



**Noble Marine Rooster  
RS400 National Championships 2022  
8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> August 2022  
Hosted by East Lothian Yacht Club**



## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

### **ORGANISING AUTHORITY**

This event will be organised by East Lothian Yacht Club in conjunction with the RS Class Association.

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)

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

### **1 RULES**

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Racing rules Race Signals AP, 33, 34, 35, 44.1, 60.1(a), 60.1(b), 61.3, 62.1(a), 62.2, A2 A5.1 and A5.2 will be changed. The changes appear, in full, in the notice of race or in these sailing instructions.

### **2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on 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**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at <https://elyc.org.uk/rs400>

### **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 at the dinghy parking flag pole on Elcho Green.

- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signals AP. This changes race signals AP.
- 5.3 [DP] Flag D with one sound means boats shall not leave the shore until this signal is made. The warning signal will not be made before the scheduled time or less than 45 minutes after flag D is displayed.

## **6 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 6.1 See NoR 9 for schedule.
- 6.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound signal at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 6.3 A third and fourth race may be run on any day at the discretion of the Race Committee. To indicate this intention the finish boat will display flag Numeral 3 or 4 at the end of the second race that day.

## **7 CLASS FLAGS**

RS400      Purple RS400 Class Flag

## **8 RACING AREA**

See NoR 12

## **9 COURSES**

- 9.1 Course to be sailed will be Windward Leeward. The diagram in Addendum A show the course, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be passed.

## **10 MARKS**

- 10.1 Marks 1, 4S and 4P will be orange pillar buoys. Mark 1A will be a large yellow spherical buoy. The start mark will be a large yellow spherical buoy, the finish mark will be a white spherical buoy with blue flag.
- 10.2 Hitting a mark other than the start or finish marks will not be penalised. This changes RRS 31.
- 10.3 When a gate mark is used, if one or other of the gate marks is missing, the remaining mark shall be rounded to port. This changes RRS 34.
- 10.4 The Race Committee may choose to use a gate start. If so, flag G will be flown from the Committee Boat and Appendix B to these SIs will apply. This changes RRS 26.

## **11 OBSTRUCTIONS**

- 11.1 Does not apply.

## **12 THE START**

- 12.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starting mark at the starboard end and the course side of the port end starting mark.
- 12.2 A boat that does not start within 5 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 course changes may not be signalled. This changes RRS 33.

## **14 THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the committee boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end finishing mark.

## **15 PENALTY SYSTEM**

See NoR 14.

## **16 TIME LIMITS**

16.1 The time limit for all fleets is 75 minutes.

16.2 Boats failing to finish within a 20 minute finishing window after the first boat in her class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2

16.3 In addition to RRS 32, the race committee may also 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 with one sound signal. 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. However, when two or more boats that are overlapped are notified, they will be scored as if they were tied. The decision by the race committee to use this procedure or not to use it shall not be grounds for requesting redress. This changes rules 60.1(b) and 62.1(a).

## **17 HEARING REQUESTS**

17.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is the later. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.

17.2 Hearing Request forms are available at the race office.

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 described in the supplementary sailing instructions.

## **18 SCORING**

As per NoR 15.

## **19 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

19.1 [DP] [NP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

19.2 Competitors shall use the tally system. A tally and tally number will be provided at registration, the tally should be attached to competitor trolley.

## **20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

20.1 [DP] [NP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the

race committee.

- 20.2 [DP] [NP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorised by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity.

**21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

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

**22 SUPPLIED BOATS**

Does not apply.

**23 OFFICIAL VESSELS**

The committee boat shall be a sailing yacht.

**24 [DP] [NP] SUPPORT TEAMS**

As per NoR 16.

**25 RUBBISH DISPOSAL**

Rubbish must be discarded into the official bins, or be placed aboard official vessels.

**26 BERTHING**

[DP] [NP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the dinghy park.

**27 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

Does not apply.

**28 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

Does not apply.

**29 PRIZES**

As per NoR 20.

**24 RISK STATEMENT**

As per NoR 18.

**25 INSURANCE**

As per NoR 19

## ADDENDUM A – Courses

### Windward – Leeward

L2 1, 1A, 4P/4S, 1, 1A, 4P, Finish

L3 1, 1A, 4P/4S, 1, 1A, 4P/4S, 1, 1A, 4P, Finish

L4 1, 1A, 4P/4S, 1, 1A, 4P/4S, 1, 1A, 4P/4S, 1, 1A, 4P, Finish

Marks 4P/4S are a gate.

Marks 1, 1A and 4P to be rounded to Port.

