



Major Event Instructions 2024

These Major Event Instructions (MEIs) represent combined Notice of Race and Standard Sailing Instructions for the Major 2-day events run by IOCA UK. They apply to all fleets: Main, Racing Regatta and Coached Regatta. A set of Supplementary Sailing Instructions (SSIs) will be published for each event.

For each event: the Organising Authority is the International Optimist Class Association (UK) in conjunction with the host organisation.

TABLE OF EVENTS

Event • Fleets	Host Organisation & Venue	All Dates 2024	
		Event	Late payment fee Entry closes
Spring Championships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Main Racing Regatta Coached Regatta 	<u>Draycote Water Sailing Club</u> Draycote Water, Kites Hardwick, CV23 8AB	16th - 17th March	2nd March 11th March
Early Summer Championships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Main Racing Regatta Coached Regatta 	<u>Weymouth & Portland National Sailing Academy</u> Osprey Quay Portland DT5 1SA	15th - 16th June	1st June 10th June
End of Season Championships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Main Racing Regatta Coached Regatta 	<u>Royal Southern Yacht Club</u> Hamble-le-Rice Southampton SO31 4HB	19th - 20th October	5th October 14th October
Winter Championships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Main Racing Regatta 	<u>Rutland Sailing Club</u> Gibbet Lane, Edith Weston, Rutland, LE15 8HJ	16th - 17th November	2nd November 11th November

[NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the Protest Committee.

[SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the Race Committee without a hearing (which changes RRS 63.1), or a discretionary penalty applied by the Protest Committee at a hearing.

1. RULES

1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

1.2 The current International Optimist Class Rules will apply.

1.3 IOCA (UK) implements the [RYA Racing Charter](#) and competitors will be expected to sail in compliance with it.

1.4 RRS Appendix T (Arbitration) applies.

1.5 If there is a conflict, the Supplementary Sailing Instructions (SSIs) take precedence over these Major Event Instructions (MEIs).

1.6 RRS 61.1a is changed by the addition of 'The protesting boat shall inform the Race Committee of the boat/s being protested at the finishing line immediately after finishing.' For the purposes of this rule, Race Committee includes the Measurers when they are located near the finish. The Protest Committee may waive this requirement if it decides that it was impractical for a boat to comply with this rule.

1.7 RRS G3 applies. A boat chartered or loaned for the event may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules, provided that the race committee has approved her sail identification before the first race.

2. ELIGIBILITY, ENTRY AND FEES

2.1 Entry is open to all boats of the International Optimist Class.

2.2 Participants must be members of IOCA (UK) or an equivalent National Optimist organisation.

2.3 Participants shall complete the online Equipment Declaration before the end of registration.

2.4 For each event, a late payment date and a closing date are listed in the Table of Events, above.

2.5 Entry shall be made via the IOCA (UK) OurClubAdmin page, and the official Entry Form shall be submitted with the declaration of the Parent/Guardian prior to midnight on the closing date.

2.6 In line with the standard IOCA conditions of entry, entries will only be confirmed once the entry fee has been paid. While the entry fee remains unpaid that entry will remain on the waiting list.

2.7 All promotions from waiting list to confirmed entries will depend on payment of entry fees and available space at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority.

2.8 Late entries will be accepted at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority.

2.9 The Entry Fee is £70.00 per boat per event and shall be paid via OurClubAdmin.

2.10 Entry fees that remain unpaid at midnight on the late payment date will be subject to an additional late entry surcharge of 20% of the entry fee. (Total of £84.00)

2.11 For entries withdrawn before midnight on the closing date 80% of the fee will be refunded otherwise, there will be no refunds.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS AND CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 All notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board. The official notice board will be described in the Sailing Instructions but will usually be on-line, on the event page on IOCA OurClubAdmin.

3.2 Any change to the MEIs or SSIs will be posted on the official notice board not less than 30 minutes before Flag D is displayed, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 19:00 hours on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the venue's main signal mast or as specified in the SSIs.

4.2 [NP] [DP] Boats shall only launch when Flag D (Delta) is displayed ashore, either on its own or with their class flag.

Flag Delta



4.3 Flag AP displayed ashore without a numeral pennant means "Racing is postponed indefinitely. Flag D will be displayed to commence launching shortly after AP is removed." This changes race signal AP.

4.4 The warning signal will be at the later of the scheduled time or 30 minutes after flag D is displayed.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 For a two-day event, up to eight races are scheduled for the Main Fleet and up to 12 races for the Racing Regatta Fleet. The schedule of races for the Coached Regatta Fleet will vary depending on the ability of the sailors and the conditions.

5.2 Timings will be as follows, unless stated otherwise in the SSIs:

	Saturday	Sunday
Registration	08:30 – 09:30	
Competitors' Briefing	09:40	
First Warning Signal, not before	10:25	09:55
Last Permitted Warning Signal		15:00
Prize Giving		Soon after Racing

5.3 On the last day of racing there will be no warning signal after 15:00. However, if the first start group has started, the warning signal of the second start group may be made after 15:00 but not later than 20 minutes after the first start. If the second start group fails to start in this time, the race for the first start group will be abandoned.

6. [NP] FLEETS AND CLASS SIGNALS

6.1 Main Fleet

6.1.1 The Main Fleet is intended for experienced racers able to be reasonably self-sufficient for several hours afloat at a time. More details on the fleets are available on the Class website, under the racing tab.

6.1.2 Unless stated otherwise in the SSIs, the Race Committee will allocate each boat in the main fleet to a colour group (yellow, blue, red or white) as posted on the official notice board. The allocation of competitors into colour groups will be based on the latest IOCA ranking and thereafter in sail number order for any sailors without a ranking.

6.1.3 There will be two starts in each race. Each start will be for two colour groups, as shown in Attachment A to these instructions.

6.1.4 The allocation of the groups will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

6.1.5 [DP] Each boat shall display the coloured group identification ribbon provided at the peak of her sail.

6.1.6 [SP] It is each sailor's responsibility to ensure that they sail in the correct group. The penalty for sailing a race in the incorrect group shall be 5 points added to the boat's finishing position in that race.

6.2 Racing Regatta Fleet

6.2.1 The Racing Regatta fleet is intended to provide a full, competitive, race experience for developing sailors proportionate to their experience and capabilities, without the physical demands of the Main Fleet.


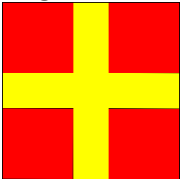
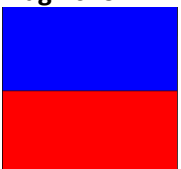
6.2.2 The Racing Regatta Fleet will sail in their own race area, with the aim of completing a greater number of shorter races than Main Fleet.

6.3 Coached Regatta Fleet

6.3.1 The Coached Regatta Fleet is intended for younger, less experienced sailors, generally in their first year of travelling to events. Sessions afloat will be shorter than other fleets and support will be provided.

6.3.2 The Coached Regatta Fleet will participate in a mixture of coaching activities and racing depending on the ability of the sailors and the conditions. The sailors will return to shore for lunch.

6.4 Class Flags will be as follows:

Fleet	Flag
Main Fleet	Flag Oscar 
Racing Regatta Fleet	Flag Romeo 
Coached Regatta Fleet	Flag Echo 
Also, when racing in groups/flights	
Yellow	Yellow Flag
Blue	Blue Flag
Red	Red Flag

White	White Flag
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7. RACE AREA

7.1 The location of the Racing Area will be specified in the SSIs.

8. THE COURSE

8.1 The course configuration to be sailed will be shown in the SSIs and may be selected from those shown in MEIs Attachment B.

8.2 Leeward gate marks will be used. A gate mark may be replaced by a single mark to be left to port.

9. DESCRIPTION OF MARKS

9.1 The marks will be described in the SSIs.

9.2 Any change of course marks will be the same as the original marks unless changed in the SSIs.

9.3 The starting marks will be Race Committee vessels or staff marks displaying orange flags.

9.4 The finishing marks will be Race Committee vessels or staff marks displaying blue flags.

9.5 Holding area marks will be narrow yellow cylinders.

10. THE START

10.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal five minutes before the starting signal. When there is more than one start in a sequence there will be at least 5 minutes between a start and a subsequent warning signal.

10.2 The starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the committee vessel and the Pin mark (or Pin vessel, if used).

10.3 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after its starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

10.4 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange flag will be displayed on the committee signal vessel with one long sound signal at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

10.5 [NP] [DP] When the orange flag is displayed, boats which are not competing in the next start shall make their way to the holding area which will be described in the SSIs. Yellow holding area marks may be laid, in which case the holding area is downwind of those marks.

11. CHANGE OF COURSE, SHORTENING OR ABANDONING AFTER THE START

11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will move the existing mark or lay a new mark and remove the original mark as soon as practical.

11.2 Minor mark moves (up to approximately 100m) may be made without signalling the change.

12. THE FINISH

12.1 The finishing line will be between the masts displaying blue flags on the finishing marks / committee vessels at each end of the finishing line.

12.2 [DP] After finishing and clearing the finishing line, boats shall avoid the course area including the finishing area and all boats not yet finished.

12.3 The Race Committee may give a finishing place to any boat as follows:

a) When a race committee vessel displays flag W (Whiskey) with two sounds, boats that have not yet finished may be given a finishing place anywhere on the racecourse, at a nearby mark or not.

b) The finishing place given shall match the boat's race position in the race at that time.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 Appendix P will apply, except as changed by MEI 13.2.

13.2 Appendix P2.3 is deleted. P2.2 is changed to apply to the second and each subsequent penalty of a boat.

13.3 [SP] The penalty for breaches of Class Rules shall be the Graded Penalty System detailed in Attachment C and will be applied by the Technical Committee/Event Chief Measurer.

13.4 [DP] The penalty for breaking RRS 41 Outside Help shall be at the discretion of the Protest Committee.

13.4.1 Clarification of Outside Help: A boat that is alongside or communicating with a support vessel is receiving outside help.

13.4.2 At the discretion of the Race Committee the Racing Regatta Fleet may be provided with outside help while racing. This will usually take the form of a designated coach providing verbal advice to those sailors nearer the back of the fleet. This changes RRS 41.

14. TIME LIMIT AND TARGET TIMES

14.1 The time limit for the first boat to start, sail the course, and finish in each race shall be 1 hour. For subsequent finishers it shall be 20 minutes after the first boat finishes; this changes RRS 35.

14.2 The target time for each race is 40 minutes in the Main Fleet and 20 minutes in the Racing Regatta Fleet.

15. PROTESTS AND ARBITRATION

15.1 Protests shall be written on forms available at the race office and delivered there within the Protest Time which will end 30 minutes after the last boat of a fleet comes ashore, unless the Protest Committee posts a different time. The SSIs may specify the use of an online form in which case this must be submitted within the Protest Time above, but email attachments received after the time limit will not invalidate the protest.

15.2 Notices of protests by the Race Committee, Technical Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b) within the protest time as in 15.1.

15.3 Times and places of arbitration meetings and protest hearings will be posted within thirty minutes of the end of protest time.

15.4 When the Protest Committee decides that an infringement, other than an infringement of a rule of RRS Part 2, has had no significant effect on the outcome of the race, it may impose a penalty of one or more points or make such other arrangements as it thinks fair. This may be to impose no penalty.

16. SCORING SYSTEM

16.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

16.2 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst scores as listed below:

Races Completed	Scores Excluded ('discards')
1 – 3	0
4 – 8	1
9 – 12	2

16.3 When the fleet is divided into groups RRS A5.2 is changed so that a boat that did not start, did not finish, retired or was disqualified shall be scored points equal to one more than the number of boats entered in the largest group.

17. SAFETY

17.1 [NP] [DP] On any day that racing is scheduled boats shall not go afloat without the permission of the Race Committee.

17.2 RRS 40 (Personal Flotation Devices) applies at all times when afloat.

17.3 [SP] When the Race Committee (including Beach Master and Class Measurer) considers that a boat, its equipment or crew's clothing are not adequate for the existing or anticipated conditions, or that a boat or crew is in difficulty, it may instruct the boat and crew not to launch, or to retire or to sail ashore or to accept outside help. The boat and crew shall comply with such instructions without delay. The penalty for a breach of this rule shall be a major class rule penalty (Attachment C4).

17.4 Additional safety information may be listed in the SSIs.

17.5 [NP] [SP] Tallies

17.5.1 MEI 17.5 only applies if it is stated in the SSIs.

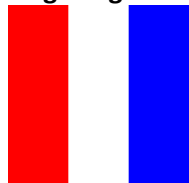
17.5.2 A tally board will be situated at the place specified in the SSIs.

17.5.3 After flag T is displayed ashore and before going afloat each competitor intending to race shall personally take the appropriately coloured tally band bearing their tally number from the tally board and place it securely and visibly on their wrist, leg or arm.

17.5.4 Immediately after coming ashore, each competitor shall remove their tally band from their person and place it back on the tally board.

17.5.5 The penalty for infringing MEI 17.5 shall be 5 points added to the boat's overall final score. The Protest Committee may change this penalty at its discretion.

Flag Tango



18. [NP] [DP] REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

18.1 Damaged or lost equipment (spars, sail, foils etc) shall only be substituted if authorised by the Technical or Race Committee. Boats shall make requests for substitution at the first reasonable opportunity.

19. [NP] [DP] EQUIPMENT CHECKS

19.1 Equipment Inspection may be made throughout an Event on the instructions of the Measurer.

19.2 Immediately after each race one or more boats may be required to proceed for an equipment check. Boats notified shall report immediately to a nearby measurement vessel displaying a yellow flag marked "Measurer". Measurement checks may be made using photography.

19.3 After finishing boats shall not alter any settings on their boat until after they have cleared the measurement boat area.

20. [NP] [DP] EVENT ADVERTISING

20.1 The Race Committee may require advertising space for event sponsors in accordance with WS Regulation

20. Boats shall display any such advertising as directed by the Race Committee.

21. OFFICIAL VESSELS

21.1 Vessels will be marked as follows:

Role	Status	Identification
Safety Control	Official	Orange Flag

Jury, Official, Measurer, Medic, Press	Official	Yellow Flag
Main Fleet Safety	Official	White Flag (numbered)
Racing Regatta Fleet Safety or Official Support Vessels when Attachment D is in force	Official	Blue Flag (numbered)
Mark Layer	Official	Red band on engine
Support Person vessels	Non-Official	Green flag (numbered)

22. SUPPORT VESSELS AND SUPPORT PERSONS

22.1 All vessels defined in MEI 21 must register with the Organising Authority. Registration shall include a list of the boats which any Support Persons on board will be supporting.

22.2 Support persons aboard unregistered vessels shall not be in the racing area (see MEI 22.6) nor have any communication with competitors from the time the orange flag is raised for the first race until the finish of the last race of the day.

22.3 All vessels listed in MEI 21 are under the control of the Race Committee which includes the Safety Officer.

22.4 Unless carrying out official duties as directed by the Race Committee, a support vessel shall not be in the racing area from the display of the warning signal until all boats in that race (or races if there are groups) have finished or the Race Committee signals a postponement or abandonment.

22.5 For official vessels displaying their identification (See MEI 21), the racing area is defined as 100m from anywhere that a boat may reasonably sail when racing.

22.6 For all other vessels, including non-official vessels (see MEI 21), this distance is increased to 250m. If holding marks are laid, non-official vessels shall not be on the course side of these marks.

22.7 The penalty for failing to comply with MEI 22 will be determined by the Protest Committee and may include penalising of boats associated with the Support Persons who break this rule. Note that this also applies for official vessels which do not adhere to the Race Committee's positioning instructions. This changes RRS 64.5(b).

23. RUBBISH DISPOSAL

23.1 Rubbish may be placed aboard support or official boats.

24. PRIZES

24.1 For each Fleet there will be prizes as follows:

Fleet Size	Prizes awarded to
Fewer than 60 sailors	1st, 2nd and 3rd overall, and 1st boy or girl if not placed 1-3
60 or more sailors	1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th overall, and 1st boy or girl if not placed 1-5

24.2 Perpetual trophies will be awarded as detailed on the Class website.

24.3 The Organising Authority may award additional prizes at its discretion.

25. RISK STATEMENT

25.1 RRS 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".

25.2 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:

- 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 vessels, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol vessel 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 competitors briefing held at the venue.

26. INSURANCE

26.1 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.

27. TOWING

27.1 Boats shall not be towed. Boats breaking this rule shall be disqualified without a hearing from the race completed nearest in time to the infringement. This changes RRS 63.1.

The only exceptions to this are:

- a) If a boat has retired from a race and is being escorted by a support vessel either ashore or to the nearest mothership.
- b) If the Race Committee or Event Safety Officer informs all support vessels that towing is permitted.

28. DATA PROTECTION

28.1 The personal information you provide to the organising authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, OurClubAdmin and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published. Your personal information will be stored and published in accordance with IOCA(UK)'s Privacy Policy and Publishing of Information Policy which can be downloaded from the Class documents page of <http://www.optimist.org.uk>.

28.2 Still or video photography may be used as part of the Race Management processes for the event. These images will only be used for Race Management purposes and will not be published.

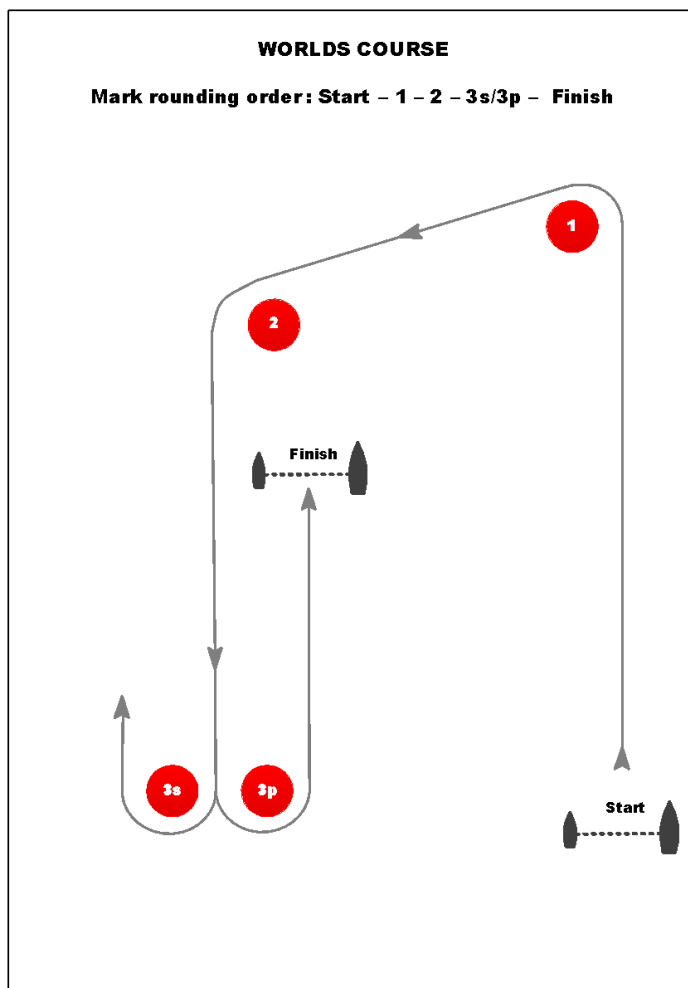
Attachment A: Schedule of Group Starts

(Note: This table is repeated under each course diagram for convenience when printing a course card)

Race	First Start Groups		Second Start Groups	
1 & 7	Yellow	Blue	Red	White
2 & 8	Yellow	Red	Blue	White
3 & 9	Yellow	White	Blue	Red
4 & 10	Red	White	Yellow	Blue
5 & 11	Blue	White	Yellow	Red
6 & 12	Blue	Red	Yellow	White

Attachment B - Courses

Worlds Course

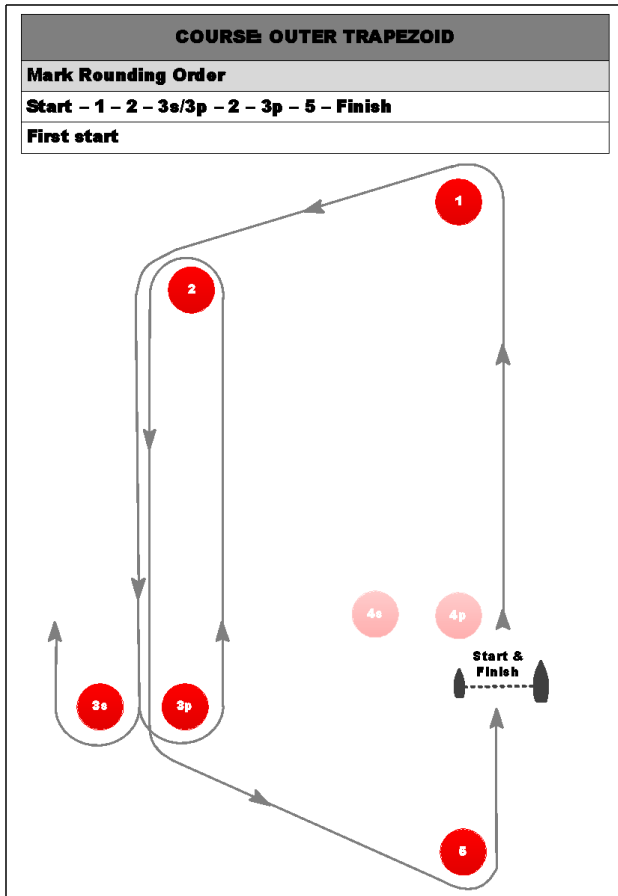


When racing in groups under MEI 6.1 the starts will be as follows:

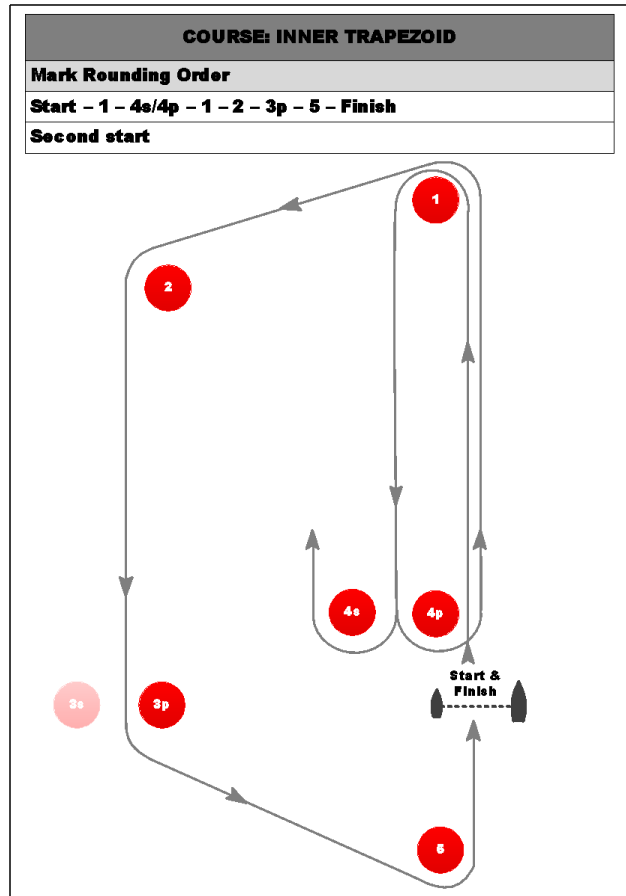
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5 & 11	Blue	White	Yellow	Red
6 & 12	Blue	Red	Yellow	White

Trapezoid Courses with Windward Finish

FIRST START



SECOND START



When racing in groups under MEI 6.1 the starts will be as follows:

Race	First Start Groups		Second Start Groups	
1 & 7	Yellow	Blue	Red	White
2 & 8	Yellow	Red	Blue	White
3 & 9	Yellow	White	Blue	Red
4 & 10	Red	White	Yellow	Blue
5 & 11	Blue	White	Yellow	Red
6 & 12	Blue	Red	Yellow	White

Attachment C: Graded Penalties

(CR refers to class rule)

C.1 Minor (Technical Penalties)

First offence warning, 2nd and subsequent offences 2 points

- a) Breaches of Safety Regulations if no danger was involved (MEI 17)

C.2 Minor class rule penalties

First offence warning, 2nd and subsequent offences 3 points

- a) Bailer not attached to hull (CR 4.3)
- b) Paddle not attached to hull (CR 4.3)
- c) Daggerboard not attached to hull (CR 3.3.4)
- d) Painter not attached to mast step or thwart (CR 4.3)
- e) Whistle not attached to personal flotation device (CR 4.2)
- f) Two sail ties 3mm or more loose (CR 6.6.3.4)
- g) Accidental loss of sail tie (CR 6.6.3.4)

C.3 Intermediate class rule penalties

First offence warning, 2nd and subsequent offences 5 points

- a) No bailer, paddle or painter in boat (CR 4.3)
- b) No whistle (CR 4.2)
- c) No lanyard, locking device or other arrangement to attach mast to hull (CR 3.5.2.11)
- d) Sail outside limits of bands (CR 3.5.2.7)
- e) Three or more ties 3mm or more loose (CR 6.6.3.4)
- f) Throat, tack or clew eyelet 3mm or more loose (CR 6.6.3.4)
- g) Buoyancy bags deflated, deteriorated or damaged (CR 3.2.7)

C.4 Major class rule penalties (as per RRS)

First offence penalty of a minimum of 10 points and up to DSQ subject to protest by the Technical Committee or Race Committee, 2nd and subsequent offences DSQ

- a) Use of uninspected equipment
- b) Use of unapproved fittings
- c) Breaches of Safety Regulations where danger may have been involved including MEI 17.3

Attachment D - Protocol for a zero-coaching event

- D.1 This attachment only applies at events where it has been invoked by the NoR, SSIs or an Official Notice.
- D.2 No support vessels shall be allowed other than those authorised by or agreed with the race committee. Upon arrival, support vessels shall report to the Race Office. They shall not launch before this requirement has been met.
- D3. Competitors shall not approach any vessel other than an official vessel (see MEI 21) from their first orange flag signal of the day until they finish their last race for the day or the Race Committee signal no more racing today, whichever is later.
- D4. Except when requested by - or agreed with - the Race Committee, Support Persons (See RRS definitions) shall not communicate with competitors afloat, tow competitors to or from race area, or enter race area as described in MEI 22.6.
- D.5 Competitors shall be able to place food and drink on official support vessels. In exceptional circumstances official support vessels can be called upon by the race committee to undertake other duties and will not be available to competitors for use as support vessels.
- D6. Competitors shall be allocated an official support vessel for the event which shall be marked with a coloured identification flag corresponding to the competitor's allocated ribbon.
- D7. Competitors' allocated ribbon colours shall be notified on the official notice board (ribbons will be available at registration)
- D8. [NP] [DP] All boats shall fly a ribbon of their allocated support vessel colour at the peak of their sails.
- D9. Official support vessels shall provide competitors with the following support: rig alteration (for example alteration and replacement of sail ties, kicker, and sprit tensions); provision and storage of a competitor's food and drink; and replacement of equipment – each official support vessel shall carry a limited supply of spares (tiller extension, sail ties, rope and sail-repair tape).
- D10. For more extensive repairs, competitors shall request additional support from the Race Committee.
- D11. Between races, official support vessels shall be positioned in the area where the Race Committee have directed boats to congregate. A diagram may be posted on the official notice board providing details.
- D12. Non-official vessels shall stay outside the area described in MEI 22.6 from the time the orange flag is displayed until all boats of all divisions in that race have finished or the Race Committee signal a postponement or abandonment.
- D13. When a Race Committee or Jury member indicates a Support Person's vessel to move further from the course area, they shall do so immediately.
- D14. At the time that the orange flags are raised on the Committee Vessel, official support vessels shall immediately proceed to the waiting area (50m downwind of the start line, or as marked) and remain there until the orange flags are lowered.
- D15. Additional requirements shall be posted on the official notice board.
- D16. The penalty for failing to comply with the requirements of this protocol shall be determined by the Protest Committee and may include penalising of boat(s) supported by an infringing Support Person. This changes RRS 64.5(b).

Attachment E - Messaging

In addition to the Official Notice Board, the Organising Authority may send messages to competitors and support persons via the Instant Messaging Application, Telegram. Telegram is similar to WhatsApp but has better privacy (phone numbers are not public) and does not limit groups to 250 people.

Please download Telegram for your Smartphone and/or laptop prior to the event from the links on <https://telegram.org>



Then join the groups below by following the link or scanning the QR codes:

Broadcast: Messages from the Organising Authority and Race Committee:

<https://ioca.uk/broadcast>



Queries: Questions to the Organising Authority or Race Committee:

<https://ioca.uk/queries>



The speed of answers may vary and may be sent via the Broadcast group. Please use this facility as sparingly as possible and certainly not for chat or it will lose its effectiveness.