



**2026 EUROPE CLASS
OPEN WEEK & WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP**

Gdańsk, Poland

2nd – 12th July

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

1. CODE OF CONDUCT [NP][DP]

- 1.1. Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official and organizers.

2. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 2.1. An additional form of information for competitors and the support persons will be Whatsapp group which can be joined by the following link: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/l2gfxhL5qBnCaAjsSTT0tY>
- 2.2. For the purpose of RRS 37 Race Committee will be communicating on **VHF Channel 77**.
- 2.3. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes'. This changes signal AP in Race Signals.
- 2.4. [SP] Flag D displayed ashore with one sound means 'The warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after flag D is displayed.' **Boats shall not leave their berth until this signal is made.**

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted no later than 90 minutes before the race from which it will take effect, except of any change to the format or schedule of the races which will be posted by 2100 on the day before it will take effect.



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4. FORMAT OF RACING

- 4.1. The Open Week will be a single series.
- 4.2. The World Championship will be a single series with Men and Women racing separately.
- 4.3. For the Nations Cup, there will be an Addendum published containing all the specific details and SI changes.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. The schedule for each day will be posted no later than 2100 the previous day.
- 5.2. Skippers meeting will be held each day 2 hours before the first warning signal.

6. CLASS FLAGS AND IDENTIFICATION

- 6.1. Each class flag will be:

Fleet	Class flag
Open Week	White with class insignia
WC - Women	Blue with class insignia
WC - Men	Yellow with class insignia

7. THE COURSE

- 7.1. The diagram in SI Addendum 1 shows the course, the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 7.2. If one of the gate marks is missing, the remaining mark shall be left to port.
- 7.3. Races will not be shortened. This changes RRS 32.

8. MARKS

- 8.1. The following table lists marks used:

Marks 1, 2, 3 and 4	New mark	Start		Finish	
		Boat end	Pin end	Boat end	Pin end
yellow inflatable cylinder with white sponsor covers	orange inflatable sphere	RC boat	RC boat	RC boat	buoy with a blue flag

9. THE START

- 9.1. The starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the starting line marks.
- 9.2. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flags will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 9.3. [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during start sequences for other fleets. The starting area is defined as an area extending 75 meters beyond the entire starting line and its marks. A boat starting later than **4 minutes** after her starting signal will be scored **DNS**. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

10. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

10.1. To change the next leg of the course the RC will:

- a) lay a new mark (described in SI 8),
- b) move the finishing line, or
- c) move the leeward gate.

This changes RRS 33.

11. THE FINISH

11.1. The finishing line will be between staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing vessel and the finishing line mark.

11.2. When a signal is displayed at the finish, it will apply to finishing fleets only. This changes Race Signals preamble.

12. PENALTIES

Penalties for breaches of SIs marked [DP], class rules or RRS Appendix G are at the discretion of the protest committee and may be less than disqualification.

13. TIME LIMIT AND TARGET TIME

13.1. Following time limits and target times apply:

Time limit	Mark 1 time limit	Target time
90 min	25 min	50 min

13.2. If no boat rounds Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit, the race committee will abandon the race.

13.3. Boats that do not finish within **20 minutes** after the first boat from their fleet sails the race, will be scored **Did Not Finish**. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

14. HEARING REQUESTS

14.1. Hearing requests shall be lodged through the ONB (Jury tab).

14.2. For each fleet, the protest time limit is 75 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

14.3. Hearing schedule will be posted on the ONB (Jury tab) not later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit. Hearings will be held in the Jury room.

14.4. A list of boats that have been penalized under Appendix P for breaking RRS 42 will be posted on the ONB.

15. SCORING

15.1. To request correction of an alleged error in the posted races or series results, a boat shall complete a scoring enquiry form available at the Race Office.

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS [NP] [DP]

- 16.1. A boat retiring from a race shall notify a race committee or safety boat as soon as possible.
- 16.2. Boats not leaving the harbour for a scheduled race shall promptly notify the Race Office.
- 16.3. [SP] Each competitor shall check out and check in by:
- 16.3.1. for OPEN WEEK: signing a checklist located in front of the Race Office.
 - 16.3.2. for WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP: by leaving and collecting their personal wristband, provided by the OA, at and from the board located in front of the Race Office.
- 16.4. [SP] Check out shall be done before going afloat and check in shall be done after coming back ashore within the protest time limit.

17. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS [NP][DP]

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Rules, the Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions. The technical committee may request a boat for a measurement check when on the water.

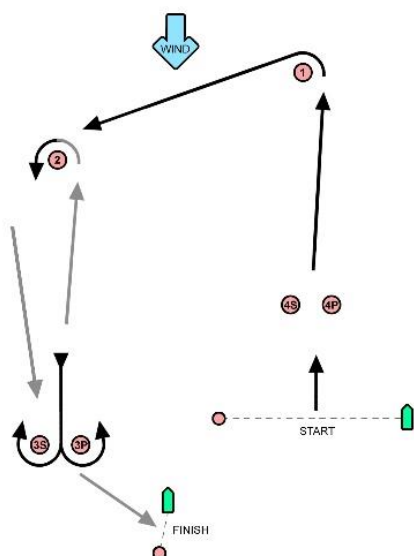
18. OFFICIAL BOATS

- 18.1. Official boats will be marked as follows:
- Red flag with text "JURY" – protest committee;
 - White flag with letters "RC" – race committee;
 - White flag with letter "M" – technical committee;
 - Green flag with text "PRESS" – organizing authority's boat.

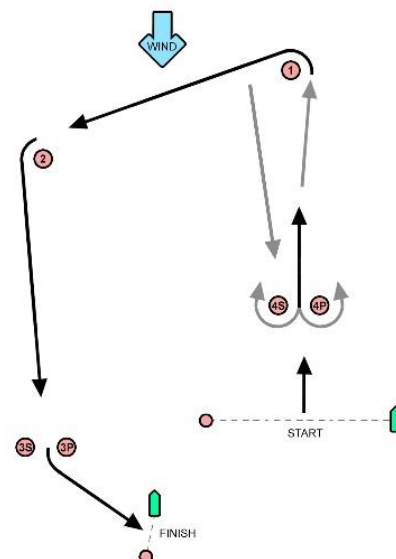
19. SUPPORT BOATS [NP][DP]

- 19.1. Team Leaders, Coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside the area where boats are racing, not closer than 75 from any boat racing and the course marks, from the time the preparatory signal is displayed for the first fleet until all boats of all fleets have finished or the Race Committee signal a postponement or abandonment for all fleets. Support boats shall not stay in the area between the start and the finish from the first warning signal of the day until the last fleet of the last race of the day has started and sailed the first leg of the course.
- 19.2. In addition, support boats that are motoring above 5 knots shall remain at least 150 meters from any boat racing.
- 19.3. All support persons afloat shall wear a personal flotation device and if driving the boat, shall always use the "kill-cord" while the engine is running.

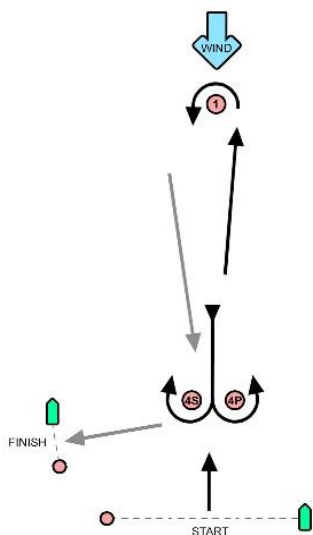
ADDENDUM 1 – THE COURSES



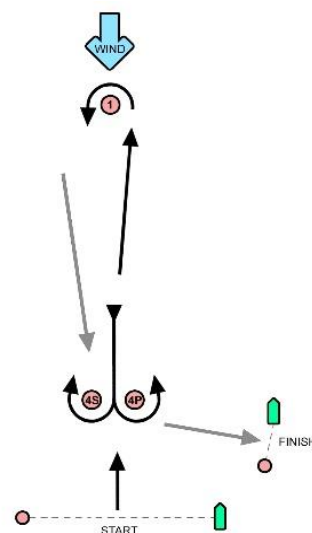
	Mark rounding order
O2	Start-1-2-3S/3P-2-3P-Finish



	Mark rounding order
I2	Start-1-4S/4P-1-2-3P-Finish



	Mark rounding order
LG2	Start-1- 4S/4P-1-4S-Finish



	Mark rounding order
LR2	Start-1- 4S/4P-1-4P-Finish

ADDENDUM 2 – STANDARD PENALTIES [SP]

SI rule	Description	Race in which penalty applies	Penalty points
3.6	Leaving berth before D flag is displayed	First race of a day	3
16.3, 16.4	No check out	First race of a day	1
16.3, 16.4	No check in	Last race of a day	1