



Noble Marine RS700 and RS800 National Championships 2021
Thursday 9th to Sunday 12th September 2021
Hosted by Castle Cove Sailing Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

This event will be organised by Castle Cove 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(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 or in the Notice of Race. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

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 – which will be the window of the clubhouse office and online below

<https://www.rs700.org/championships/index.asp?pg=Official%20Noticeboard&eid=2084>

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 on the main flagpole which is at the top of the steps outside the club main entrance.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signals AP. This changes race signals AP.
- 5.3 [DP] Flag D with one sound means boats may leave the shore. Boats shall not leave the shore until this signal is made. The warning signal will not be made before the scheduled time or less than 45 minutes after flag D is displayed.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 See NOR para 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

- RS700 Grey flag with black RS700, or numeral pennant 7
- RS800 White flag with black RS800, or numeral pennant 8

8 RACING AREA

See NOR para 12

Flag W (Weymouth Bay), or Flag P (Portland Harbour) will be hoisted from the main flagpole a minimum of 90minutes before the first warning signal of that day.

9 COURSES

- 9.1 Courses to be sailed will be as shown in the appendices. The diagrams show the course, 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, 2, 3s 3p, 4s, 4p, 5 will be large orange cylindrical buoys.

Spreader marks 1a and 2a will be small yellow pillar buoys.

The port end start mark will be a danbuoy with two Red Flags

The finish line for RS700 will be between a staff on the committee boat showing a Blue Flag and a danbuoy with a Blue Flag. This line will be off the bow of the Committee Boat.

The finish line for RS800 will be between a staff on the committee boat showing a Green Flag and a danbuoy with a Green Flag. This line will be off the stern of the Committee Boat.

- 10.2 Hitting a mark other than the start or finish marks will not be penalised. This changes RRS 31.

11 OBSTRUCTIONS

If going afloat from the Easterly facing slipway, or the beach to the North (Sandsfoot Beach), there is an underwater pipe, heading out perpendicular to the shore, marked at its seaward end by a post with a cross, with reefs to the NE. Avoid crossing the pipe route.

If sailing in the Bay, access must only be via the North harbour entrance – i.e. other Portland Harbour entrances are out of bounds.

12 THE START

- 12.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat 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 finish line for RS700 will be between a staff on the committee boat showing a Blue Flag and a danbuoy with a Blue Flag. This line will be off the bow of the Committee Boat.

The finish line for RS800 will be between a staff on the committee boat showing a Green Flag and a danbuoy with a Green Flag. This line will be off the stern of the Committee Boat.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

See NOR para 14.

16 TIME LIMITS

- 16.1 The time limit for all fleets is 75 minutes. The race target time will be 45 minutes for the leaders.
- 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(b) and 62.1(a).

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 61.3 and 62.2. The protest time limit may be extended at the discretion of the Race Committee if sufficient cause is shown.
- 17.2 Hearing Request forms are available at the race office and online on the official noticeboard here:
<https://www.rs700.org/championships/index.asp?pg=Official%20Noticeboard&eid=2084>
- 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(s) located in the Training Room or Workshop beneath the clubhouse balcony.

18 SCORING

As per NOR para 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 Competitors shall tally out before leaving the shore, and tally in on return, each day when racing. The tally board will be situated at the main club flag pole – at the top of the steps outside the club house entrance. A wrist band will be issued for each boat to be returned immediately on return to shore.

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 SUPPLIED BOATS

Does not apply.

23 OFFICIAL VESSELS

See Supplementary Sailing Instructions.

24 [DP] [NP] SUPPORT TEAMS

As per NOR para 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 para 24.

24 RISK STATEMENT

As per NOR para 22.

25 INSURANCE

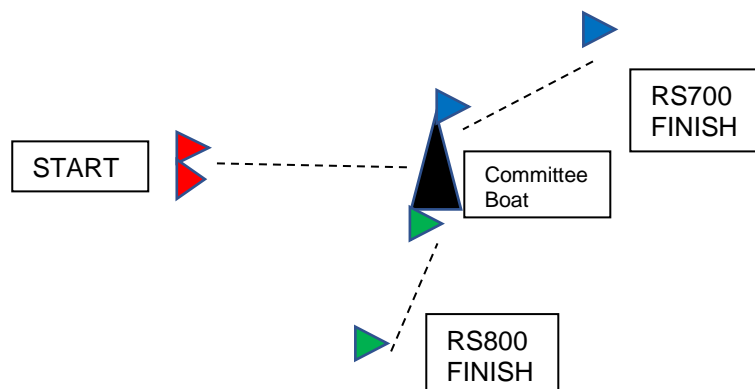
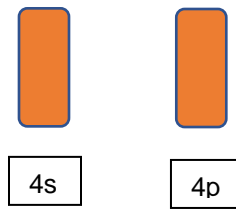
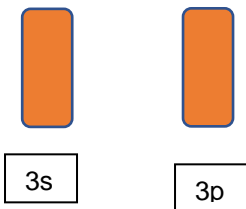
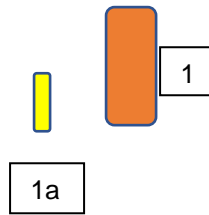
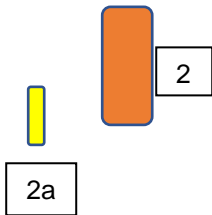
As per NOR para 23

Appendix A - Courses

RS 800		Mark Rounding Order
No of Laps indicated		
OL2	2 Laps	<i>Start 1, 2, 2a, 3s/3p, 2, 2a, 3p Finish</i> (astern Committee Boat)
OL3	3 Laps	<i>Start 1, 2, 2a, 3s/3p, 2, 2a, 3s/3p, 2, 2a, 3p Finish</i> (astern Committee Boat)
OL4	4 laps	<i>Start 1, 2, 2a, 3s/3p, 2, 2a, 3s/3p, 2, 2a, 3s/3p, 2, 2a, 3p Finish</i> (astern Committee Boat)

RS 700		Mark Rounding Order
No of Laps indicated		
WL2	2 Laps	<i>Start 1, 1a, 4s/4p, 1, 1a, 4p Finish</i> (in front of Committee Boat)
WL3	3 Laps	<i>Start 1, 1a, 4s/4p, 1, 1a, 4s/4p, 1, 1a, 4p Finish</i> (in front of Committee Boat)
WL4	4 laps	<i>Start 1, 1a, 4s/4p, 1, 1a, 4s/4p, 1, 1a, 4s/4p, 1, 1a, 4p Finish</i> (in front of Committee Boat)

Individual marks are to be rounded to Port, except Gates 3s/3p and 4s/4p



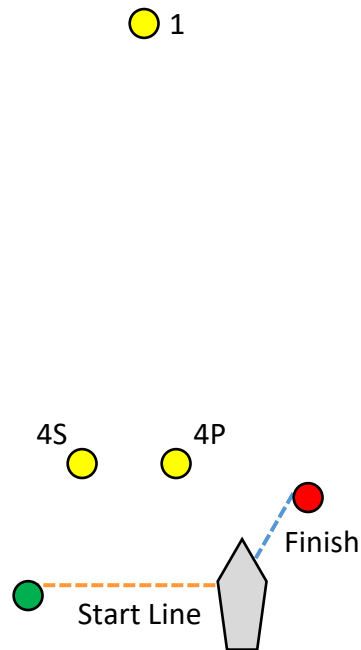
Appendix B – additional courses

Windward – Leeward

- L2 1, 4P/4S, 1, 4P, Finish
L3 1, 4P/4S, 1, 4P/4S, 1, 4P, Finish
L4 1, 4P/4S, 1, 4P/4S, 1, 4P/4S, 1, 4P, Finish

Marks 4P/4S are a gate.

Marks 1 and 4P to be rounded to Port.



Trapezoid

- O1 1, 2, 3, 5, Finish
O2 1, 2, 3, 2, 3, 5, Finish
O3 1, 2, 3, 2, 3, 2, 3, 5, Finish
I2 1, 4, 1, 2, 3, 5, Finish
I3 1, 4, 1, 4, 1, 2, 3, 5, Finish

Marks 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 to be rounded to port.

