



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2020 SB20 UK Open & National Championship
Friday 18th—Sunday 20th September

Organised by the Royal Southern Yacht Club in association with
the UK SB20 Class Association.

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Competitors must at all times comply with the COVID-19 advice and guidelines from the Government and the RYA. Please read the following link: <https://www.rya.org.uk/SiteCollectionDocuments/clubs/RYA%20Sailing%20%26%20Racing%20in%20Mixed%20Households.pdf>

The Class has appointed a Class COVID Co-ordinator. Any questions should be sent to office@SB20.org.uk. Please include a Mobile telephone number.

The OA and the Class are of the opinion that 3 sailors from different households will not be able to adhere to the RYA guidance if using the normal SB20 sailing positions and we therefore issue the following SB20 specific guidance for this event which should be read alongside the RYA guidance;

1. If all three sailors are sat on the same deck then the front crew member's backside must be forward of an invisible line created by extending the line of the traveller track to the gunwales (we will call this the traveller line).
2. If all three sailors are sat on the same deck then the helm should never sit further forward than astride the traveller line.
3. All sailors should ensure they maintain at least 0.5m distance from each other
4. In the interest of fairness sailors from the same household are asked to follow the same guidance as sailors from different households

Obvious breaches may lead to DNE scores for the races involved.

In accordance with RRS 87 the SB20 Class association has sanctioned Rules changes to enable compliance with Covid-19 guidance. See ONB for details.

The WhatsApp link is <http://chat.whatsapp.com/L8Yk661RW7oF4uJWVxOr29>.

There will be no formal social events, however the club bar and restaurant will be open as described in the Event Information document.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the SB20 Class Rules, the Sailing Instructions (SI) and the Notice of Race (NoR). In the case of conflict, the SI will prevail over the NoR which will prevail over the Class Rules which will prevail over the RRS.
- 1.2 The RC may shorten or abandon a race due to major wind shifts or irregular winds. This changes RRS 32.1

- 1.3 Any boat intending not to carry an engine, bracket, fire extinguisher and fuel (or battery), but instead intends to carry ballast as per class rule C.5 shall notify the Race Committee before leaving the dock.
- 1.4 Bow numbers will be supplied. Competitors must affix them to the bow within 300mm of the stem, and make every reasonable effort to maintain them through the event.

2 NOTICES to COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) located on the Yachtscoring event page: https://yachtscoring.com/notice_board_summary.cfm?eid=13163.
- 2.2 Safety and other information when afloat will be broadcast on VHF Channel 8 from the Committee Vessel, call sign Royal Southern Race Control. Failure to receive a broadcast will not be grounds for redress.
- 2.3 Boats must be wet by 1300 on the first day of the regatta, boats must not haul-out, raise their keel or use a versa dock for the duration of the regatta. Breathing apparatus may not be used in the vicinity of the boats during the regatta.

3 CHANGES to SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 09:00 on the day it will take effect, except that any changes to the start time of the first race will be posted by 20.00 or the end of protest time whichever is the later, on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2 If a change to the SIs is required on the water, IC flag "L" will be displayed on the relevant committee boat and the change advised by radio. This is in accordance with RRS 90.2(c) and changes RRS Race Signals.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Club flagstaff at the Royal Southern Yacht Club.
- 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 When flag "Y" is displayed ashore and/or on the Committee Vessel, RRS 40 applies at all times while afloat. This changes RRS Part 4 preamble.

5 SCHEDULE

DATE	ACTIVITY	TIME	LOCATION
Friday 18th September	Crane In	0900—1130	RSrNYC
	First Warning	1400	Central Solent
	Up to 3 Races	Back to back	Central Solent
Saturday 19th September	First Warning	1030	Central Solent
	Up to 4 Races	Back to back	Central Solent
Sunday 20th September	First Warning	1000	Central Solent
	Up to 3 Races	Back to back	Central Solent
	Last Warning	1330 unless General Recall	Central Solent
	Virtual Prize Giving	After racing	Facebook Live
	Crane Out	1330—1500	RSrNYC

- 5.1 Ten Races are scheduled and no more than 4 races shall be raced per day.
- 5.2 The RC may bring forward or postpone the start of any race (except the first race) in order to maintain the schedule with regard to forecast weather conditions.
- 5.3 When more than one race is held on the same day, the warning signal for the next race will be made as soon as possible after the end of the previous race.
- 5.4 In order to alert boats that a race will be starting soon, an orange flag will be displayed on the main Committee Vessel with a sound signal 5 minutes prior to the warning signal.
- 5.5 On the final day of the regatta, no warning signal will be made after 1330, unless in the case of a General Recall.

6 CLASS FLAG

The class flag NP 2 will be used by the Committee Vessel for the event, however competitors will not be required to fly a class flag.

7 REGISTRATION & BRIEFING

- 7.1 Registration will be online by fulfilling all Yachtscoring entry requirements.
- 7.2 The regatta race briefing will be sent out by email and Whatsapp instead of being face to face
- 7.3 There will be no formal “weigh in”, however competitors are reminded that class crew weight limit still applies and weights must be declared on the competitor’s Yachtscoring crew list prior to racing.

8 RACE AREA

The race area will be in the Central Solent in the region of the Hill Head Plateau.

9 COURSES

- 9.1 There will be a windward/leeward course using laid inflatable marks.
- 9.2 The course layouts are shown in Appendix 1.
- 9.3 The mark descriptions and colours are shown in Appendix 1.

10 THE START

- 10.1 The start line will be between a staff flying an orange flag on the main Committee Vessel and an orange buoy at the pin end.
- 10.2 An Orange Attention will be displayed no more than 5 minutes before the warning signal for the first race of each day. If there has been a long delay between races the Orange Flag may be removed and displayed before the beginning of the next starting sequence.
- 10.3 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

11 RECALLS and CHANGES TO U FLAG and BLACK FLAG RULES

- 11.1 Sail numbers of individually recalled boats may be hailed or displayed from the Committee Vessel and/or broadcast on VHF as soon as practical after the Starting Signal. Failure to hail or broadcast sail numbers shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 11.2 Rule 30.3 (U Flag Rule) and 30.4 (Black Flag Rule) are changed in that the sail numbers of defaulting boats may be displayed from the Committee Vessel. Failure to hail or broadcast sail numbers shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

12 CHANGE OF NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 The position of any mark(s) may be adjusted by up to approximately plus or minus 20 degrees relative to previous location and up to approximately 200 metres to windward or leeward without signalling Flag C, a direction signal, a length signal or a sound signal. This changes RRS 33.
- 12.2 Mark 2 may not be re-laid in a course change.
- 12.3 If only one gate mark 4S or 4P is present then it shall be left to port.

13 THE FINISH

The finish line will be between a blue flag on the Committee Vessel and a nearby inflatable mark.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

Rule 44.1 & P2.1 are changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe is required.

15 TIME LIMIT

- 15.1 The target time for each race is 50 minutes. Failure to meet the target time shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b) and 62.1(a).
- 15.2 Boats failing to finish 20 minutes after the first valid finisher shall be scored DNF.
- 15.3 The time limit per race is 90 minutes.
- 15.4 If no boat has rounded the first mark after 30 minutes, the race will be abandoned.

16 PROTESTS and REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Boats intending to protest or acknowledging an infringement shall report this to the main committee boat as soon as possible after the end of the race in question. This changes RRS 61.1(a).
- 16.2 Protests must be lodged within 40 minutes of the return of the relevant finishing committee boat to the RSrNYC yacht haven or to its berth nearby. The protest time limit will be posted on the ONB and Whatsapp group. Protests shall be lodged via Yachtscoring (<https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=13163>). This changes RRS 61.2 and 61.3. The parties shall promptly send a representative to attend any hearing in person and if they fail to do so, the protest committee may decide the protest in their absence.
- 16.3 Notice of protests by the RC or the Protest Committee (PC) will be posted on the ONB. This changes RRS 61.1 (b).
- 16.4 A list of protests will be displayed on the ONB within 15 minutes after the protest time limit along with time and place of the protest hearing. This changes RRS 63.2.
- 16.5 Protests may be heard at the R SrnYC as soon as possible after racing on the day of the incident. Social distancing rules will be observed.

- 16.6 Changing RRS 66: on the last scheduled day of racing, a request for reopening a hearing, or a request arising from a protest committee decision, shall be delivered within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day; otherwise no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.

17 SCORING

- 17.1 A minimum of 3 races shall be completed to constitute the championship.
- 17.2 When fewer than 6 races have been completed, no score shall be excluded.
- 17.3 When 6 to 10 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

18 PRIZE GIVING

Prize giving will take place virtually and combined with the Land Union September Regatta prize giving, which will be a video posted to Facebook following the event.

19 RISK STATEMENT

Attention is drawn to the Risk Statement in section 19 of the Notice of Race.

APPENDIX 1: THE COURSE

Course Illustration and mark rounding in order—not to scale.

LRA	COURSE: WINDWARD / LEEWARD with spreader mark and reaching finish
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
LRA2	Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4p – Finish
LRA3	Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4p – Finish
LRA4	Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/ 4p – 1 – 1a – 4p – Finish

The diagram illustrates the course layout. At the bottom, there is a 'Start' line with two buoys. A dashed line leads to a 'Finish' line. The course includes four red circular marks: 1a and 1 at the top, and 4s and 4p in the middle. Arrows indicate the direction of travel between these marks and the start/finish lines.