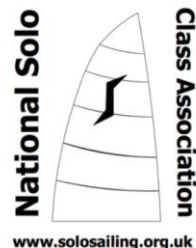




SOLO NIGEL PUSINELLI TROPHY

3rd and 4th July 2021



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Organising Authority – East Lothian Yacht Club (ELYC)

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Event will be governed by the Rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the RYA available at www.rya.org.uk/racing/rules will apply.
- 1.3 [NP] [DP] COVID Statement

By taking part in any of the events covered by this notice of race, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force from time to time in respect of COVID-19 and for complying with the appropriate COVID-19 procedures. Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than one hour before the first start of the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 The online official noticeboard is located at the event website at: <https://elyc.org.uk/NPT2021> There will be no physical notice board.
- 3.2 [DP] 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 and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

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 made from the flagpole at the dinghy park on Elcho Green.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

<i>Class</i>	<i>Total Number of Races</i>	<i>Number Of Races Scheduled per day</i>	<i>Maximum Number of Races per Day</i>
Solo	6	3	4

- 6.1 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on Saturday is 1155 and Sunday 1055 .
- 6.2 Where identified in the table above one extra race per day may be sailed, provided that no class becomes more than one race ahead of schedule and the change is made according to SI 2.
- 6.3 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.
- 6.4 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1500.

7 CLASS FLAGS

The Class flag is flag F (Foxtrot).

8 RACING AREAS

The racing area is the waters of the Firth of Forth, near ELYC.

9 COURSES

- 9.1 The diagram(s) in SI Addendum 1 show the course(s), 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.
- 9.2 The course to be sailed will be indicated using a two digit board with yellow letters/numbers on a black background.
- 9.3 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg, indicated by a three digit board with yellow numbers on a black background.

10 MARKS

Marks 1, 2, 3 and 4 are orange cylinders. The start mark is an orange or yellow sphere and the finish mark is a white sphere.

11 OBSTRUCTIONS – Not applicable at this event.

12 THE START

- 12.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 12.2 The starting line is between the staff or mast displaying the orange starting line flag and the start mark.
- 12.3 An inner limit mark may be used to protect the committee boat. If used, no boats shall pass between the limit mark and the committee boat.
- 12.4 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start 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 100m) may be made without signalling the change. This changes RRS 33.

14 THE FINISH

- 14.1 The finishing line is between the mast or staff displaying the blue finishing line flag and the finish mark.
- 14.2 An inner limit mark may be used to protect the finish boat. If used, no boats shall pass between the limit mark and the finish boat.
- 14.3 The race committee may award a finishing score to a boat that is still racing by displaying to her from a committee vessel (which may be in motion) flag W. A boat so notified is no longer required to sail the course, shall stop racing and shall return to the starting area, or return ashore if there is no more racing. A finishing score under this sailing instruction will be the score she would have received had she sailed the course and finished within any time limit, without gaining or losing any place. The decision by the race committee to use this procedure or not to use it shall not be grounds for requesting redress. This changes RRS Rule 28.1 and RRS Rule 60.1(b).

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1 The Post Race Penalty: a boat that may have broken a rule of RRS Part 2 or RRS 31 may, after finishing the race concerned and before the start of any related protest hearing, notify the race committee that she accepts a Post Race Penalty – a 30% scoring penalty (SCP) calculated as stated in RRS 44.3(c), except that the minimum penalty is three places and she shall not be scored worse than the number of boats that came to the starting area. However, if the boat caused injury or serious damage or, despite taking a penalty, gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach her penalty shall be to retire.
- 15.2 When a Post Race Penalty is accepted:
 - a) Neither the boat nor a protest committee may then revoke or remove the penalty.
 - b) The boat shall not be penalized further in a protest hearing when the protest committee decides that it was appropriate to the facts found and the applicable rules.

16 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

<i>Class</i>	<i>Mark 1 Time Limit</i>	<i>Target Time</i>	<i>Race Time Limit</i>	<i>Finishing Window</i>
Solo	30min	45min	90min	30min

- 16.1 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 16.2 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat in their class sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.
- 16.3 Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

17 HEARING REQUESTS

- 17.1 The Post-Race Penalty and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures shall apply (for full information on the procedures, go to www.rya.org.uk/go/rules). The outcome of an RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee, but an arbitration cannot be reopened or appealed.
- 17.2 The protest time limit is 60 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 online official notice board.
- 17.3 Notices will be posted no later than 60 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

18 SCORING

- 18.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- b) When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1 All competitors shall wear a personal flotation device at all times when afloat, except briefly when changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet/dry suits are not considered personal flotation devices. Flag Y will not be displayed. This changes RRS 40 and Race Signals 'Y'.
- 19.2 [NP] [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 19.3 [NP] [DP] A tally system will be used during the Event; the tallies will be numbered labels which should be attached to each competitor's trolley. Individual tally numbers will be allocated by the beach master on arrival.

20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 20.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 20.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity

21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 21.1 [DP] A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions. The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in the notice of race.
- 21.2 [DP] When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

- 22 SUPPLIED BOATS – Not applicable at this event.**
23 OFFICIAL VESSELS – Not applicable at this event.
24 SUPPORT TEAMS – Not applicable at this event.

25 TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard official vessels.

- 26 BERTHING – Not applicable at this event.**

27 HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS – Not applicable at this event..
28 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS – Not applicable at this event.

29 PRIZES

A virtual prize giving will take place online after racing. Prize vouchers will be distributed via email.

30 RISK STATEMENT

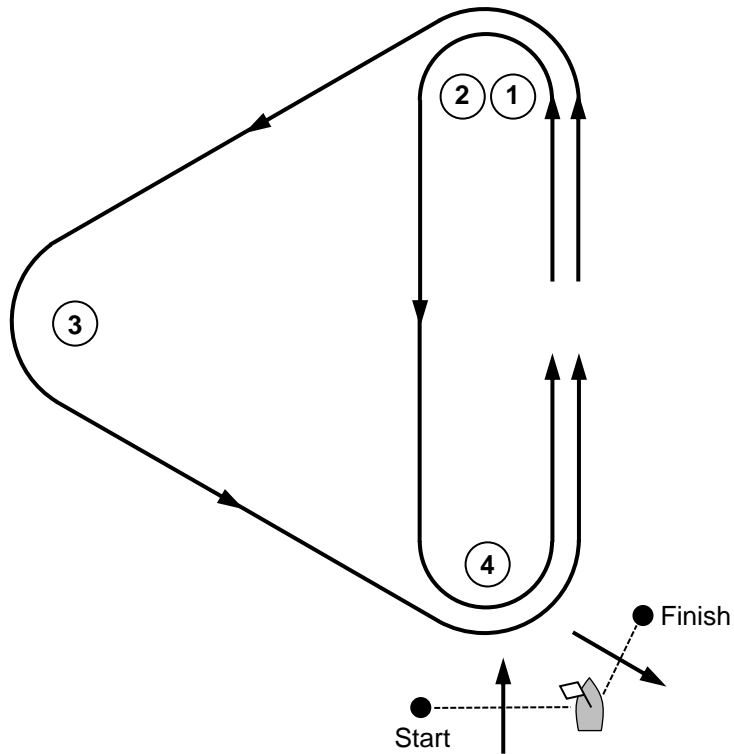
30.1 Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

31 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.



Triangle – Windward/Leeward Courses

Course ID	Course
O1	Start – 1, 2, 3, 4, – Finish
O2	Start – 1, 2, 3, 4, 1, 2, 4 – Finish
O3	Start – 1, 2, 3, 4, 1, 2, 4, 1, 2, 3, 4 – Finish
O4	Start – 1, 2, 3, 4, 1, 2, 4, 1, 2, 3, 4, 1, 2, 4 – Finish

Windward/Leeward Courses

Course ID	Course
L1	Start – 1, 2, 4, – Finish
L2	Start – 1, 2, 4, 1, 2, 4 – Finish
L3	Start – 1, 2, 4, 1, 2, 4, 1, 2, 4 – Finish
L4	Start – 1, 2, 4, 1, 2, 4, 1, 2, 4, 1, 2, 4 – Finish