



RS Tera Class Association National Championship 2019

24th – 26th August 2019



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS - CHAMPIONSHIP FLEET

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

Brightlingsea SC in conjunction The RS Tera Class Association UK

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 – 2020.
- 1.2. International RS Tera Class Rules will apply.
- 1.3. Brightlingsea SC and the RS Tera Class Association UK implement the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Racing Charter.
- 1.4. The Post-Race Penalty and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Dispute Process will be available. The Post-Race Penalty will be 30%.
- 1.5. All competitors will be required to wear personal floatation devices, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment, at all times while afloat. ICF 'Y' will not be displayed. This changes RRS 40. The Sailing Instructions may also change other rules. In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board, which is situated inside the main clubhouse.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09:00 on the day that they will take effect, except that changes to the schedule of races will be posted before 19:00 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole on the top of the main slipway.
- 4.2. When flag AP  is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 4.3. Flag D  displayed over the fleet flag with one sound means 'The warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after flag D is displayed.' Boats are not to leave the beach until this signal is made.

REGISTRATION & EQUIPMENT INSPECTIONS

- 4.4. Competitors shall complete all registration requirements before racing.
- 4.5. Any medical conditions that you wish to make the organisers aware of must be written in a sealed envelope with the sailor's name on it and handed in at registration. These can be collected from the race office after the event, or will be destroyed.
- 4.6. A nominated Class Association representative may make spot scrutineering checks, prior to and during the event.

5. SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Event	Time	Where
Friday	23rd August	Registration	17:00 – 19:00	TBC**
Saturday	24th August	Registration	08:30 – 10:00	TBC
		Safety Briefing	10:00	TBC
		Competitors Briefing	10:30	TBC
		Race 1 warning signal	11:55	
		Race 2	asap after race 1	
		Race 3	asap after race 2	
		AGM	18:30	TBC
Sunday	25th August	Safety Briefing	08:45	TBC
		Race 4 warning signal	09:55	
		Race 5	asap after race 4	
		Race 6	asap after race 5	
		Race 7	asap after race 6	
		Barbecue	18:30 (after racing)	TBC
Monday	26th August	Safety Briefing	08:45	TBC
		Race 8 warning signal	09:55	
		Race 9	asap after race 8	
		Race 10	asap after race 9	
		Prizegiving	asap after racing	TBC

- 5.1. The Championship will consist of 10 races. The intention is that there will be no more than 4 races a day. However, additional races may be sailed either in advance or arears in order to complete the programme if weather or other reasons dictate.

The final day of racing will be 26th August 2019, no warning signal will be made after 15:00 on 26th August 2019.

** An updated schedule including the locations of registration, briefings, barbecue and prizegiving will be provided on the Official Notice Board.

6. FLEET FLAGS

6.1. RS Tera PRO fleet PRO flag



6.2. RS Tera SPORT fleet SPORT flag



7. RACING AREAS

Racing will be in the Colne Estuary.

8. COURSES

- 8.1. The diagrams in Attachment A show the course to be sailed.
- 8.2. The course and number of laps to be sailed will be displayed on a board on the starboard side of the Committee Boat.
- 8.3. The approximate bearing of mark 1 may be displayed on the Committee Boat.
- 8.4. The gate may be replaced by a single mark to be left to port.

9. MARKS

- 9.1. Marks 1 and 2 shall be orange pyramid marks, marks 3(P), 3(S), 4(P) and 4(S) shall be black pyramid marks.
- 9.2. The starting mark will be either a boat displaying an orange flag or a pink mark
- 9.3. The finishing mark will be a white round mark

10. THE START

- 10.1. Races will be started by using RRS 26 with a 5 minute warning signal.
- 11.2. An orange attention signal will be displayed 10 minutes before the start.
- 11.3. The Starting Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Boat and a mast displaying an orange flag on a pin-end boat.
- 11.4. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 11.5. A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS (Did Not Start) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 11.6. In the main fleets, the PRO fleet will start first, followed by the SPORT fleet. The starting signal for the PRO fleet will be the attention signal for the SPORT fleet.
- 11.7. If there is a general recall  for the PRO fleet, that fleet will get a new warning signal 1 minute after flag 1st substitute is removed. The SPORT fleet will be started after the restart of the PRO fleet.

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

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. THE FINISH

- 13.1. The finishing line will be the race committee signal boat staff displaying a blue flag at the Port end, and a white mark at the Starboard end.
- 13.2. Scoring other boats:
 - 13.2.1. After the first boat has sailed the course and finished, the race committee may score other boats based on their relative positions at a mark of the course or on a leg of the course.
 - 13.2.2. When a race committee boat displays flag W with two sounds, boats still racing may be scored by this race committee boat.
 - 13.2.3. When a boat is scored in accordance with this instruction, she shall be given score for a place after all boats that have sailed the course and finished.
This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

14. TIME LIMITS

15.1. The time limit and target time for the leading boat in minutes is as follows:

<i>Time limit</i>	<i>Target time</i>
60	45

15.2. Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes may be scored according to their observed position on the course, which may be the position at the last mark rounded. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5. See also instruction 13.2.

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1. A system for Post-Race penalties, advisory hearings and arbitrations will be available. The Post-Race penalty will be 30% of the number of boats (rounding 0.5 upwards) entered in the relevant fleet.

16.2. Protest forms are available at the Race Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

16.3. For each fleet, the protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat has returned to shore after the last race of the day or 30 minutes after flag AP over A is displayed ashore.

16.4. 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.

16.5. Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

16.6. Breaches of instructions 4.3, 5.1, 6, 11.4, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22 will not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches (and for breaches of class rules) may be less than DSQ (disqualification) if the protest committee so decides.

16.7. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
(a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
(b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.
This changes rule 66.

16.8. On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

17. SCORING

17.1. The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply

17.2. One race shall be completed to constitute a series.

17.3. The total score for each boat will be the sum of her scores as follows:

17.3.1. When 4 or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

17.3.2. When from 5 to 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17.3.3. When 8 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst 2 scores.

17.4. Points for the PRO and SPORT fleets shall be calculated separately.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1. Competitors shall wear a personal flotation device at all times while afloat, except briefly while adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Flag Y will not be displayed. This changes RRS 40.

18.2. A tally system is to be used for the safety of the competitors for the duration of the championship.

18.2.1. Individual tally numbers will be issued at registration

- 18.2.2. Competitors shall individually tally out before racing and individually tally in as soon as practicable on returning to shore after racing.
- 18.2.3. The penalty for failure to comply with this instruction will be 5 points added to the boat's series score for each infringement without a hearing. A list of boats that have infringed will be posted on the official notice board within 20 minutes after the protest time limit. This changes rule 63.1 and A5.
- 18.3. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. A declaration sheet will be displayed near the tally board which must be signed by competitors who have retired as they tally-in. Competitors may also use this sheet to declare any races which they did not finish (DNF), or to declare any races in which they have taken penalty turns.
- 18.4. Competitors are reminded of their personal responsibilities for complying with International and National Regulations and Local by-laws governing marine navigation:
A boat shall not impede the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway. A boat shall not cross a narrow channel or fairway if such crossing impedes the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway. The latter vessel may use five short and rapid blasts of her sound signal if she is in doubt as to the intention of a crossing boat.
- 18.5. Competitors are asked to note that the beach known as Second Beach which lies to the East of the estuary is a Nature Conservation area with landing restricted to an area designated between the two arrows.
- 18.6. All sailors shall wear a whistle attached to their buoyancy aids. All boats shall carry a towline (painter) of at least 8 m in length (measured from the fitment point) permanently attached to the standard fitment position in front of the mast. Painter rope specification as per class rules. Ideally, minimum 6mm diameter floating rope.

19. REQUIREMENTS UPON SUPPORT BOATS

- 19.1. All coach and support boats shall monitor the designated VHF channel displayed on the official notice board. When the Race Committee displays flag "V" with repetitive sound signals, support boats may enter the race area to give assistance as required or directed by the Race Committee.
- 19.2. Except when participating in rescue operations, team leaders, coaches, parents and other support personnel (coach/support boats) shall stay at least 100 metres to leeward of the leeward marks, or if not laid, 100m to leeward of the start / finish line, from the time of the preparatory signal for the first fleet to start until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement or abandonment of **all fleets**.
- 19.3. If a support boat does not comply with instructions 19.1, 19.2, and 19.3, a discretionary penalty may be applied by the Organising Authority to some or all associated competitors and may include restrictions on the movement of their coach/support boat.

20. TRASH DISPOSAL

As sailors, we seek to protect and restore our ocean, coastal and inland waters. Boats shall not intentionally put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and official boats. The penalty for breaking RRS 55 is at the discretion of the Race Management Team and may be less than disqualification.

21. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, 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.

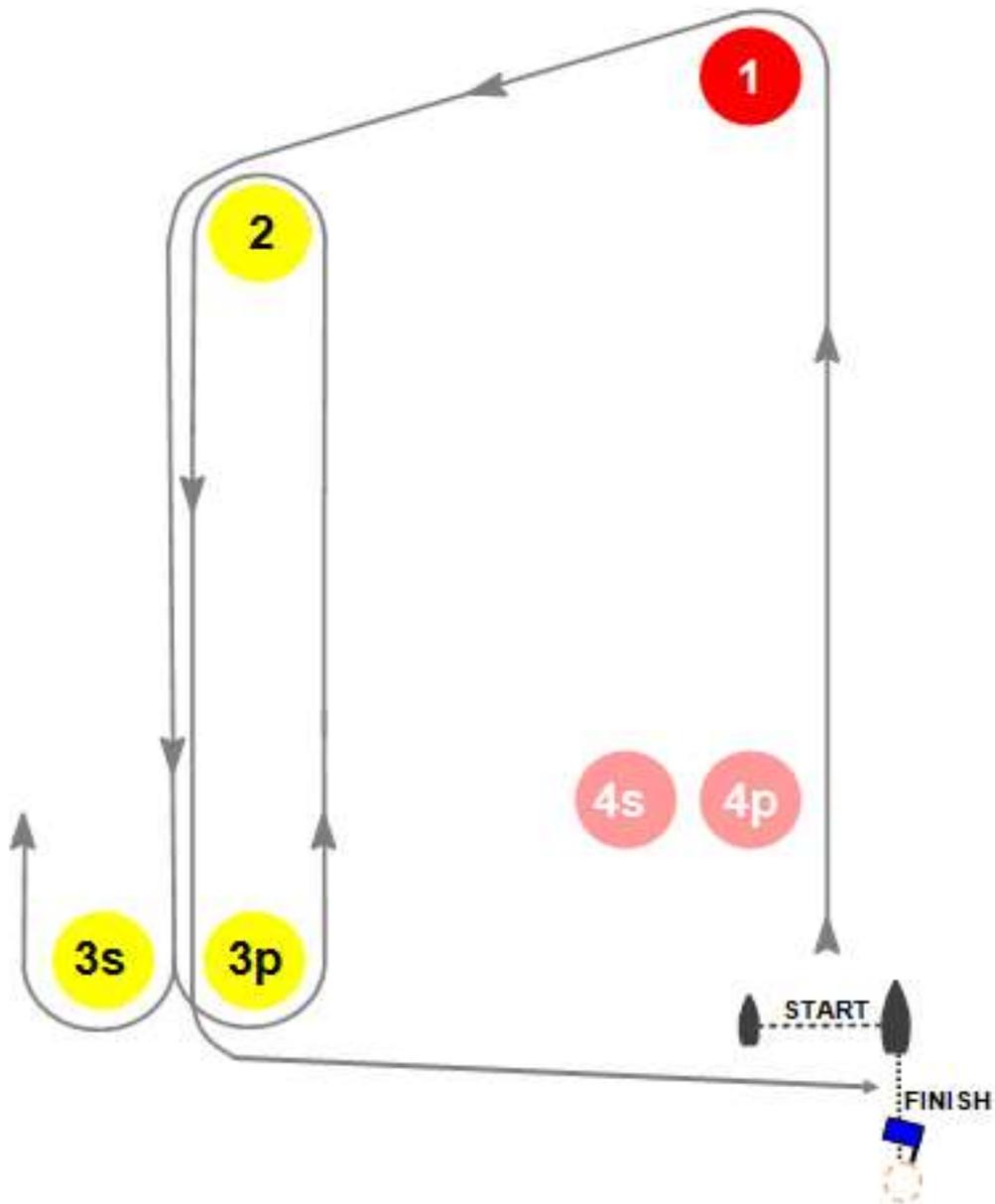
22. INSURANCE

- 22.1. 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

ATTACHMENT A - COURSES

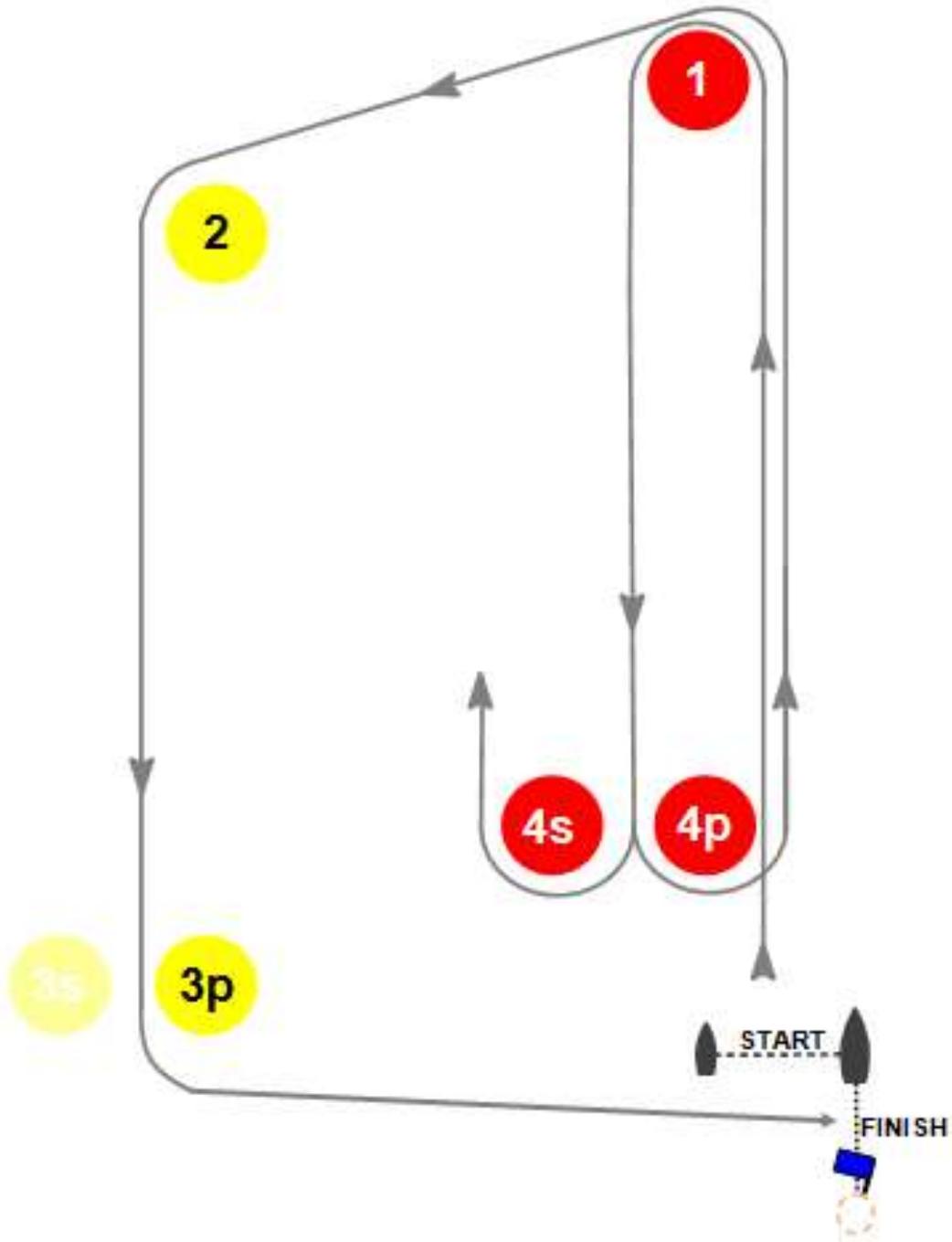
O	Course: Carantec Course – Outer Loop
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
O1	Start - 1 - 2 - 3p - Finish
O2	Start - 1 - 2 - 3s/3p - 2 - 3p - Finish
O3	Start - 1 - 2 - 3s/3p - 2 - 3s/3p - 2 - 3p - Finish

CARANTEC COURSE - OUTER



I	Course: Carantec Course – Inner Loop
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
I1	Start - 1 - 2 - 3p - Finish
I2	Start - 1 - 4s/4p – 1 - 2 - 3p - Finish
I3	Start - 1 - 4s/4p – 1 - 4s/4p –1 - 2 - 3p - Finish

CARANTEC COURSE - INNER



Appendix 1: SOME EXPLANATIONS OF THE PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS PROCESS - NB - NOT RULES!!!!

If you are involved in an incident on the water - you may want to protest another boat. To do so you must immediately hail 'Protest'. Later you can fill in a protest form and deliver it at the race office before the protest time limit ends.

Many times you can chose between arbitration and a regular protest hearing. You can read more about that in SI Attachment B, but here is some information about each system:

Protest hearing	Arbitration
<p>Sometimes you have to wait before your protest can be heard.</p> <p>There will normally be 3 - 5 judges hearing the protest.</p> <p>They will decide whether the protest is valid.</p> <p>If valid, they will hear it.</p> <p>If they find that anybody broke a rule - they will disqualify that boat.</p>	<p>There will normally be 1 judge hearing the protest - and this is much faster than a normal protest hearing.</p> <p>He will decide whether the protest is valid. If valid, he will hear the protest.</p> <p>You cannot bring any witnesses to an arbitration hearing.</p> <p>If the arbitrator finds that anybody broke a rule, he will suggest that the boat that broke a rule accepts an exoneration penalty (30%).</p> <p>If the penalty is accepted, the protestor will be asked to withdraw the protest.</p> <p>If this happens - the case is closed.</p> <p>If this does not happen - the case goes to a normal protest hearing.</p> <p>If a boat has accepted an exoneration penalty in arbitration - she cannot be penalised further in a hearing about the same incident later on.</p> <p>It arbitration goes to a full hearing - the decision may be the same - but it may also be different.</p>
Advisory hearing	
<p>If you have been involved in an incident - but you don't want to protest anybody, maybe you want to learn what the rules are in that situation anyway, then you can ask for an advisory hearing.</p> <p>This can be a good way to learn more about situations that happen on the water - and nobody will get disqualified or penalised.</p> <p>If you are told in an advisory hearing that you did break a rule in the situation - you can ask to get a penalty or to retire - but you don't have to.</p>	