



2024 WASZP SCOTTISH CHAMPIONSHIPS **& RS400 EVENT**

13 -14th JULY 2024

@ Oban Sailing Club

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the SI's means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1. RULES

The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and the rules of the WASZP Class, and the RS400 class, except where any of these are amended by these Sailing Instructions. In the event of a conflict with the Notice of Race or Class Rules, these Sailing Instructions will prevail.

- 1.1 Competitors should note that the host sailing club implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book (Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-24, or at <http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/Pages/RacingCharter.aspx>)
- 1.2 Competitors should note that the host sailing club is encouraging environmental responsibility and supports initiatives such as the use of refillable drinks bottles and ensuring the disposal of single use plastic waste in the bins provided in and around the sailing club.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 The official notice board will be in the Clubhouse at Oban SC.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board at least one hour before the advertised warning signal of the race or races concerned and signalled by displaying IC flag L ashore. However, any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 19:00 on the day before it will take effect.

4. BRIEFINGS

There will be an event welcome & competitor briefing at 11:00 on Saturday the 13th July at the Clubhouse.

- 4.1 Daily briefings will be held on each subsequent day of the event. The time of the daily briefing will be posted on the Official Notice Board by 19:00 on the preceding day.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the main flag pole in front of the clubhouse
- 5.2 When IC Flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 20 minutes'. This changes race signal AP.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 The event will consist of a maximum of 8 races.
- 6.2 Up to a maximum of six races may be scheduled on any one day.
- 6.3 The intended schedule of races is as published in the Notice of Race.

7. CLASS FLAG

Class flags will be International Code flag Pennant 1 for the Waszp class and International Code flag pennant 2 for the RS400 class.

8. THE COURSES

- 8.1 The racing will be a race round the Island of Kerrera and on windward/leeward type courses for all races, See Appendix 1.

9. MARKS

9.1 For all Championship races, marks to be used will be as noted in Appendix 1.

10. THE START

10.1 The starting line will be between a staff or mast displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and the starting mark.

10.2 Races will be started as follows:

<i>Signal</i>	<i>Flag</i>	<i>Sound</i>	<i>Minutes before</i>
		<i>starting signal</i>	
Alert	Orange flag displayed	1 or more sounds	5 (at least)
Warning	Class flag 1 displayed	1 sound	3
Preparatory	P,I,Z,U or Black displayed	1 sound	2
One-minute	Preparatory removed	1 long sound	1
Start Class 1	Class flag 1 removed	1 sound	0
Pause 2 minutes			
Warning	Class flag 2 displayed	1 sound	3
Preparatory	P,I,Z,U or Black displayed	1 sound	2
One-minute	Preparatory removed	1 long sound	1
Start Class 2	Class flag 2 removed	1 sound	0

This changes RRS 26.

10.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

11. THE FINISH

11.1 The finishing line will be between a staff or mast displaying a blue flag on the committee boat and the finishing mark.

11.2 When a Safety boat displays to a racing boat Flag W with two sound signals boats may finish by this Safety boat. A boat finished in accordance with this instruction shall be given a finishing place after all boats which complete more legs of the course and then finish. This changes RRS 28 & 35.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1 Penalty system is as published in the Notice of Race.

13. TIME LIMITS & TARGET TIMES

13.1 Time limits and target times for the Windward/Leeward races are as follows:

13.2 Target time 25mins.

13.3 Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This change RRS 35, A4 and A5.

14 GRAND PRIX FINISH

14.1 Unless shortened in accordance with RRS 32.2, the finishing line is between the staff displaying a blue flag on the signal vessel and the course side of mark2.

14.2 When the first boat sails the course and finishes, all boats that cross the finishing line thereafter will be scored according to the number of laps they have sailed and the position they crossed the line, with boats completing a higher number of laps ranked above those that completed fewer laps. This changes RRS 28.1.

14.3 A boat that completes at least one lap but does not cross the finishing line within 10 minutes after the lead boat finishes will be scored according to its last known position. This may be ahead of a boat that crosses the finishing line having sailed the same number or fewer laps. This changes RRS 28.1, A5.1 and A5.2.

14.4 A boat that fails to complete one lap within 10 minutes after the lead boat finishes will be scored DNF.

14.5 If a boat is shown ICS flag W by an official vessel, it shall return to the starting area.

That boat will be scored in its last known position. This changes RRS 28.1, A5.1 and A5.2.

15 ADVISORY & ARBITRATION HEARINGS; EXONERATION PENALTY

The Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration procedures of the RYA Rules Disputes procedure will be available.

16 HEARING REQUESTS

16.1 The protest time limit is 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. The time will be posted on the official notice board.

16.2 Hearing request forms are available from THE RACE OFFICE

16.3 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, located at Oban Sailing Club Clubhouse.

16.4 EXONERATION PENALTY: A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2, RRS 31 or RRS 42, may, after finishing the race concerned and before the start of a related protest hearing, notify the Race Committee that she accepts a 20% scoring penalty as stated in RRS 44.3(c). This penalty does not reverse an OCS score, a disqualification under RRS 30.3 or RRS 30.4 or a penalty under RRS Appendix P. It is not available for a breach of RRS 2 or of class rules or for gross misconduct under RRS 69. Nor is it available to a boat that caused injury or serious damage or gained a significant advantage by her breach: in these circumstances, her penalty is to retire.

When an Exoneration Penalty is accepted:

(a) Neither the boat nor a Protest Committee may then revoke or remove the penalty.

(b) The boat shall not be penalized further in a protest hearing when the Protest Committee decides that it was appropriate to the facts found and the applicable rules.

16.5 ADVISORY HEARING: When there is an incident that will not result in the lodging of a protest or a request for redress, a boat, Protest Committee or Race Committee may request an advisory hearing with the race office, and notify any boat involved in the incident. An Adviser will then call a hearing to learn what may have happened and will state whether any rule appears to have been broken, and by which boat. A boat may as a result notify the Race Office that she accepts an Exoneration Penalty when it applies to the incident or choose to retire.

16.6 RYA ARBITRATION: When a protest or request for redress is lodged, a boat may at the same time request RYA Arbitration, or the Protest Committee or Race Committee may offer it.

If the parties and a member of the Protest or Race Committee agree that RYA Arbitration is suitable, an Arbitrator (who may be that member of the Protest Committee) will call a hearing conforming to Section B of Part 5 of the Racing Rules of Sailing, except that RRS 64.2(a) will not apply. Instead, when the Arbitrator decides that a boat that is a party to the arbitration hearing has broken a rule for which the Exoneration Penalty is available, the party will be invited to accept that penalty, and, if it is accepted by a protested boat, the protesting boat will be allowed to withdraw the protest, changing RRS 63.1.

16.7 PROTEST HEARING: When there is not an agreement to use RYA Arbitration, or when, after RYA Arbitration, a protest is not withdrawn or the Exoneration Penalty is not applicable to the facts, there will be a normal protest hearing, at which the Arbitrator may be a member of the Protest Committee. RRS 66 and 70 (reopening and appeal, respectively) do not apply to the arbitration decision since this is not a protest committee decision or procedure. . A boat may still accept an Exoneration Penalty at any time before the start of a protest hearing and receive its protection from further penalty. She may also retire.

16.8 REDRESS: When redress is offered and accepted at the RYA Arbitration, all parties, the Protest Committee or Race Committee may seek to have this reviewed by asking for a full hearing. When redress is offered and not accepted, or not offered at all, the boat may have her request heard before a Protest Committee.17

17 SCORING

a. Scoring of races is as published in the Notice of Race.

18 SUPPORT BOATS

a. Support boats are not allowed.

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- a. All competitors shall wear adequate personal buoyancy (minimum standard EN393) when afloat and when adjacent to the water including on all pontoons and shorelines. Flag Y will not be displayed. This changes the Part 4 preamble. [DP].
- b. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible [DP].
- c. A Safety boat in close attendance to a craft or competitor in difficulty is considered to be an obstruction.
- d. Boats wishing to sail ashore before the end of the day's racing shall not do so unless authorized by a Safety boat.[DP]
- e. Boats shall follow the instructions of the Safety boats. Failure to do so will be reported to the Race Committee, which may protest the boat. Boats penalised under this instruction may be scored DNE, or such other penalty that the Protest Committee may decide. This changes RRS 64.2(a). [DP].
- f. Outside Help: Penalties for breaches of RRS 41 (Outside Help) will be at the discretion of the Protest Committee. Any outside help shall be reported to the Protest Committee before the protest time limit on the day concerned. [DP].

20 EVENT ADVERTISING

- a. Advertising instructions are as published in the Notice of Race. [DP]

21 REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

In accordance with Class Rules

22 TRASH DISPOSAL

- a. Trash on shore may be placed in bins provided in and around the sailing club [DP].
- b. Trash when afloat may be placed aboard support, safety, and Race Committee boats [DP].

23 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- a. 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.

24 RISK STATEMENT

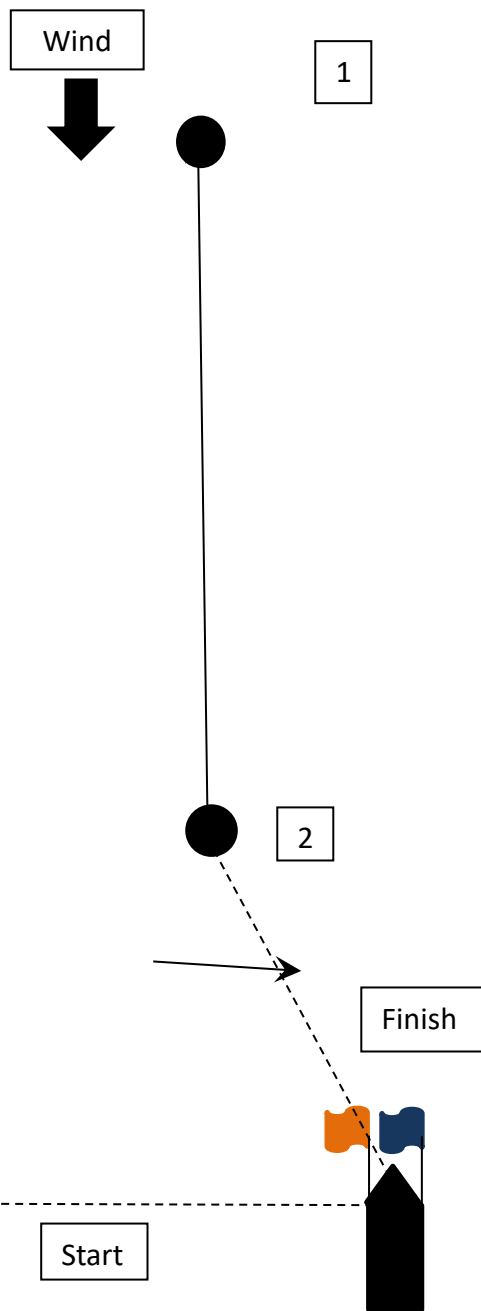
- a. Risk Statement is as published in the Notice of Race.

25 INSURANCE

- a. Insurance requirements are as published in the Notice of Race.

APPENDIX 1:

WW/LW Course Diagram



Mark descriptions
Will be confirmed prior to
racing

All marks to be left to Port. Note:- Mark 2 is not a mark on leg 1 of the course.
The number of laps will be displayed on the back of the Committee Boat no later than the Warning Signal and will equal the number of windward legs to be sailed in that race.

1 Lap	Start 1 2 Finish
2 Laps	Start 1 2 1 2 Finish
3 Laps	Start 1 2 1 2 1 2 Finish
Etc.	

The diagram is representative and is not to scale