

[NP] Denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for a protest or request for redress by a boat (changes RRS 60.1 & 61.1(a)).

1 – RULES

1.1 The event will be governed by the Rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), World Sailing's Equipment Rules (ERS), the RS21 Class Rules, this Notice of Series (NOS), the Event Notice of Race (ENOR), the RS21 Standard Sailing Instructions (RS21SSI), the Event Sailing Instructions (ESI), and any Notices to Competitors.

1.2 The current RS21 Class Rules available at <https://d7qh6ksdplczd.cloudfront.net/sailing/wpcontent/uploads/2021/07/28154743/RS21-CR-2023-June-22- v.2.pdf> will apply.

1.3 In case of conflict between Notice of Series, Event Notice of Race and RS21 Standard Sailing Instructions, the Event Sailing Instructions and notices posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) will prevail (this changes RRS 63.5(c)).

1.4 [NP] The Race Committee (RC) may use VHF radio to communicate to the fleet.

1.5 The protest committee may impose penalties less than disqualification for infringements of the Class Rules and rules other than RRS Parts 1 & 2.

1.6 Coach and support boats regulations as per NOS 10 shall apply.

1.7 Add to RRS 41 Outside Help: (e) Help to recover from the water and return on board any person overboard, provided the return on board is at the approximate location of the recovery.

1.8 Add to RRS 32.1: '(e) for any reason considered appropriate by the race committee.'

1.9 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will prevail.

2 - NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted online on the Official Notice Board (ONB) which can be found on the event page of the RS21 UK & Ireland class website www.rs21ukclass.org/ Competitors are expected to check the board

before/after racing and when new notices are signalled. All official communications to the competitors shall be done exclusively using the above website. Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

3 - CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to Sailing Instructions will be posted in the ONB at least one hour before the first start of the day, except that any changes to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

4 - SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole of the organising club.

4.2 When flag AP (Answering Pennant) is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 45 minutes". Flag AP over H displayed ashore means: "the start is postponed, boats shall not leave the pontoon".

5 - SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 The scheduled time of the Warning Signal for the first race will be described in the Event Notice of Race.

5.2 The number of races will be described in the Event Notice of Race. A maximum of 4 races per day will be sailed.

5.3 The RC may broadcast safety and racing information on a VHF channel described in a Notice to Competitors or given verbally via a competitors briefing.

5.4 On the last day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1500hrs.

6 - CLASS FLAG

The Class flag will be the RS21 class flag. The Class flag will be the Warning Signal of the races.

7 - RACING AREA

The Racing Area will be described in the Event Notice of Race and/or the Event Sailing Instructions

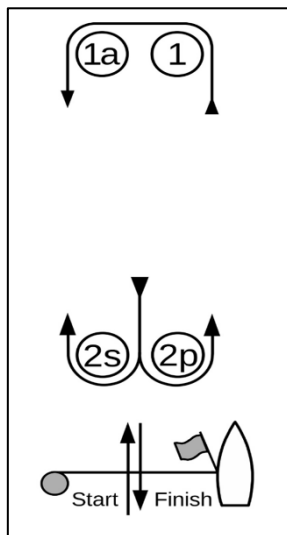
8 – COURSE

8.1 The Windward mark and the Offset mark shall be left to port.

8.2 If one of the gate marks (Mark 2S or Mark 2P) will not be present, a single Mark 2 shall be rounded to port.

8.3 No later than the warning signal, the RC signal vessel may display the approx. compass bearing of the first leg.

8.4 Course: Start-1-1A-gate (2S/2P)-1-1A-Finish.



9 – MARKS

Colours and sizes of Marks of the Course will be described in the Event Sailing Instructions

10 - AREA THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

To be described in the Event Sailing Instructions

11 - THE START

11.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel at starboard end and, at the port end, a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee vessel or the course side of a buoy.

11.2 [NP] RC may communicate by radio VHF individual recalls. Bow numbers or sail numbers may be used for identification. Delays in broadcasting, the order in which they are made, omission or failure in the emission or reception shall not be grounds for requesting redress.

11.3 A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after the starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

11.4 An Inner limit mark may be laid near the Race Committee boat. If laid it has the same required side as the Committee Boat.

12 - CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay new marks or move the original marks or the finishing line to the new position. If new marks are laid the old marks will be removed as soon as possible.

12.2 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee boat signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes RRS 28.1

12.3 The position of any mark(s) may be adjusted by up to plus or minus 10 degrees relative to previous location and up to approximately 200 metres to windward or leeward without signalling a change of course. If mark 1 is moved under this rule marks 1a will be laid. This changes RRS 33.

13 - THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a Blue Flag on the RC vessel and the pin end which may be either a vessel displaying a blue flag or a buoy.

14 - PENALTY SYSTEM AND ARBITRATION

14.1 RRS Appendix T shall apply.

14.2 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the two-turn penalty is replaced by the one-turn penalty (one tack and one gybe).

15 - TIME LIMIT

15.1 [NP]The target time is 45 minutes.

15.2 The time limit for the first boat to finish as per RRS 35 is 90 minutes.

15.3 Boats failing to finish within fifteen (15) minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing.

This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

15.4 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within 30 minutes from her starting signal the race will be abandoned.

15.5 If Flag W is displayed boats still on the course may be allocated finishing places by the Race Officer. This changes RRS 35, A4 & A5

16 - PROTESTS AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS

16.1 Protests and requests of redress, acknowledgement of penalty, requests to change equipment or crew, must be managed online via

www.rs21ukclass.org

16.2 The time limit to lodge protests and redress requests is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the Race Committee signals no more racing for today, whichever is later. The same time limit applies to protests and requests for redress by the Race Committee, Protest Committee and Technical Committee about incidents they observe on the racing area.

16.3 Notices will be posted on the official notice board within 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses and the location of the hearing.

16.4 Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest / Technical Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 60.2(a)(2).

16.5 The protest time limit for WS Sailor Categorization will be the protest time limit of the first racing day.

17 – SCORING

17.1 Two (2) races are required to be completed in order to constitute a series.

17.2 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her score. When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

18 - SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1 In the best interests of safety, all competitors who retire should inform, by any possible system, either the RC boat on the water or the Race Office as soon as they return ashore.

18.2 Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

19 - REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

19.1 Requests for substitution of damaged or lost equipment shall be made to the RC at the first reasonable opportunity. Substitution will not be allowed unless approved by the Race Committee in consultation with the Class or their delegate.

19.2 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior approval of the Race Committee via rs21ukclass.org. Requests for substitution of crew shall only be made in exceptional circumstances, the decision of the Race Committee to approve the Substitute shall be made at their sole discretion.

20 - EQUIPMENTS AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

20.1 A boat or its equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Rules, Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by the Technical Committee or Race Committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

20.3 RRS 78.1 (*While a boat is racing, her owner and any other person in charge shall ensure that the boat is maintained to comply with her class rules and that her measurement or rating certificate, if any, remains valid. In addition, the boat shall also comply at other times specified in the class rules, the notice of race or the sailing instructions.*) is in effect for the duration of the event. **Required equipment shall not be removed from a boat without the prior written consent of the event RC, except when the boat is moored the engine battery may be removed from the boat to be recharged, and the sails may be removed to be dried. Before a boat leaves the dock for racing, it must have all of its required equipment on board.**

21 - EVENT ADVERTISING

21.1 The sail number on the mainsail shall correspond to the boat number unless agreed by the Race Committee.

21.2 Competitors shall display, as requested by OA, any flags and stickers provided by the organizer from the beginning to the end of the event.

22 - OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats shall be described in either the Event Sailing Instructions, Event Notice of Race or verbally at the competitors briefing.

23 - SUPPORT BOATS

Support Boats shall comply with NOS 10.

24 - TRASH

[NP] Trash shall be disposed of in a responsible manor; it shall remain onboard or may be handed to an official vessel or support vessel.

25 - HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

[NP] Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with a prior written permission of the Race Committee.

26 - RADIO COMMUNICATION

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive voice or data communications not available to all other boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones and any other similar device.

27 - MOORINGS

Boats are moored under the responsibility of each skipper. Boats must be kept in their designated space.

28 - PRIZE GIVING

28.1 [NP] Prize giving will take place at the venue, when possible, after the finish of the last race.

28.2 At least prizes will be awarded as described in the Notice of Event & Series.

29 - DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority, the Racing Committee and the Protest Committee will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death occurring in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

30 - INSURANCE

Each boat shall be insured with a valid third-party liability insurance as described in the Notice of Series, or the equivalent amount if expressed in a different currency. The insurance must include an extension for racing. A boat may be asked to provide a proof of valid insurance certificate.

31 - MEDIA, IMAGES AND SOUND

31.1 The OA may require media personnel, equipment and electronic devices to be carried on board at any time.

31.2 The position of these personnel equipment will be determined by the RC and may be advised verbally. The Organization Authorities shall have the right to use any image, sound record and navigation data.

RS21 STANDARD SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

32 – GPS TRACKING DEVICES

32.1 The Vakaros RaceSense system will be used by the Race Committee and the relevant information will be available to all boats.

32.2 The visual identification of boats infringing RRS 29 and RRS 30 by the Race Committee is replaced with the electronic identification by the Vakaros RaceSense system. This changes RRS 29.1, 30.1, 30.2, 30.3, 30.4 and 41(c).

32.3 A set of instructions about the use of the electronic device is available on the RS21 UK&I class website

32.4 [DP] [NP] Each boat shall have a working Vakaros Atlas 2 configured for RaceSense at check-in, which shall be mounted on the aft side of the mast at all times while racing. Each boat shall either provide a working Atlas 2 at

check-in for configuration with RaceSense, or an Atlas 2 will be provided to any boat that does not have one available for a fee.

32.5 [DP] [NP] Competitors shall do their best to keep the system safe and active. They shall inform the Vakaros staff as soon as possible, on the water or ashore, about any problems encountered with the device.

32.6 The Race Committee signals, procedures and radio communications will conform to SSI 32 - GPS TRACKING DEVICES

32.7 If the RC vessel displays flag GOLF with a sound signal before the warning signal of a race, SIs 32.1 and 32.2 will not apply and the Orange Flag shall be displayed before the Warning Signal for the next race.

32.8 [NP] Any kind of failure of an Atlas 2, the RaceSense system or communication systems shall not be grounds for a request for redress by a boat.



VERSION CONTROL		
VERSION	DATE PUBLISHED	REMARKS
Version 1	29/01/26	Initial version of the document