



Noble Marine RS300 National Championships 2025
Friday 12th to Sunday 14th September 2025
Hosted by South Caernarvonshire Yacht Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

This event will be organised by South Caernarvonshire 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.

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, 31, 32, 33, 35, 44.1, 60.1, 60.1(a), 60.3(b), 61.4(b), 61.2(a), 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 start time 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 outside the office on the middle deck.

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 flagpole located in front of the clubhouse.
- 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 the warning signal is made.

- 6.3 An additional 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 4 at the end of the last scheduled race that day.

7 CLASS FLAGS

RS300 RS300 Class Flag (light blue with black numbers)

8 RACING AREA

See NoR 12.

9 COURSES

- 9.1 Courses to be sailed will be Trapezoid or Triangle Sausage. The diagrams in Addendum A show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be passed.
- 9.2 The courses to be sailed will be indicated by boards on the side of the committee signal vessel.

10 MARKS

- 10.1 Marks 1, 2, 3 & 5, will be Orange Spherical, and and 1a Orange tetrahedral, marks 4S and 4P will be blue spherical. The start mark will be Orange spherical; the finish mark will be Black tetrahedral.
- 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 left to port. This changes RRS 34.

11 OBSTRUCTIONS

The following are obstructions – do not sail over the Sewer Pipe, just north of the club, with a tower and/or a buoy at the end.

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 in accordance with RRS 33.
- 13.2 Minor course changes may not be signalled. This changes RRS 33.

14 THE FINISH

- 14.1 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.
- 14.2 If the Race Committee decides to shorten course at the Committee Boat when it is in its normal finishing position, this will be signalled by its displaying flag 'S' alongside the class

flag with 2 sound signals. When this is the case, the leading boat shall round trapezoid mark 5 to port or triangle mark 3 and proceed to the normal finishing line. All other competitors shall complete the number of rounds equal to the leading boat before proceeding to the finishing line. For this finishing option, a rib displaying flag S and making an intermittent sound signal may also be positioned to leeward of the leeward gate. This modifies RRS 32.2.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

See NoR 14.

16 TIME LIMITS

- 16.1 The time limit for all fleets is 75 minutes.
- 16.2 For a 3 and 4-race per day schedule, the target time will be about 40 mins.
- 16.3 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
- 16.4 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(a) and 61.4(b).

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 60.3(b) and 61.2(a).
- 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 [DP] Each boat will be given a 'boat identification number' and issued with two white panels and two sets of numbers at registration. The white panels shall be placed on both sides of the boat as high and as close to the bow as possible and the numbers shall be fixed to the panels. If the numbers are lost or damaged, they shall be repaired or replaced promptly.
- 19.3. Each competitor will have a tally wrist band marked with their boat's boat identification number. Each competitor shall "tally out" each day by taking their tally wrist band from the

tally board and placing it on their right wrist. Tallies may only be taken when released in accordance with SI 5.3. Tally wrist bands shall be returned to the tally board immediately on coming ashore and not later than 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. Failure to comply with any aspect of this rule will result in disqualification from the races concerned without a hearing. This changes RRS 61.1(a) and 63.1.

20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

20.1 [DP] [NP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the race committee. Approval of a substitution will only be given in exceptional circumstances.

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

See Supplementary Sailing Instructions.

24 [DP] [NP] SUPPORT TEAMS

As per NoR 16.

25 TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard official or support person 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 24.

24 RISK STATEMENT

As per NoR 22.

25 INSURANCE

As per NoR 23.

ADDENDUM A – Courses

Trapezoid

O1 1, 2, 3, 5, Finish

O2 1, 2, 3, 2, 3, 5, Finish

O3 1, 2, 3, 2, 3, 2, 3, 5, Finish

I2 1, 4, 1, 2, 3, 5, Finish

I3 1, 4, 1, 4, 1, 2, 3, 5, Finish

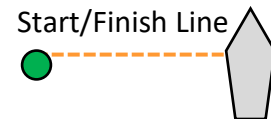
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● 1

● 4

3 ●



● 5

Triangle

- T1 1, 2, 3, Finish
- T2 1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3, Finish
- T3 1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3, Finish

Triangle Sausage

- TS2 1, 2, 3, 1, 3, Finish
- TS3 1, 2, 3, 1, 3, 1, 2, 3, Finish
- TS4 1, 2, 3, 1, 3, 1, 2, 3, 1, 3, Finish

Marks 1, 2 and 3 to be rounded to port.

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● 3

