

Waldringfield Sailing Club Short Course Open Meeting

25th October 2025

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organising Authority is Waldringfield Sailing Club.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the latest rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.
- 1.3. The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.
- 1.4. RRS 63.5(c) is changed so that in the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.
- 1.5. The Organising Authority implements the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Racing Charter. Competitors shall undertake to sail in accordance with the Charter.
- 1.4. RRS Appendix T (Arbitration) will apply.
- 1.5. RRS 35 is changed so that after the first boat has finished, boats may be finished based on their observed position on the course by signalling with flag W (see SI 14.2).
- 1.6. Boats that are not racing are reminded of RRS 23 and their obligations not to interfere with another boat that is still racing.
- 1.7. RRS 40.1 applies at all times while afloat. [DP]
- 1.8. **LOCAL RULE – Contact with moored boats. Any contact with a moored boat shall be reported to the race committee and an Incident Report Form, available in the Clubhouse, shall be completed without delay following return to the shore. Contact made whilst racing constitutes an infringement requiring a 360-degree penalty (or protest). Failure to do so shall result in disqualification.**

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted in advance of the competitors briefing and highlighted in that briefing.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH / BY COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in WSC club house.
- 3.2. From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions that is not available to all boats. [DP].
- 3.3. Regatta fleet boats are allowed to receive coaching on the water and ashore. This changes RRS 41.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT [DP]

- 4.1. Competitors and support persons shall comply with all reasonable requests from race officials.
- 4.2. Competitors and support persons shall place advertising provided by the Organising Authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the main flagpole outside the WSC crow's nest.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 Registration will be from 11:00 to 11:30 in the WSC Clubhouse.
- 6.2 The competitor briefing will be at 11:30
- 6.3 A maximum of 8 races are scheduled. The first warning signal will not be before 12:10.
- 6.4 For the first race of the day, to alert boats that racing will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made. For subsequent races that day, the AP postponement flag will be used to alert boats that the warning signal will be displayed one minute after removing the AP flag.

7 CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 The class flags will be Flag 'Y'. Gold, Silver and Regatta boats will race as a single fleet.

8 RACING AREA

- 8.1 The racing area will be on the River Deben.

9 COURSES

- 9.1 Competitors will be made aware of the courses on the day, they will either be displayed on the club course board or on the committee boat.

9 MARKS

- 9.5 Marks will include movable marks which are typically cylindrical white buoys bearing flag of various colours and club fixed racing buoys.
- 9.6 The Starting Marks will be either a mast on a committee boat displaying an orange flag and a buoy displaying an orange flag.
- 9.7 The Finishing Marks will be a mast on a committee boat displaying a blue flag and a buoy displaying a blue flag.

11. OBSTRUCTIONS [DP]

- 11.1 The follow are designated as obstructions:
 - Any vessel moored or at anchor
 - A safety boat in close attendance to a craft and
 - A competitor in difficulty.

12. THE START

- 12.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made five minutes before the starting signal.
- 12.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel and the starting mark.
- 12.3 A boat that does not start within four minutes after the starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) 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 mark moves (up to approximately 50m) may be made without signalling the change. Other mark moves will be signalled in accordance with RRS 33. This changes RRS 33.

14. THE FINISH

- 14.1 The finishing line will be between a mast displaying a blue flag on the signal vessel and the finishing mark.
- 14.2 The race committee may give a finishing place to any boat as follows:
 - a) When a race committee vessel displays flag W, boats that have not yet finished and have been acknowledged by the race committee vessel, may be given a finishing place anywhere on the race course, at a nearby mark or not. This changes RRS 35
 - b) When a boat finishes in accordance with this instruction, she shall be awarded a finishing place matching her observed race position in that race. This changes RRS A5.
 - c) Boats finished this way will not have grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a)

15 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

15.1 The Mark 1 Target Time, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), Target Time, and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

Mark 1 Target Time	Race Time Limit	Target Time	Finishing Window
<i>5 minutes</i>	<i>40 minutes</i>	<i>20 minutes</i>	<i>10 minutes</i>

15.2 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes.

15.3 Boats that fail to finish within the Finishing Window will be scored in accordance with RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

16 HEARING REQUESTS

16.1 In addition to RRS 60.1 a boat intending to protest should notify the finish vessel immediately upon finishing the race or retiring and await acknowledgement.

16.2 The protest time limit is 40 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.

16.3 Hearing requests must be made via the forms available from the crew's nest.

16.4 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 and where they will be held, which may be online.

16.5 Where appropriate, Arbitration will be offered in accordance with RRS Appendix T.

17 SCORING

17.1 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

17.2 A boat's series score will be calculated as follows:

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

17.2.2 When between four and six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17.2.3 When six or more races are completed a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst two scores.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP]

18.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

18.2 Boats wishing to sail ashore before the end of the day's racing shall make every attempt to inform an official boat before leaving the racing area. The official boat will instruct boats in the procedure for returning ashore.

18.3 From 0001 hours on the first day of the event until completion of the prize giving on the last day, no boat will go afloat, except with the permission of the race committee.

18.4 Risk Statement – please take note of NoR 22.

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT [DP]

19.1 Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the race committee. Competitors shall request a substitution of crew online via the Official Notice Board.

20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

20.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.

21 SUPPORT VESSELS [DP] – Not Used

22 TRASH DISPOSAL [DP]

22.1 Rubbish is not to be thrown in to the River Deben. Rubbish may be placed aboard official vessels.