



Noble Marine RS700 and RS800 National Championships 2025
Thursday 11th to Sunday 14th September 2025
Hosted by Eastbourne Sovereign Sailing Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

This event will be organised by Eastbourne Sovereign 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

RS700: <https://www.rs700.org/championships/index.asp?eid=2607>

RS800: <https://www.rs800.org/championships/index.asp?eid=2607>

A physical noticeboard will be upstairs in the clubhouse.

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 on club patio.
- 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 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 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 12.

9 COURSES

- 9.1 Courses to be sailed will be Windward/Leeward and outer loop. 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 & 2 will be orange pillar marks. Marks 3s, 3p, 4s & 4p will be red square marks. The Start/Finish marks will be dan buoys.
- 10.2 Hitting a mark other than the start or finish marks will not be penalised except for the RS200 Class only. This changes RRS 31.
- 10.3 When a gate mark is used, if one or other of the gate marks is missing, the remaining mark shall be left to port. This changes RRS 34.

11 OBSTRUCTIONS

Third beach to the west of the club has an outflow pipe, marked by a pole sticking out the water. Whilst we are not intending to use the third beach for launching, please be aware of it and avoid.

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 finishing line for the inner loop course will be between a blue flag flown on the committee boat and a dan buoy displaying a blue flag at the port end.

The finishing line for the outer loop course will be between a blue flag flown on the committee boat and a dan buoy displaying a blue flag at the starboard end.

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 reception.

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

18.1. Two races are required to be completed to complete the regatta.

18.2 (a) When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race series.

(b) When four to eight races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

(c) When nine races or more have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

This amends Notice of Race instruction 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 use the tally system as described on the notice board and in the race officer's briefing.

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 onto safety boats carefully.

26 BERTHING

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

27 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Does not apply. (Not required)

28 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Does not apply. (Not required)

29 PRIZES

As per NoR 24.

24 RISK STATEMENT

As per NoR 22.

25 INSURANCE

As per NoR 23.

ADDENDUM A – Courses

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

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

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

