoid. The diagrams in Addendum A show 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 signal vessel.

## **10 MARKS**

- 10.1 Marks 1, 2S & 2P will be large orange buoys.  
Mark 1a will be a small red dumpy buoy.  
Marks 3 & 4 will be yellow dumpy buoys.  
The port end starting mark will be a tall orange pillar buoy or a mast displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee vessel.  
The finishing marks will be red pillar buoys.
- 10.2 Hitting a mark other than the start or finish marks will not be penalised. This changes RRS 31.

## **11 OBSTRUCTIONS**

Does not apply.

## **12 THE START**

- 12.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the 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 a staff displaying a blue flag on the committee boat and the course side of the appropriate finishing mark.

## **15 PENALTY SYSTEM**

See NoR 14.

## **16 TIME LIMITS**

16.1 The time limit for all fleets is 75 minutes.

16.2 Boats failing to finish within a 20-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

16.3 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(a) and 61.4(b).

## **17 HEARING REQUESTS**

17.1 The protest time limit is 60 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 60.3(b) and 61.2(a).

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.

17.4 Hearings will be held in the protest room described in the supplementary sailing instructions.

## **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] Each boat will be given a 'boat identification number' and issued with two white panels and two sets of numbers at registration. The white panels shall be placed on both sides of the boat as high and as close to the bow as possible and the numbers shall be fixed to the panels. If the numbers are lost or damaged, they shall be repaired or replaced promptly.

19.3 Each competitor will have a tally wrist band marked with their boat's boat identification number. Each competitor shall "tally out" each day by taking their tally wrist band from the tally board and placing it on their right wrist. Tallies may only be taken when released in accordance with SI 5.3. Tally wrist bands shall be returned to the tally board immediately on

coming ashore and not later than 60 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. Failure to comply with any aspect of this rule will result in disqualification from the races concerned without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.

**20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

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

**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**

See Supplementary Sailing Instructions.

**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 24.

**24 RISK STATEMENT**

As per NoR 22.

**25 INSURANCE**

As per NoR 23.

# ADDENDUM A – Courses

## Windward – Leeward, RS100, RS500

- L2 1, 1a, 2p/2s, 1,1a, 2p, Finish
- L3 1, 1a, 2p/2d, 1, 1a, 2p/2s, 1, 2p, Finish
- L4 1, 1a, 2p/2s, 1, 1a, 2p/2s, 1, 1a, 2p/2s, 1, 2p, Finish

## Trapezoid – RS600

- O1 1, 1a, 3, 4, Finish
- O2 1, 1a, 3, 4, 3, 4, Finish
- O3 1, 1a, 3, 4, 3, 4, 3, 4, Finish

Marks 2P/2S are a gate.

Marks 1, 1a, 2p, 3 & 4 to be rounded to Port.

