

THE CHAMPIONSHIP STANDARD SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

NOTE: These instructions are based on RRS Appendix K - with adaptations to reflect the specific preferences of the Class.

The International 505 Class {World or Continental} Championship

{dates, from measurement until the final race}

{the name of the organising authority}

{the city and country}

Sailing Instructions

1.0 Rules

1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Rules of the International 505 Class Yacht Racing Association (the Association) (except as any of these are altered by these Sailing Instructions), and by these Sailing Instructions.

1.2 The prescriptions of the national authority (will not apply / are changed as follows)

1.3 If there is a conflict between the meaning of these Instructions in different languages, the English text will prevail.

2.0 Entries

2.1 Procedure

Eligible boats may be entered by completing registration with the Organising Authority

2.2 Responsibility

Competitors participate in the Regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

2.3 Life-Saving Equipment (this changes RRS 1.2)

2.3.1 Personal Buoyancy

Adequate personal buoyancy having a minimum buoyancy of 4.5kg for each competitor shall be worn or carried in the boat at all times. A wet suit does not alone constitute adequate personal buoyancy. Personal buoyancy shall be worn whilst afloat when flag Y is shown from the {state location}.

2.3.2 Safety Equipment

The following equipment shall be carried at all times whilst racing: {list any items specified by the Organising Authority that have previously been identified in the Notice of Race}

- A compass

- {- A paddle not less than 75cm in length, of a practical design and capable of propelling the boat}

- {- A towing line not less than 10 metres long nor less than 6mm in diameter.}

2.4 Measurement Certificate

Before a boat may race her valid measurement certificate shall be presented to the Race Office {state time by which it must be presented}. Only in exceptional circumstances, and with the specific dispensation of the Jury, may RRS 78.2 be applied. Should such a dispensation be granted, the owner shall lodge a deposit, which may be forfeited when such certificate or copy is not submitted to the race committee before the end of the event. The deposit shall not be less than 50% of the Championship Entry Fee. This changes RRS 78.2.

2.5 Measurement

The Race Committee may measure any boat and/or spars and/or sails during the championship.

2.5.1 All boats spars and sails shall be produced for measurement at the time and place designated by the race committee on the official notice board [identified in Instruction 3.0] and only boats, spars and sails passed and in the case of spars and sails, distinctly stamped or marked, shall be used for racing. Only foils weighed with the boat and distinctly stamped or marked shall be used for racing.

2.5.2 Only the following sails and spars may be presented for measurement:

- 2 headsails, 2 mainsails, 2 spinnakers

- 2 masts, 2 booms, 2 spinnaker poles.

Additional sails or spars may subsequently be allowed only at the discretion and with the express permission of the jury.

2.5.3 In the event of a boat having suffered serious damage, either while in transit or during a race, the jury may authorise the use of another boat.

2.6 Identification

RRS Appendix G3 shall apply. A boat loaned or chartered for this event may carry national letters or sail numbers in contravention of class rules. Applications to sail other than in accordance with RRS 77, identification on sails, shall be made in writing to the Jury. Permission will only be granted in extreme hardship. In no circumstances will a boat be permitted to use the sail number of another boat that is racing.

2.7 Member on Board

The helmsman and crew of every boat shall be a Member of the International 505 Class Yacht Racing Association. No change of crew is permitted except at the discretion and with the express permission of the jury.

2.8 Insurance

Every boat shall be covered by insurance for third party risks in a sum of not less than GBP1,000,000. {or such other sum as is recommended by the host National Authority}.

3.0 Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board(s) located {specific location(s)}.

4.0 Changes in Sailing Instructions

Any change to these sailing instructions will be posted before 09.30 hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 19.00 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

5.0 Signals Made Ashore

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at {specific location}.

5.2 When Flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than x minutes" in race signal AP. This alters RRS Race Signals AP.

(x should be the minimum reasonable time for the whole fleet to react, launch and sail to the racing area)

5.3 Flag B fully hoisted with one {sound signal} means 'Protest Time has begun.' When lowered half way, it means 'There are less than 30 minutes remaining before protest time ends.' When lowered, it means 'Protest Time has ended.'

6.0 Schedule of Races

Races are scheduled as follows:

Race

Day and Date

Time of Warning Signal of first race

Races 1&2

Races 3&4

Race 5

Race 6

Race 7

Race 8

Race 9

No warning signal will be made after {time} on the last day of racing.

7.0 Class Flag

The class flag will be flag W.

8.0 Racing Area

The racing area will be as shown in Illustration A, attached. {A section of a chart or other suitable map should be copied and marked for this purpose.}

9.0 The Course

9.1 The diagram(s) {below} {in Illustration B} shows the course, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. Mark 1 will be approximately 1.5 nautical miles from Mark 3. The first and last legs will be approximately 0.5 nautical miles longer than the distance from Mark 3 to Mark 1.

9.2 The course will be an approximately isosceles triangle having a base of up to 1.5 nautical miles. The position of Mark 2 may be adjusted to provide a fine and a broad reach in stronger winds. Mark 1 will be the windward mark at the start. Marks shall be left to Port.

{Insert course diagram(s) here. When there are navigational marks that are to be observed, they shall be shown on the course chart.}

9.3 The approximate compass bearing from the Port Limit Mark to Mark 1 will be displayed from the race committee signal boat.

9.4 Starting Area

The starting area will normally be approximately 1.8 miles to leeward of Mark 1. Mark 3 will not become a mark of the course until the first two legs of the course have been sailed.

9.5 Courses will not be shortened. In the event of light winds the Race Committee may set a course with shorter legs to avoid exceeding the Time Limit. This changes RRS 32.

10.0 Marks

Marks 1, 2 and 3 will be {description of marks}. New marks, as provided in instruction 13, Change of Course after the Start, will be {description of marks}. The starting and finishing marks will be {description of marks}.

11.0 The Gate Start

11.1 Starting Marks will be:

(a) The Port Limit Mark, a {describe the mark} on the starboard side of the race committee boat.

OR

The Port Limit Mark, a {describe the mark} released from the stern of the gate launch approximately 10 seconds before the start.

(b) The Pathfinder.

(c) The Gate Launch, displaying flag G.

11.2 Races will be started using RRS 26. The Warning Signal shall be 8 minutes before the starting signal. Signals will be displayed from the Race Committee Boat, which will also display flag G, signifying a gate start. The time between the starting signal and the time at which the Gate Launch will stop at the starboard end of the starting line will not be less than four minutes.

11.3 The Pathfinder for the first race sailed will be appointed by the race committee. The Pathfinder for subsequent races will be the boat that finished tenth in the preceding race. When this boat is unable to race or has acted as Pathfinder previously, the Pathfinder will be appointed by the race committee and will normally be the boat that finished eleventh in the preceding race. The national letters and sail number of the Pathfinder will be posted on the official notice board for the first scheduled race of the day, and on the Race Committee Boat for the second race of the day. Prior to the preparatory signal the Pathfinder shall report to the Gate Launch, which will be near the {Port Limit mark} {race committee boat}.

11.4 Not used.

11.5 Approximately 30 seconds prior to the starting signal:

(a) the Pathfinder will begin a close-hauled port tack from the {Port Limit Mark} {close to the stern of the race committee boat}.

(b) the Gate Launch will keep station close astern of the Pathfinder.

11.6 The starting line (except for the Pathfinder) will be between the Port Limit Mark and the centre of the stern of the Gate Launch.

11.7 All boats (except for the Pathfinder) shall start on starboard tack after the starting signal. A boat starting prematurely shall retire from the race. RRS 29.2, Individual Recall, shall not apply.

11.8 The Pathfinder shall sail its close-hauled course until it is released by hail from the Gate Launch, after which it ceases to be a starting mark and may continue or tack onto starboard tack.

11.9 After the release of the Pathfinder the Gate Launch will continue its course and speed until the gate has been opened for the period signalled in sailing instruction 11.2. It will then stop, make a long sound signal, drift for three minutes, and finally signal the close of the gate by lowering flag G with a short sound signal. Thereafter no boat shall start.

11.10 Before starting, a boat shall not interfere with the Pathfinder. Any boat that interferes with, or passes between or attempts to pass between the Pathfinder, the Gate Launch or the Guard Boat, or that causes another boat to interfere in any of these ways, or that is on the port side of the Gate Launch as it opens the gate, shall retire from that race and shall be ineligible for any restarts of that race unless the infringing boat can satisfy the Race Committee that its actions were caused either by another boat not having right of way or by some other unavoidable circumstance. This changes RRS 36.

12.0 Mark Boats

Mark boats will be stationed beyond each mark. At the finish, the mark boat will be stationed beyond the finishing line. When on station only, each mark boat will display a {flag or shape}. Failure of a mark boat to be on station or to display her signal will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

13.0 Change of Course After the Start

To change the position of the next mark, the Race Committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. The change will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not yet be in position. Any mark rounded after the new mark may be relocated without further signalling in order to maintain the course configuration. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark

14.0 The Finish

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag or shape on the Race Committee Boat and the port-end finishing mark or between staffs displaying orange flags or shapes on the Race Committee Boat and another boat.

15.0 (not used)

16.0 Time Limit, Postponement and Abandonment

16.1 Time Limit

The time limit will be four hours. Boats failing to finish within sixty minutes after the first boat finishes or within the time limit, whichever is later, will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rule 35.

16.2 Postponement or Abandonment

The races will be sailed consecutively.

If a race has been postponed or abandoned for the day, it will normally be resailed the next day, and subsequent races will be rescheduled.

Only one race will be sailed on the final day unless at the start of the final day's racing only one race has been completed.

Under no circumstances will more than two races be sailed on any one day.

17.0 Protests and Requests for Redress

17.1 Protests shall be written on forms available at {location} and delivered there within the Protest Time Limit.

17.2 The Protest Time Limit shall be 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

17.3 Protest notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the Protest Time Limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses, of the time of the first hearing and of the order in which the hearings will be held.

17.4 Notices of Protests by the Race Committee or Jury under RRS 61.1(b) will be posted on the Official Notice Board before the expiry of the Protest Time Limit.

17.5 A list of boats that have acknowledged breaking RRS 42 as modified under Instruction 20, or that have been disqualified by the Jury will be posted before the Protest Time Limit.

17.6 For the purpose of RRS 64.3.(b) the "authority responsible" shall be the Class International Measurer or his nominated deputy

17.7 Breaches of Instructions 2.3 and 19 (and any safety check out an in system introduced by Organisers) will not be grounds of protest by a competitor. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

17.5 Decisions of the jury will be final as provided in rule 70.4.

17.6 The constitution of the Jury has been approved by the (insert National Authority) [include only when MNA approval is required under RRS 89 (c).]

18.0 Scoring

The Low Point scoring system, RRS Appendix A will be used except that:

- If eight or nine races are completed, a boats worst two scores are excluded
- If between four and seven races are completed, a boats worst score is excluded
- If three races only are held, no scores are excluded.

19.0 Support Boats

Team leaders coaches and other support personnel shall not enter an area defined by a perimeter drawn 100m outside the marks of the course, including the starting signal vessel and a point defined by the intersection of a close hauled port tack course from the starting vessel and the starboard tack lay line to Mark 1 from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement will be points for twenty additional places added to the scores of all boats associated with the support personnel who do so.

20.0 Propulsion

RRS Appendix N, immediate (yellow flag) penalties for breaking rule 42 will apply.

RRS 42.3(b) is altered by Class Rule B13 as follows:

"Except on a beat to windward, when surfing (rapidly accelerating down the leeward side of a wave) or planing is possible, the boat's crew may pull the sheet and the guy controlling any sail in order to accelerate a boat down the face of a wave or in response to an increase in the speed of the wind, but not more than three repeated pulls and releases of the sail may be made for each wave or gust of wind."

21.0 (not used)

22.0 Radio Communication

A boat shall not have on board when racing any means of making or receiving radio transmissions except an EPIRB.

23.0 Prizes

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

{The International Office and the Organising Committee will agree the list of prizes for inclusion in the sailing instructions.}

IF THE OPTION OF LINE STARTS IS TO BE RETAINED THE FOLLOWING IS REQUIRED:

24.0 Fixed Line Starts (flag F)

24.1 Starting Line

When flag F is displayed on the committee boat a fixed line start will be used. The starting line is between staffs displaying orange flags or shapes on two race committee boats.

24.2 Limit Marks

Approximately 15 metres inside each committee vessel but to windward of the line, {yellow conical buoys} may be laid as limit marks. Yachts shall not pass between a committee vessel and its adjacent limit mark. The limit marks rank as starting marks.

24.3 Starting Procedure

Races will be started using rule 26. The Warning Signal shall be 8 minutes before the Starting Signal.

24.4 A boat shall not start later than four minutes after the starting signal.