



# 2021 RS 200 National Tour Open Regatta

17 & 18 July 2021

Hayling Island Sailing Club, Hampshire, UK

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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(a).

### 1 RULES

The racing will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

### 2 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the online official notice board at:  
[www.hisc.co.uk/sailing/open-events/rs200-grand-prix-om/](http://www.hisc.co.uk/sailing/open-events/rs200-grand-prix-om/)  
Paper copies of notices will be posted on the glass wall adjacent to the club main entrance.
- 2.2 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag masts on the club race control box.
- 2.3 [DP] Boats shall not leave the shore until flag D is displayed ashore. The warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after flag D is displayed (30 minutes if racing inside Chichester Harbour).
- 2.4 Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect and any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 30 minutes before flag D is displayed (instruction 2.3) on the day it will take effect.
- 2.5 [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.
- 2.6 The class flag will be the class insignia on a yellow background.

### 3 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 3.1 The race schedule is as follows:

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Time of 1<sup>st</sup> warning signal &amp; scheduled races per day</b>	
	<b>Time:</b>	<b># Races:</b>
17 July	13:00	3
18 July	11:00	3

- 3.2 The warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable.
- 3.3 To alert boats that a race will begin soon, the orange starting line flag (for a line start) or flag G (for a gate start) will be displayed with one sound at least two minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 3.4 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 15:00.

### 4 RACING AREAS

- 4.1 Attachment A shows the location of racing areas 'Alpha', 'Bravo' and 'Charlie'. Racing may also take place in Chichester Harbour.
- 4.2 The area to be used will be posted each day on the official notice board.
- 4.3 **Danger Area:** The entrance to Chichester Harbour is low lying and indistinct and is flanked on either side by West Pole and East Pole Sands that extend for more than a mile offshore.

The West Pole and East Pole Sands merge to form Chichester Bar a little over half a mile offshore. Ebb tides in the entrance to the harbour can run at up to six knots on springs and, with a falling tide and strong winds from a southerly sector, a dangerous sea may be encountered. At certain states of the tide, it is difficult for patrol boats to operate in the area of West Pole Sands. Boats are therefore advised to follow the marked navigation channel.

## **5 THE COURSES**

- 5.1 The diagram in Attachment B shows the courses, the course designations, 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.
- 5.2 The gate 2s/2p may be replaced by a single mark to be left to port.
- 5.3 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the course designation and the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

## **6 MARKS**

- 6.1 Marks 1, 1a, 2p and 2s will be blue inflated cylinders.
- 6.2 Starting marks for a line start will be the race committee signal boat at the starboard end, and a boat or buoy at the port end.
- 6.3 Starting marks for a gate start will be the port limit mark (a buoy with an orange flag laid close to the starting vessel), the pathfinder (until released), the gate launch (displaying flag G) and, if used, the guard launch (displaying flag U).
- 6.4 Finishing marks will be a race committee signal boat at the starboard end and a boat or buoy at the port end.

## **7 THE START**

- 7.1 When the orange flag is displayed a line start will be used.
  - (a) The starting line for a line start will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the starting marks.
  - (b) A boat that does not start within four minutes after her starting signal in a line start will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
- 7.2 When flag G is displayed on the race committee signal boat a gate start will be used. The procedure for the gate start is as follows.
  - (a) Starting Area: The committee boat will be in the starting area, which will be to leeward of the course (Attachment B). The port limit mark will be laid at the leeward end of the gate.
  - (b) Distinguishing Flags & Signals: The committee boat and gate launch will display flag G. When used, the guard launch will display flag U. The starting signals will be made from the committee boat.
  - (c) Selection of Pathfinder: The race committee will nominate the pathfinder and a reserve pathfinder for the first race. Subsequently, the pathfinder will be the tenth boat in the preceding race. When she is unable to race, or has been the pathfinder previously in the event, the pathfinder will be the eleventh boat in the preceding race and so on. The reserve pathfinder will be the next boat in the previous race. The sail numbers of pathfinder and reserve for the first race of each day will be posted on the official notice board, and will be displayed on the side of the committee boat at least five minutes before the warning signal for the first race. If more than one race is sailed on the same day, the numbers will be displayed on the side of the committee boat at least five minutes before the warning signal for each successive race. The pathfinder and reserve shall report to the committee boat as soon as possible after her number is displayed and before the preparatory signal. A pathfinder or reserve that fails to report will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
  - (d) Positioning of Pathfinder, Gate Launch and Guard Launch: At or up to 15 seconds before the starting signal the pathfinder shall commence her close-hauled port tack from within one boat length of the port limit mark, leaving the mark to port, followed by the gate launch which will keep close astern of her. If the pathfinder is unable to do

this, the race committee will signal a general recall. When used, the guard launch will protect the pathfinder and will keep station off her starboard bow.

- (e) Starting Line: The starting line for all boats except the pathfinder will be between the port limit mark and the centre of the stern of the gate launch.
- (f) Pathfinder Course: The approximate time that the gate launch will be in motion along the port tack course after the starting signal will be displayed on the starboard side of the committee boat before the warning signal. The pathfinder shall maintain her close-hauled course until she is released by a hail from the gate launch, and may tack onto starboard. After releasing the pathfinder, the gate launch and guard launch will maintain their course and speed. At the end of the period of time displayed on the committee boat (which may be extended at the discretion of the race committee) the gate launch will stop, lower flag G half way with a sound, and drift for at least one minute. Flag G will then be fully lowered with a sound to indicate the closing of the gate. No boat shall start after the gate start line is closed.
- (g) Starting: Boats other than the Pathfinder shall start by crossing the starting line on starboard tack after the starting signal and before the gate closes.
- (h) A boat that has not already started correctly, and that is on the course side of the gate launch while the gate is open, shall not cross the starting line from the course side.
- (i) Interference with Pathfinder, Gate Launch and Guard Launch: After the preparatory signal, a boat shall not threaten the unobstructed sailing of the pathfinder, and shall not interfere with or try to pass between the pathfinder and the gate launch or guard launch, or cause another boat to interfere in these ways.
- (j) If a boat infringes instructions (h) or (i) and is identified, she will be disqualified without a hearing, even if the race is restarted, re-sailed, or rescheduled. If a general recall is signaled or the race is abandoned after the starting signal, the race committee will display her sail number before the next warning signal for that race, and if the race is restarted or resailed she shall not sail in it. If she does so her disqualification will not be excluded in calculating her series score. This changes RRS 36 and 63.1.
- (k) A boat that cannot avoid touching a starting mark may hail a right-of-way boat for room and shall retire.

## 8 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between staffs displaying blue flags on the finishing marks.

## 9 TIME LIMITS & TARGET TIMES

9.1 The time limit and target time in minutes is as follows:

<i>Time limit</i>	<i>Target time</i>	<i>Finishing window</i>
70	40	15

9.2 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

9.3 Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## 10 HEARING REQUESTS

10.1 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat in that class 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.

10.2 Hearing request forms are available at the race office.

10.3 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, and the location where hearings will take place.

## **11 SCORING**

- 11.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.2 (a) When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 11.3 To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat may complete a scoring enquiry form available at the race office.

## **12 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 12.1 [SP] RRS 40.1 (Personal Flotation Devices) shall apply at all times while afloat.
- 12.2 Check-out and check-in of competitors will apply as follows:
- (a) The tally control point to check-out and check-in competitors will be located at the launching area.
- (b) Tallies comprise numbered rubber wristbands. Numbers will be allocated at registration, and posted on the official notice board. Tallies shall be worn visibly by all competitors, over clothing, on the right wrist, at all times while afloat.
- (c) [DP][NP] Competitors shall collect the tallies before racing each day.
- (d) [DP][NP] Competitors shall check-in immediately on returning to shore after racing, by returning the tallies to tally control.
- (e) The race committee may apply a standard penalty without a hearing for a breach of (c) or (d) of this SI. The penalty will be 3 points added to the boat's series score. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.
- 12.3 [DP][NP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 12.4 [DP][NP] Boats shall return to and remain in their assigned berths whilst ashore.

## **13 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 13.1 [DP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 13.2 [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race

## **14 EQUIPMENT & MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

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

## **15 SUPPORT TEAMS**

[DP] Team leaders, coaches and other support persons shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

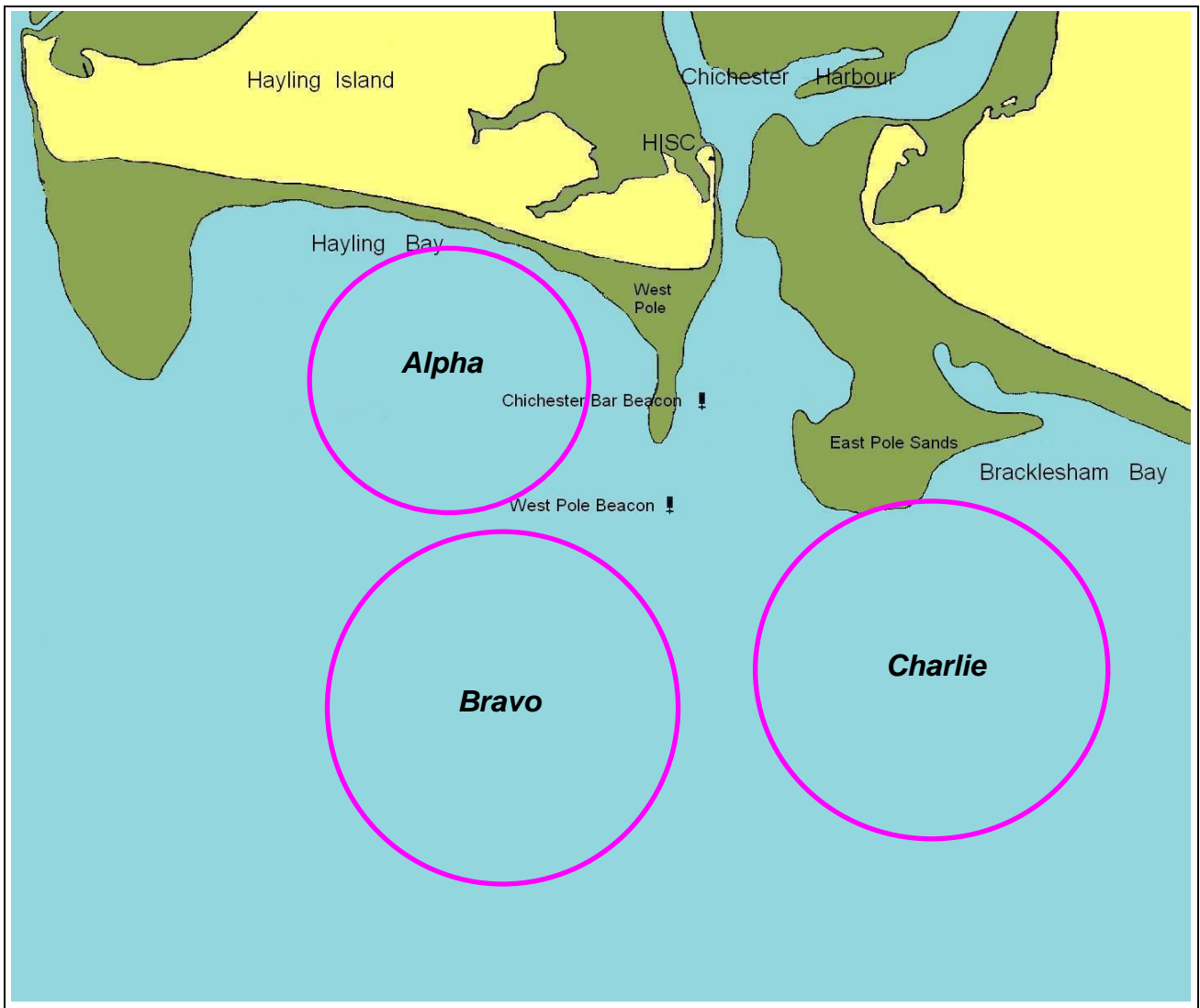
## **16 RISK STATEMENT**

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

## **17 INSURANCE**

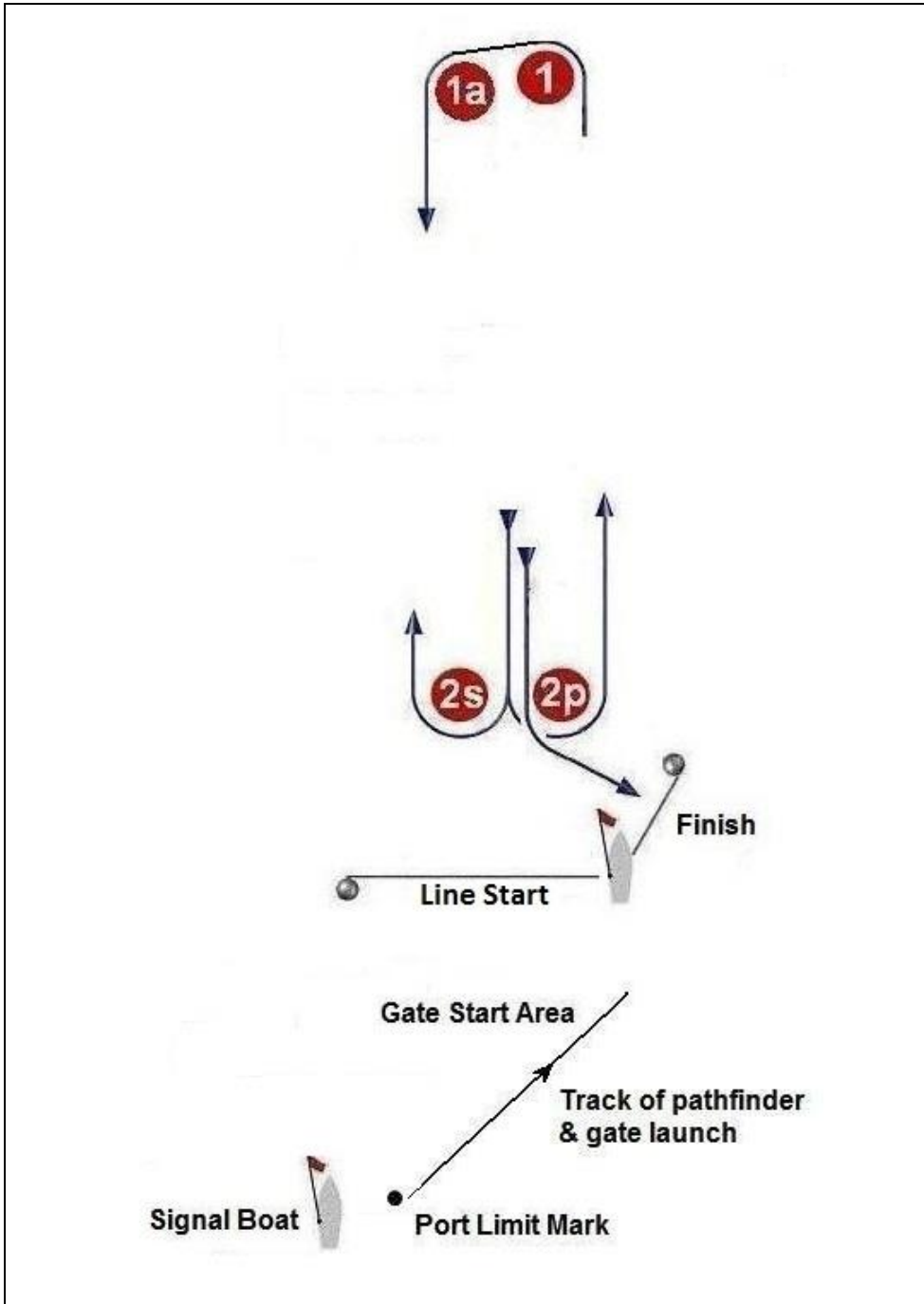
[DP][NP] Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2 million per incident or the equivalent.

Attachment A  
**RACING AREAS**



**Attachment B**  
**COURSE DIAGRAM**

**COURSE L: WINDWARD - LEEWARD**



<b>Signal:</b>	<b>Mark rounding order:</b>
<b>L2</b>	<b>Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2p – Finish</b>
<b>L3</b>	<b>Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2p – Finish</b>