

**Noble Marine**  
**RS 200 National Championships 2025**  
**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2025**  
**Hosted by South Caernarvonshire**  
**Yacht Club**

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

### **ORGANISING AUTHORITY**

This event will be organised by South Caernarvonshire Yacht 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, 26, 32.2, 33, 34, 35, 36, 40.1, 40.2(c), 60.1, 60.3(b), 61.1(a), 61.2(b), 61.4(b)(1), 63.1, 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 time of the first start 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 outside the SCYC Office.

### **4 CODE OF CONDUCT**

[DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with club rules and reasonable requests from race officials.

### **5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the main flagpoles at the race box on the seaward side of the club.
- 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 signals AP.

- 5.3 [DP] Boats shall not leave the shore until Flag D is displayed with one sound signal. 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 or the gate start flag G will be displayed with one sound signal at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 6.3 A third 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 3 at the end of the second race that day.

## **7 CLASS FLAGS**

The Class Flag is a yellow RS200 flag.

## **8 RACING AREA**

See NoR 12.

## **9 COURSES**

- 9.1 The course to be sailed will be windward / leeward with an offset mark at the windward end and a reaching finish at the leeward end. The diagram in Appendix A shows the course (with a gate start or line start), the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2. For the first lap, the windward mark will be Mark 1, for subsequent laps, the windward mark will be Mark 2. Mark 2 will be laid during the first lap and will not be signalled. This changes RRS 33.
- 9.3 When conditions allow, the race committee will use a gate start. If so, flag G will be flown from the committee boat and Clause 12.2.1 to 12.2.15 of these SIs will apply. This adds to RRS 26.
- 9.4 Where Gate Starts are being used, the sail number of the Pathfinder for the next race will be displayed on the side of the Committee Boat as soon as the last boat has finished and at least 10 minutes before the next warning signal.
- 9.5 No later than the warning signal, the race committee vessel will display the number of rounds to be sailed. The approximate compass bearing of the first leg may also be displayed.

## **10 MARKS**

- 10.1 Marks 1, 3s and 3p will be Orange Cylindrical buoys.
- 10.2. Marks 2 will be a Blue Cylindrical buoy.
- 10.3. Marks 1a and 2a will be Black Pyramid Buoys.
- 10.4 For gate starts, the port end limit mark will be a [insert mark description] buoy.
- 10.5. For fixed line starts, the port end starting mark will be either: a race committee vessel displaying an orange flag; or a [insert mark description] mark.
- 10.6. The pin end finishing mark will be either: a race committee vessel displaying a blue flag; or a [insert mark description] mark.

- 10.7. For gate starts, the gate boat ranks as a starting mark until the gate is closed.
- 10.8. For gate starts, the pathfinder ranks as a starting mark until she is released and tacks.
- 10.9. If one or other of the leeward gate marks (mark 3P or mark 3S) is missing, the remaining mark shall be rounded to port. This changes RRS 34.

## **11 OBSTRUCTIONS**

Does not apply.

## **12. THE START**

- 12.1. The race committee intends to use gate starts but may choose to use a fixed line start. Any decision to use or not use one form of starting line or the other for a particular race shall not be grounds for requesting redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a) and RRS 61.4(b)(1).

### **12.2. Gate starts**

12.2.1. The race committee vessel will be in the starting area, which will be to leeward of the course.

12.2.2. The race committee vessel and gate boat will display flag G. The race committee may choose to use a guard boat; when used, the guard boat will display flag U. Starting signals as detailed in RRS 26 will be made from the race committee vessel.

12.2.3. The approximate time that the gate boat will be in motion along the port tack course after the starting signal will be 4 minutes unless otherwise displayed on the race committee vessel before the warning signal.

12.2.4. The race committee will nominate the pathfinder and a reserve pathfinder (the boat that would become pathfinder if the pathfinder were unable to race) for the first race of the event. Thereafter, the pathfinder will be the boat placed tenth in the preceding race, unless she has been the pathfinder previously in the event or is unable to race in which case the pathfinder will be the boat placed eleventh in the preceding race, and so on. The sail numbers of the pathfinder and reserve pathfinder for the first race of each day will be posted on the official notice board. The sail number of the pathfinder will be displayed on the race committee vessel at least ten minutes before the warning signal for each race.

12.2.5. The pathfinder shall report to the gate boat as soon as possible after her number is displayed on the race committee vessel and before the preparatory signal and follow the race officer's instructions. A pathfinder that fails to report may be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

12.2.6 The port end limit mark will be laid at the leeward end of the gate run.

12.2.7. The starting line for boats other than the pathfinder will be between the port end limit mark and the centre of the stern of the gate boat.

12.2.8. Approximately 10 seconds before the starting signal the pathfinder shall commence a close-hauled course on port tack from the port end limit mark. She will be followed by the gate boat. When used, the guard boat shall keep station off the starboard beam of the pathfinder until the pathfinder is released.

12.2.9. The start line is not open until the starting signal. Boats other than the pathfinder shall start by crossing the starting line on starboard tack after the starting signal and before the gate closes.

12.2.10. The pathfinder shall maintain her close-hauled course for at least one minute and

for as long as the race officer considers necessary to achieve a steady course and speed for the gate boat. Pathfinder is released by a hail from the gate boat, after which she may continue on port tack or tack on to starboard. After releasing the pathfinder, the gate boat will maintain its course and speed. At the end of the 4-minute gate run or another period of time displayed on the race committee vessel the gate boat will stop and drift for one minute. At the end of this period flag G will be removed with one sound signal to indicate the closing of the gate.

12.2.11. A boat that has not started when the gate is closed will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

12.2.12. A boat that has not already started correctly and that is on the course side of the gate boat while the gate is open shall not cross the starting line from the course side.

12.2.13. After the preparatory signal, a boat which interferes with the pathfinder, the gate boat or the guard boat will be disqualified without a hearing, even if the race is restarted, re-sailed, or rescheduled. This changes RRS 36 and RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

12.2.14. After the preparatory signal, a boat which threatens the unobstructed sailing of the pathfinder, or which tries to pass between the pathfinder and the gate boat or guard boat, or which causes another boat to interfere in these ways, will be disqualified without a hearing, even if the race is restarted, re-sailed, or rescheduled. This changes RRS 36, RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

12.2.15. A boat that cannot otherwise avoid touching a starting mark may hail a right-of-way boat for room and shall retire.

### **12.3. Line starts** (In accordance with RRS 26)

12.3.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of the port end starting mark.

12.3.2 The start sequence and start signals will be in accordance with RRS 26 and RRS 30.

12.4 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. SHORTENING COURSE**

To shorten the course at the leeward end, the race committee vessel on station at the finish will display flag S with two sound signals and the race committee will position an official vessel displaying flag S and making repeated sound signals near the leeward mark(s). Boats must then leave mark 2P to port and sail across the finishing line defined in Appendix A. Boats shall not finish in accordance with this rule until they have completed the same number of rounds as the leading boat. This adds to RRS 32.2.

## **15 THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the committee boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end finishing mark.

## **16 PENALTY SYSTEM**

See NoR 14.

## **17 TIME LIMITS**

- 17.1 The time limit for all fleets is 75 minutes.
- 17.2 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 adds to RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2
- 17.3 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 61.1(a) and 61.4(b)(1).

## **18 HEARING REQUESTS**

- 18.1 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(b).
- 18.2 Hearing Request forms are available at the race office.
- 18.3 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.
- 18.4 Hearings will be held in the [describe protest room here]

## **19 SCORING**

As per NoR 15.

## **20 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 20.1 [DP] [NP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 20.2. [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.
- 20.3. 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 61.1(a) and 63.1.

## **21 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 21.1 [DP] [NP] Substitution of competitors or equipment is not allowed without prior written

approval of the race committee.

**22 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.

**23 SUPPLIED BOATS**

Does not apply.

**23 OFFICIAL VESSELS**

See Supplementary Sailing Instructions.

**24 [DP] [NP] SUPPORT TEAMS**

As per NoR 16.

**25 RUBBISH DISPOSAL**

Rubbish 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.

## APPENDIX A – Courses

### Windward – Leeward

2 Laps 1, 1a, 3P/3S, 2, 2a, 3P, Finish

3 Laps 1, 1a, 3P/3S, 2, 2a, 3P/3S, 2, 2a, 3P, Finish

Marks 3P/3S are a gate.

Marks 1, 1a, 2 and 2a are to be rounded to Port.

