WEYMOUTH SAILING CLUB

Sailing Chandlery SB20 UK National Sprint Championship
Sailing Chandlery SB20 UK & Open National Championship

9th – 13th July 2025

Weymouth, Dorset, England

Organising Authority: Weymouth Sailing Club

Event website: www.sb20.org.uk/2025-nationals-weymouth-sc

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Notations:
[NP] denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for a protest by a boat and for which the protest committee may refuse to hold a hearing [changes RRS 60.1, 63.2].
[SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee or technical committee without a hearing or a discretionary penalty applied by the protest committee with a hearing [changes RRS 63.1 and A5].

1 Rules

1.1 Refer to NoR 1.

1.2 In RRS 44.2 insert after the first sentence: 'However if mark 1a is set, a boat may delay taking a penalty for an incident in the zone around mark 1, on the leg between mark 1 and mark 1a, or in the zone around mark 1a, until she has passed and left the zone around mark 1a [changes RRS 44.2].

2 Changes to sailing instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted no later than two hours before the first scheduled race on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect

3 Communication with competitors, official notice board, race office

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the Longshed on the ground floor of Weymouth Sailing Club.

3.2 The race office will be located in the Longshed on the ground floor of Weymouth Sailing Club.

3.3 On the water, the race committee may broadcast information available to all competitors on VHF radio channel 09, including starting and safety information. Failure to make broadcasts will not be grounds for redress [changes RRS 61.1(a)].

3.4 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones and smart watches.

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 WSC clubhouse flagstaff.

5.2 [DP][NP] Boats shall not leave their berths 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.

5.3 When flag AP is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in the race signal 'AP' [changes RRS race signals AP].

5.4 When flag 'L' is displayed ashore it will be flown only until the end of the protest time limit on the first day the relevant notice to competitors comes into effect [changes RRS race signals 'L'].

6 Schedule of races

6.1 UK Sprint National Championship

6.1.1 6 races are scheduled for the series.

Date	Time	Event
Thursday 10/07/25	12:30h	Warning signal - six races scheduled

6.1.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least two minutes before a warning signal is made.

6.1.3 On Thursday 10/07/25 no warning signal will be made after 18:30h [changes NoR 8.1. See notice #1].

6.2 UK & Open National Championship

6.2.1 Nine races are scheduled for the series. No more than four races will be sailed on one day.

Date	Time	Event
Friday 11/07/25	12:00h	Warning signal - three races scheduled
Saturday 12/07/25	11:00h	Warning signal - four races scheduled
Sunday 13/07/25	10:30h	Warning signal - two races scheduled

6.2.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

6.2.3 On Sunday 13/07/25 no warning signal will be made after 14:00.

7 Class flag

The class flag will be IC flag ‘E’.

8 Racing area

Courses will be laid in Weymouth Bay.

9 Courses

9.1 The diagrams in SI Appendix 1 show the courses, including the approximate angle between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the course to be sailed and may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

10 Marks

10.1 Marks are described in SI Appendix 2.

10.2 If a gate mark is missing boats shall round the remaining mark to port.

10.3 In an emergency, or in adverse wind or current, a RC vessel that is a mark may hold station using engines. This action shall not be grounds for a request for redress provided the vessel remains close to her correct position.

11 Obstructions

Weymouth Bay Water Sports Zones. See SI Appendix 4.

12 The start

12.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal vessel at the starboard end and a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel at the port end OR the course side of a dan buoy displaying an orange flag.

12.2 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing [changes RRS A5].

12.3 If a black flag has been displayed (RRS 30.4 applies) and a general recall is signalled or the race is abandoned after the starting signal, the sail numbers of boats identified as breaking this rule will be displayed on the race committee signal vessel with five short sound signals. The sail numbers will be displayed for not less than three minutes before the next warning signal for that race [changes RRS 30.4].

13 Change of the next leg of the course

13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark 1, move the finish line, or move the mark 2p/2s leeward gate. When a new mark is laid the original mark will be removed as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

13.2 If a change of course is signalled and mark 1 is replaced, mark 1a will not be replaced and will cease to be a mark of the course for subsequent legs.

13.3 Change of course direct to a shortened course at the finish ('F' flag procedure)

When a race committee vessel in the vicinity of a mark or gate displays flag 'C' with repetitive sounds and flag ‘F’ boats shall round the nearby mark or gate and sail direct to the finishing line from the direction of the course from the previous mark where the race committee will signal shortened course [changes RRS 33].

13.4 The RC may change the course axis by up to 10° and the length of a leg by up to 100m without signalling [changes RRS 33].

13.5 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee vessel signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee vessel to starboard.

14 The finish

The finishing line will be between the staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee signal vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.

15 Penalty system

RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

16 Time limits, target times

Event	Target time	Finishing window	Time limit
UK Sprint National Championship	25 mins	8 mins	40 mins
UK & Open National Championship	45 mins	15 mins	75 mins

16.1 The 'finishing window' is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course. Boats failing to sail the course within the 'finishing window' will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing [changes RRS 35, A5.1].

16.2 Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress [changes to RRS 61].

17 Hearing requests, post-race penalties, scoring enquiries

17.1 The protest time limit will be not less than 30 minutes after the race committee signal boat 'Viking' has returned to its berth or not less than 30 minutes after the last boat competing in the last race of the day has returned to her berth, whichever is later, or the race committee signals AP/A ashore.
The protest time limit will be posted on the official noticeboard.

17.2 Hearing request forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there before the protest time limit.

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 beginning at the time posted. The location of the protest room with be posted on the official notice board.

17.5 Post-Race Penalties

Provided that RRS 44.1(b) does not apply, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident may take a Post-Race Penalty at any time after the race until the beginning of a protest hearing involving the incident.

A Post-Race Penalty is a 30% Scoring Penalty calculated as stated in RRS 44.3(c). However, RRS 44.1(b) applies.

A boat may take a Post-Race Penalty by delivering to the protest committee a written statement that she accepts the penalty and that identifies the race number and where and when the incident occurred.

17.6 To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat shall promptly submit a scoring enquiry form available at the race office.

A request for redress based on an incident identified in a scoring enquiry will meet the time limit if the scoring enquiry was submitted within the time limit specified in RRS 61.2 or the request for redress was delivered as soon as reasonably possible after being notified of the race committee's response to the scoring enquiry [changes RRS 61.2].

18 Scoring

Refer to NoR 16.

19 [DP][NP][SP] Safety

19.1 Boats that do not intend to leave harbour or participate further in the series shall promptly notify the race office.

19.2 A boat that retires from a race shall, if possible, notify a race committee vessel before leaving the racing area and on returning to shore, shall immediately tally-off in accordance with SI 19.3 and complete a retirement declaration.

19.3 A tally system will be used to ensure the safety of competitors.

a) Each competitor will be allocated a personal tally number.
b) A tally board will be located at the entrance to the Longshed. Prior to going to sea, each crewmember shall collect their tally wristband from the tally board and place it around their wrist in a visible position.
c) If on reaching the race area a competitor realises he/she has failed to collect their tally they shall advise the RC signal vessel accordingly before the preparatory signal and receive an acknowledgement. In those circumstances no penalty will be applied.
d) Immediately on returning from racing at the end of the day and no later than the protest time limit, each crew member shall personally return their tally wristband to the tally board.
e) The penalty for failing to comply with SI 19.3 will be 0.5 points added to the boat's score for each race affected without a hearing [changes RRS A5.1].

20 [DP] Replacement of crew or equipment

20.1 Substitution of competitors shall be made in accordance with Class Rule C3.2 (b) and is not permitted without prior approval of the race committee.

To obtain approval for a crew substitution the competitor shall submit a crew substitution request form to the race office and the new crew member shall complete a crew weight check no later than one hour before the first scheduled warning signal on the first day the new crew member will sail. If it is necessary to request a crew substitution later than one hour before the first scheduled warning signal or between races, the race committee may authorise the change subject to the later submission of a crew substitution request form and crew weight check before the protest time limit that day.

20.2 Damaged or lost equipment may be substituted with the written permission of the technical committee. However, if the damage or loss occurs less than 2 hours before the first scheduled start on a racing day and before the warning signal of the last race of the day, provisional verbal permission shall be obtained from the technical committee, race committee or protest committee and the written permission of the technical committee shall be applied for before the end of the protest time limit on the first day in which the substitution takes place.

Substituted equipment shall pass an equipment check.

Request for substitution of equipment forms are available at the race office.

21 [DP] Support boats

Support boats shall comply with the support boat regulations prescribed in SI Appendix 3.

22 [DP] Trash disposal

Trash may be placed aboard support or official vessels.

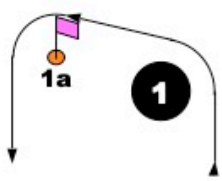
23 Disclaimer of liability

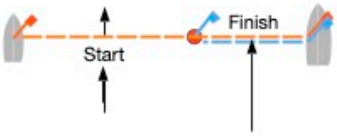
23.1 Refer to NoR Appendix 2.

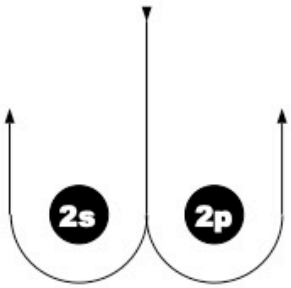
23.2 Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during or after the event.

APPENDIX 1 – COURSES

COURSE 'A'







ORDER OF ROUNDING:

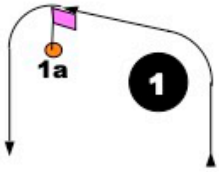
Course signal A1:
Start - 1 - 1a - 2p/2s - Finish

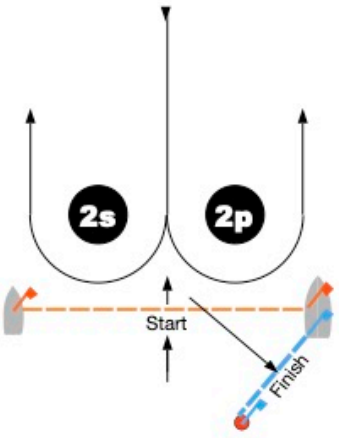
Course signal A2:
Start - 1 - 1a - 2p/2s - 1 - 1a - 2p/2s - Finish

Course signal A3:
Start - 1 - 1a - 2p/2s - 1 - 1a - 2p/2s - 1 - 1a - 2p/2s - Finish

All marks left to port except 2s

COURSE 'B'





ORDER OF ROUNDING:

Course signal B1:
Start - 1 - 1a - 2p - Finish

Course signal B2:
Start - 1 - 1a - 2p/2s - 1 - 1a - 2p - Finish

Course signal B3:
Start - 1 - 1a - 2p/2s - 1 - 1a - 2p/2s - 1 - 1a - 2p - Finish

All marks left to port except 2s

APPENDIX 2 – MARKS

Starting marks:

Starboard end starting mark	Race committee signal vessel displaying an orange flag
Port end starting mark	Race committee vessel displaying an orange flag OR a dan buoy displaying an orange flag

Course marks:

Marks 1, 2p, 2s	Black cylindrical inflatable buoys
Mark 1a (spreader mark)	Dan buoy displaying a pink flag
New marks as prescribed in SI 13.1	Orange cylindrical inflatable buoy

Finishing marks:

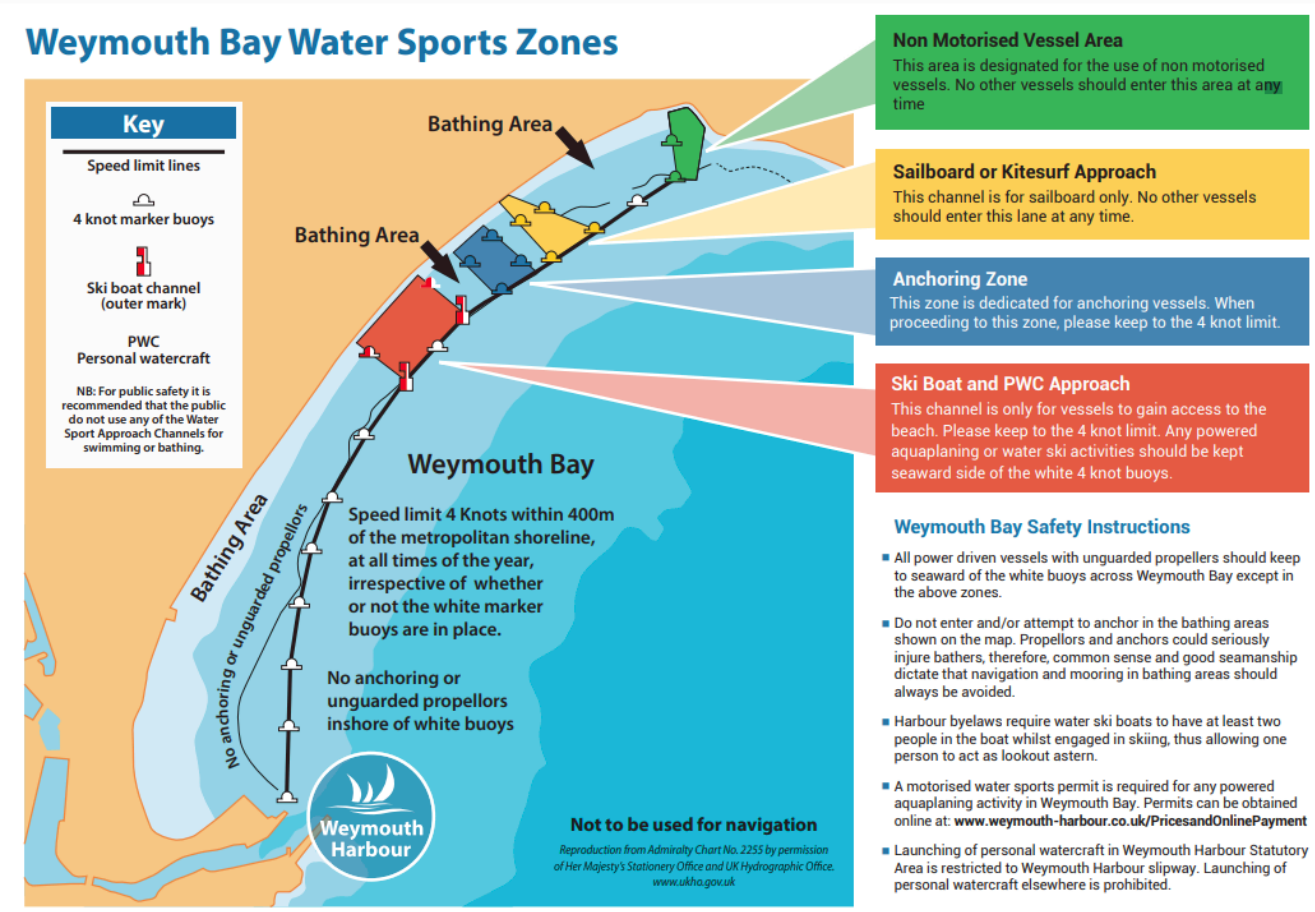
Finishing mark	Race committee signal vessel displaying blue flag
Finishing mark	Dan buoy displaying a blue flag

APPENDIX 3 – SUPPORT BOAT REGULATIONS

All support boats shall register with the organising authority.

RRS 37 will be used. Except when responding to the signal prescribed in RRS 37, support boats, coaches and other support persons shall stay at least 100 metres outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

During the event, support boats shall not tow boats participating in the event unless the race committee has signalled that towing is allowed.

Kill cords shall be worn at all times whilst engines are running.

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