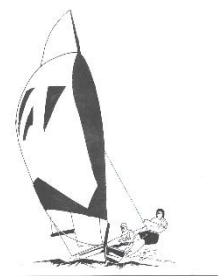


# **SUPERNOVA UK NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE TO 2<sup>ND</sup> JULY 2017**



## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

*Plymouth Youth*

*Sailing*

### **1 RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020.
- 1.2 Plymouth is a Naval and Commercial Port and the Port Authorities have ABSOLUTE control of seagoing activities within the Port, which by definition also extends two nautical miles to seaward of the Breakwater. Where boats are racing within the boundaries of a port they shall comply with such regulations as may be in force within that port. In particular, regulations regarding the safe navigation of large vessels shall be strictly observed. Competitors are referred to the Dockyard Port of Plymouth Order 1999, a copy of which is available for inspection at the Race Office at the Mount Batten Centre. When the Race Committee believes that such regulations have been broken so as to bring the sport into disrepute it will act under RRS 60.2(c) requesting the Protest Committee to act under RRS 69.2b . The Port Authority may also take legal action.

### **2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board, situated in the Race Office, adjacent to the Boat Park at Mount Batten Centre.
- 2.2 A Competitors Briefing will be held at 10.15 on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June at the Mount Batten Centre Subsequent briefings may be held and will be advised on the Official Notice Board.

### **3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be posted for at least two hours before the first warning signal on the day on which it will take effect; except that any change to the schedule of races shall be posted by 2000hrs on the day before it will take effect.

### **4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole situated at the Mount Batten Centre
- 4.2 Boats shall not go afloat until released. Release will be notified by flying flag 'D' with one sound signal
- 4.3 When IC flag 'AP' is displayed ashore, '1 minute', in 'Race Signals' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes'. This changes the meaning of AP in RRS Race Signals.

### **5 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 5.1 Dates of Racing – Number of Races – First scheduled warning signal

Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June 3... races	11.55hrs
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> July 4... races	10.25hrs
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 3... races	10.25hrs



One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that the event becomes no more than one race ahead of schedule, and the change is made in accordance with SI 3.1. No more than 4 races will be sailed in any one day.

5.2 No warning signal will be made after 12.55hrs on the last day of racing.

5.3 In the event of a race being recalled, restarted, re-sailed or abandoned the next race sailed will be that race with subsequent races being sailed thereafter in their scheduled order.

## **6 CLASS FLAGS**

6.1 The class flag will be the Supernova flag unless stated otherwise at the briefing

## **7 RACING AREA**

7.1 The racing area will be in Plymouth Sound including the area South of Plymouth Breakwater.

## **8 THE COURSES**

8.1 The diagrams in Appendix A show the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.2 The approximate bearing of Mark 1 may be displayed on the committee boat prior to the warning signal.

8.3 The course to be sailed will be indicated by the appropriate numeral flag being displayed on the Committee Boat at the same time as the flag indicating the type of start.

## **9 MARKS**

9.1 The course marks will be black inflatable buoys as shown in Appendix A. A change mark will be a yellow inflatable buoy.

## **10 THE START**

The Committee Boat shall indicate the type of start by displaying either Flag G to denote a Gate Start or Flag E to denote a Line Start. This will be displayed 10 minutes before the warning signal with one sound signal.

### ***GATE STARTS***

10.1 The starting area will be to leeward of the course.

10.2 The Gate Launch will display International Code Flag "G" and the Guard Launch, if used, will display International Code Flag "F". Starting signals will be made on the race committee boat. The race committee boat shall display a number on a blackboard to denote the number of minutes the pathfinder shall sail for before being released.

10.3 The Race Committee and Supernova Association will nominate the Pathfinder for the first race sailed. Subsequently, the Pathfinder will be the boat placed tenth in the preceding race. When she is unable to race, or has been Pathfinder previously in the event, the Pathfinder will be the boat placed eleventh in the preceding race – and so on. Her sail number will be posted on the official notice board and/or displayed on

the transom or starboard side of the race committee boat. The Pathfinder shall report to the Gate Launch at least 5 minutes before the warning signal.

- 10.4 Approximately 2 minutes before the starting signal, the Pathfinder shall come within hail of the Gate Launch and place herself under the direction of the Race Officer. Approximately 10 seconds before the starting signal the pathfinder will commence a close-hauled port tack course from start mark (dan buoy with orange flag), which will be located close to the CB. The Gate Boat, displaying flag G will follow closely astern, A guard boat, displaying flag F may proceed to leeward of the pathfinder. To start, competitors must pass between the Starting Mark and the transom of the Gate Launch after the starting signal.
- 10.5 Unless released earlier, the Pathfinder shall maintain her course for the number of minutes denoted by the number on a blackboard on the CB. When released by the Race Officer she may tack onto starboard or continue on port provided that she does not impede the gate or guard launches. The Gate Launch will hold her course and speed for a further minute. A sound signal will be made when the gate is fully open at which point the Gate Launch will stop and drift for at least one minute. At the end of this period code flag "G" will be lowered to indicate closing of the gate. No boat shall start after flag "G" has been lowered. A boat failing to start before lowering of flag "G" will be scored "Did Not Start". This alters rule A4.1.
- 10.6 A boat, which has not correctly started and which is on the course side of the Gate Launch while the Gate is opening, shall not cross the start line from the course side.
- 10.7 After the preparatory signal, a boat which interferes with, or causes the pathfinder to alter course, or tries to pass between the Guard Launch, pathfinder and the Gate Launch, or that causes another boat to interfere in these ways, will be disqualified without a hearing. If the race is restarted, re-sailed or rescheduled she is not entitled to compete in that race. This alters rule 63.1.
- 10.8 The Gate Launch, Guard Launch and Pathfinder, until released, rank as starting marks.
- 10.9 A boat that cannot otherwise avoid fouling a starting mark may hail a right-of-way boat for room and then shall immediately retire.

#### **LINE STARTS**

- 10.10 The starting line will be between the mast of the committee boat displaying an orange flag at the starboard end and dan buoy with an orange flag or CB displaying an orange flag at the port end.

#### **11 MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM WIND STRENGTH**

- 11.1 Races will not be started unless the Race Officer is satisfied that the wind strength over the whole of the course is generally in excess of 5 knots
- 11.2 Races will not be held if the Race Officer believes the maximum wind strength on the CB to generally be in excess of 30 knots.

#### **12 CHANGE OF NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finish line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by the original mark.

### **13 SHORTENING COURSES**

- 13.1 For courses that are shortened all boats will finish when they next cross the finishing line, irrespective of the number of rounds they may have completed.  
This changes RRS 32.2.

### **14 THE FINISH**

- 14.1 The finish line will be between a mast or staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and the finishing mark.
- 14.2 The finishing mark will be a dan buoy displaying an orange flag
- 14.3 A boat which has been lapped will be given a finish when next crossing the finish line after the first boat has finished. Subsequently, however, the boat may be scored as DNF if any other boat which would have completed the correct number of laps does not finish within the time limit. This rule will be applied purely at the discretion of the Race Officer.
- 14.4 After the first boat has finished, Flag S may be displayed to alert all boats that they are to finish, irrespective of the number of rounds they may have completed.

### **15 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 15.1 When a competitor has taken either a one turn or two turn penalty (noting race number and leg of course), or has retired after finishing (RET), each helm shall complete the declaration on the sign off sheet within her protest time limit, situated at the official notice board.
- 15.2 The Scoring Penalty, Rule 44.3, will not apply.
- 15.3 **RYA Arbitration**
- 15.4 When a protest or request for redress is lodged, a boat may at the same time request RYA Arbitration, or the protest committee or race committee may offer it.
- 15.5 If the parties and a member of the protest or race committee agree that RYA Arbitration is suitable, an arbitrator (who may be that member of the protest committee) will call a hearing conforming to Section B of Part 5 of the Racing Rules of Sailing, except that rule 64.1(a) will not apply. Instead, when the arbitrator decides that a boat that is a party to the arbitration hearing has broken a rule for which the Exoneration Penalty is available, the party will be invited to accept that penalty, and, if it is accepted by a protested boat, the protesting boat will be allowed to withdraw the protest, changing rule 63.1.
- 15.6 When there is not an agreement to use RYA Arbitration, or when, after RYA Arbitration, a protest is not withdrawn or the Exoneration Penalty is not applicable to the facts, there will be a normal protest hearing, at which the arbitrator may be a member of the protest committee. Rule 66 will not apply to the arbitration decision. A boat may still accept an Exoneration Penalty at any time before the start of a protest hearing and receive its protection from further penalization. She may also retire.
- 15.7 When redress is offered and accepted at the RYA Arbitration, the protest committee or race committee may seek to have this reviewed by asking for a full hearing. When redress is offered and not accepted, or not offered at all, the boat may have her request heard before a protest committee.
- 15.8 The Exoneration penalty for the RYA Arbitration procedure shall be a 20% scoring penalty.

## **16 TIME LIMITS**

- 16.1 The time limit for each race shall be 75 minutes for the first boat to finish. If one boat finishes within that limit then the time limit will be amended to 20 minutes after the finishing time of the first boat. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

## **17 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 17.1 Protest forms will be available from the Race Office. They shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 17.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat finishes, or where two or more races are to be sailed without coming ashore between them, within 60 minutes of the last boat finishing the last race.
- 17.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the expiry of the protest time to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties to, or named as witnesses. It shall be the responsibility of competitors to check the notice board for such notices, obtain their copy of the protest form and make sure that they and their witnesses attend the hearing.
- 17.4 On the last day of racing a competitor's request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
- (a) Within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the protest committee's decision on the previous day;
  - (b) No later than half an hour after the party requesting reopening was informed of the protest committee's decision on that day.

This changes RRS 66.

- 17.5 Where a Class judge a NJ, IJ or official arbitrator is appointed to an event the Exoneration Penalty and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration procedures of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. See official notice board for details.
- 17.6 For infringements of the rules other than in Part 2 of the RRS, the protest committee may award a lesser penalty than disqualification.
- 17.7 Breaches of instructions 19, 22 and 23 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a).

## **18 SCORING SYSTEM**

- 18.1 Points will accrue to the helm named on the entry form and not the boat entered.
- 18.2
- (a) When fewer than 7 races have been completed, a competitor's series score will be the total of her race scores.
  - (b) When from 7 -8 races have been completed, a competitor's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
  - (c) When 9 or more races have been completed, a competitor's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

- 18.3 To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a competitor must complete a scoring enquiry form available at the Race Office, within 15 minutes of the results being posted. If a request for correction is rejected the time limit for requesting redress for the alleged error will run from the time that the rejection is advised to the competitor.
- 18.4 The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under instruction 17.6 will be DPI.
- 18.5 Three races are required to be completed to constitute the series.

## **19 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 19.1 Personal Flotation Devices for crew members shall be worn at all times whilst afloat. This changes RRS 40 and the preamble to Part 4.
- 19.2 A tally system will be in place for the event. Tallies must be collected from the Tally Board at the top of the slipway before launching and must be returned no later than 15 minutes after the boat reaches the shore after racing. Failure to comply will result in disqualification from that boat's last race of the day and a penalty of a £5 fine being applied to the boat crew. Any fines received will be donated to the local National Coastwatch Institution. A subsequent breach of this requirement may result in disqualification from the whole days racing on that day. It is the sole responsibility of competitors to ensure that they have tallied correctly.
- 19.3 When the race committee considers that a boat or competitor is in difficulty it may instruct the boat or competitor to accept outside help, retire or sail ashore.
- 19.4 Competitors must obey instructions from the organisers and safety boats. Any instruction given by any police boat, coastguard boat, military vessel or pilot boat must be obeyed immediately and without question. This may include an instruction to stop racing temporarily to allow a large vessel to pass through the race course. Any such instruction will not be grounds for redress. Failure to obey safety instructions will be grounds for disqualification from that race. Further breaches of this rule may result in disqualification from the complete series.
- 19.5 In accordance with RRS 43.1 and World Sailing Case 89, no clothing or equipment may be worn on the body of helm or crew to carry liquid of any description, even if for the purpose of re-hydration; this includes camelbacks, water bottles and cans of drink.

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

- 20.1 For the event only the helm named on the entry form will be eligible. If a different helm completes a race in the same boat then they will be considered a separate entry and their results cannot be combined with another helm's results. The Supernova Association has sole discretion to allow entries and charge an appropriate fee for each entry.
- 20.2 **Distinguishing Numbers.** Under exceptional circumstances, the Race Committee may permit a boat to use sails carrying a distinguishing number other than that required by RRS77 and RRS Appendix G. Such permission is only valid if sought in writing and granted at least 2 hours before the advertised start of that day's racing.

## **21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

- 21.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.
- 21.2 Class Conformity: Every boat shall comply with the current relevant Supernova Association class rules as specified 24 hours before the first advertised start time. Failure to do so may result in disqualification without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1. and A5

## **22 ADVERTISING**

- 22.1 Boats shall display advertising supplied by the organizing authority as specified in the NOR or by the Supernova Association.
- 22.2 When provided at registration, competitors shall make every reasonable effort to display event sponsors promotional items on their boat and sails as directed. If sponsor promotional items come off whilst racing, competitors must obtain replacement items from the Class Association before the start of racing the following day, if the Association has sufficient stocks available.
- 22.3 There will be no restriction on the number or coverage of advertisers' logos or slogans except for the front 20% of the forward part of each side of the hull and the foremost 20% of the mainsail boom bottom, which are reserved for event sponsors. [see World Sailing regulation 20 Advertising Code]
- 22.4 Any individual caught stealing sponsor promotional items, e.g. flags, banners, prizes, etc. shall be the subject of a report by the Race Committee to the Protest Committee requesting action under RRS 69.2(b).

## **23 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

- 23.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

## **24 SUPPORT BOATS**

- 24.1 No support boats will be allowed.

## **25 RISK STATEMENT**

- 25.1 Rule 4 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 involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
  - 25.2.1 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;
  - 25.2.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
  - 25.2.3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;

- 25.2.4 Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- 25.2.5 The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- 25.2.6 The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- 25.2.7 The boat is required to hold adequate insurance against third party claims.

## **26 TRASH DISPOSAL**

- 26.1 Boats shall not drop trash in the dinghy park. When afloat trash may be placed aboard race committee boats.

## **27 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS**

- 27.1 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

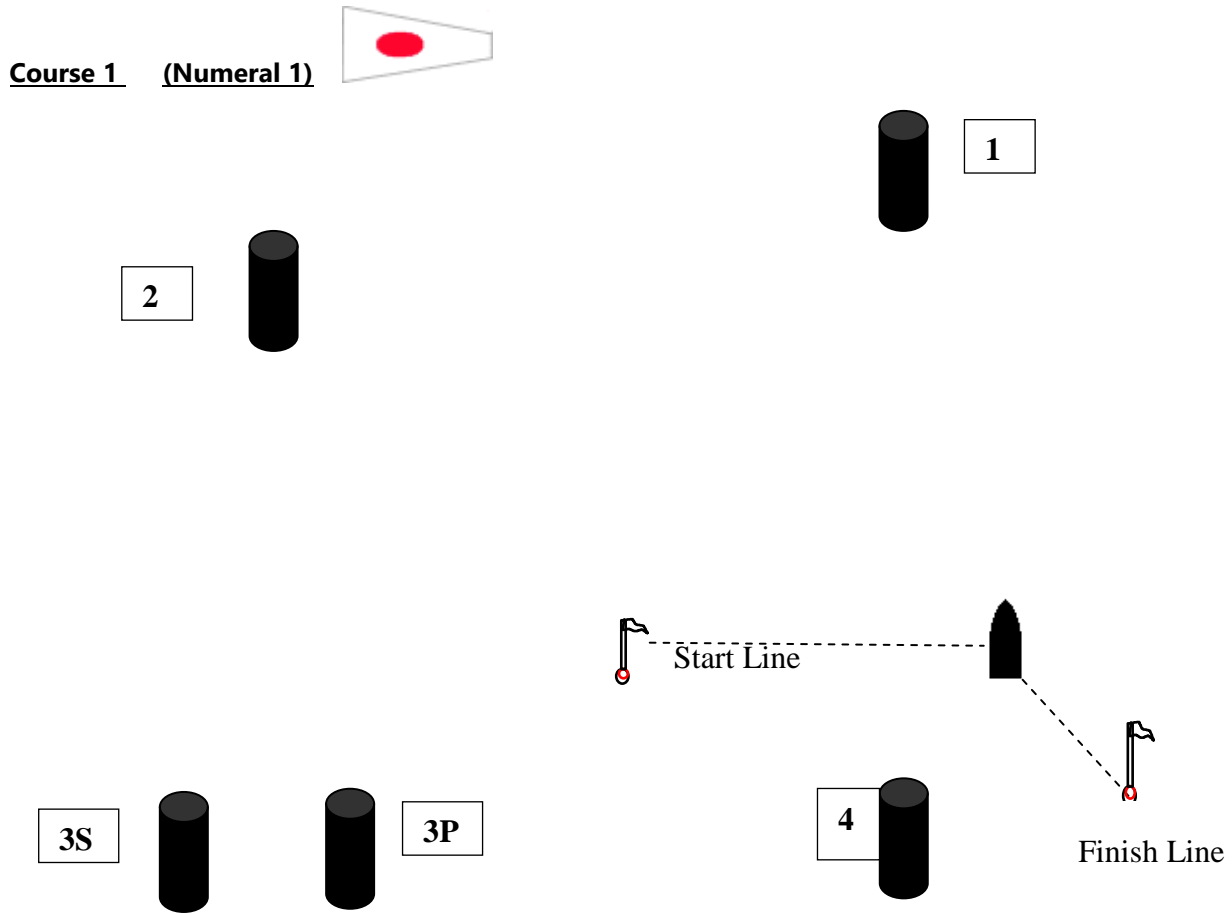
## **28 PRIZES**

- 28.1 Prizes will be awarded as decided by the Supernova Association.



**APPENDIX A – THE COURSES**

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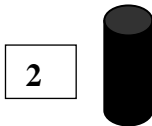


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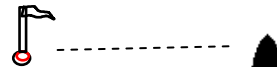
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Start/Finish Line



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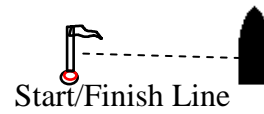
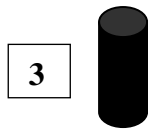
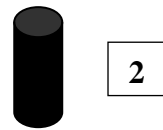
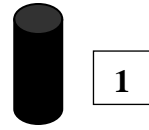
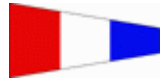
Course to be sailed – 1, 2, 3, 1, 3, 1, 2, 3, Finish

Marks to Port.

All boats must pass through the Start/Finish Line after rounding Mark 3 on each round.

Boats shall not pass through the Start/Finish Line on the downwind leg, in order to avoid interfering with boats on their upwind leg who are obliged to pass through the line. The line will be shortened to accommodate this.

**Course 3 Numeral 3**



Course to be sailed – 1(P), 2(S), 3(P), 4(P) 3 Rounds

All boats must pass through the Start/Finish Line after rounding Mark 4 on each round.