



# Loch Lomond Sailing Club

## Dinghy Open Weekend

### 2<sup>nd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2023

Organising Authority:  
The event will be organised by Loch Lomond Sailing Club.

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

### 1. RULES

- (a) The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- (b) Section 3 “Rules of Navigation” of the Loch Lomond Byelaws 2013 apply when meeting boats that are not racing. This changes the Part 2 preamble. Please pay particular attention to rule 3.4(15) of the Byelaws, which states: "*No boat shall approach within 100 metres astern of a fishing boat engaged in trolling and displaying a 'trolling shape'.*" The 'trolling shape' is an orange ball perched on top of a short post or stick on the fishing boat.
- (c) Competitors boats should not be attached to the pontoon except in emergency or briefly when launching or recovering or disembarking crew.

### 2. RISK STATEMENT

Rule 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.*" Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in an 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 boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

### **3. INSURANCE**

Each participating boat must be insured with valid third-party insurance with a minimum cover of £3 million including for the purpose of racing.

### **4. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- (a) Safety boats will be stationed around the course.
- (b) In the interests of the safety of competitors and patrol boat crews, competitors shall comply with the instructions of the patrol boat crews. Failure to do so may result in disqualification from the series. Abandoned boats will be recovered later.
- (c) The crew of a boat that retires from the race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible (via Committee Boat, Safety Boat or Race Office ashore).

### **5. OFFICIAL VESSELS**

The Committee Boat will be a large white workboat (MORY). The Safety Boat fleet will comprise a number of smaller Rigid Inflatable Boats and/or displacement vessels to be decided at the Race Officers discretion.

### **6. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Changes to these Sailing Instructions will be posted at least one hour before the time they are due to take effect.

### **7. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS**

- (a) Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the clubhouse hallway and may additionally be posted in other locations across the site for convenience.
- (b) The race office is located at the front of the clubhouse.
- (c) Signals ashore will be made on the flagpole in front of the Clubhouse.
- (d) When displayed ashore Flag AP with two sound signals (one when lowered) means "The race is postponed". The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after AP is lowered ashore.
- (e) There will be a competitor briefing 'around' 1200 (midday) on Saturday on the front lawn, inside if wet.

## **8. SCHEDULE OF RACES, CLASSES and CLASS FLAGS**

- (a) Race start times are scheduled as follows:
  - i. Saturday, first start 1300.
  - ii. Sunday, first start 1030.
- (b) Classes, associated flags and start sequence will be determined at the closure of the event registration, and communicated to competitors at the competitors briefing, prior to the first race.
- (c) The planned schedule of racing will be 3 races each day, sailed 'back to back', however up to 4 races may be sailed in one day if the forecast suggests racing may not happen on the other day. The intended number of races to be completed each day will be confirmed at the competitors briefing.
- (d) No Warning Signal will be made after 1430 on Sunday.

## **9. COURSES**

- (a) Courses are at Appendix A. A plan of the club race area is shown at Appendix B, for orientation purposes only, the marks shown at Appendix B will not be used for racing.
- (b) Racing will take place on a Trapezoidal course (see Appendix A). Classes will be advised which course they are using at the competitors briefing, with the number of 'roundings' to be sailed displayed on the committee boat prior to the first class start for each race.
- (c) Racing will take place around orange and yellow inflatable marks, approximately 4 to 5 feet in height.
- (d) Boats must not sail through the start or finish lines after starting, other than the finish line when finishing.

## **10. START/FINISH**

- (a) To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange starting flag will be displayed on the committee boat, accompanied by one sound signal, approximately 1 minute before the first warning signal is made.
- (b) Races will be started using rule 26 with the warning signal made 3 minutes before the start, and the preparatory signal 2 minutes before the start. The warning signal for each succeeding class will be made with the start of the preceding class.
- (c) The start line will be between the staff displaying the orange flag on the committee boat, and a small 'Dan Buoy' with an orange flag.
- (d) Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other classes/races.

- (e) In the event of a General Recall, the warning signal for a new start of the recalled class shall be made 1 minute after the First Substitute is removed (1 sound), and the starts for succeeding classes shall follow the new start.
- (f) The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the committee boat, and a small 'Dan Buoy' with a blue flag.

## **11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- (a) A change of course after the start will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the leg to the moved mark, by the flying of flag 'C' accompanied by repetitive sounds, although the new mark may not be in place.
- (b) An additional Green flag will indicate a change of the next mark to starboard, a Red flag will indicate a change to port, a '+' sign will indicate an increase in distance and a '-' sign will indicate a decrease in distance. The new bearing will not be displayed, this changes Rule 33.
- (c) Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration without further signal.

## **12. TIME LIMITS [AND TARGET TIMES]**

- (a) The duration of each race is intended to be 'around' 45 minutes for the leading boat.
- (b) There will be a time limit of 1hr 15 for the first boat.
- (c) Where flag 'W' is displayed this means '*All remaining competitors are out of time, return directly to the start area to facilitate the starting of the next race*'.
- (d) Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in their class will score "Did Not Finish (DNF)", this changes rules 35 and A4.

## **13. PROTESTS and REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- (a) Protests and Requests for Redress must be lodged at the Race Office, within 30 minutes of coming ashore, this changes rule 61.2.
- (b) Protest forms are available from the race office.
- (c) Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit has expired, to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

## **14. SCORING**

- (a) The Low Point scoring system, Appendix A, rule A2 will apply to all fleets.
- (b) One race constitutes a series.

(c) There will be one discard if 4 or more races are sailed.

## **15. PRIZES**

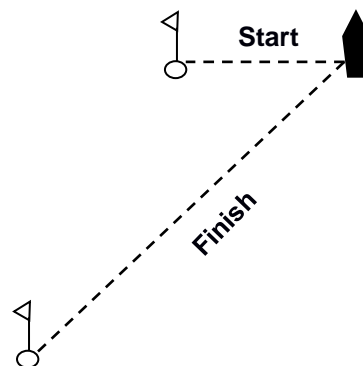
Prizes will be awarded to class winners, and other high performing boats, to be determined prior to the prize giving which will take place on the last day of racing and subject to the number of competitors.

## Appendix A – Race Courses

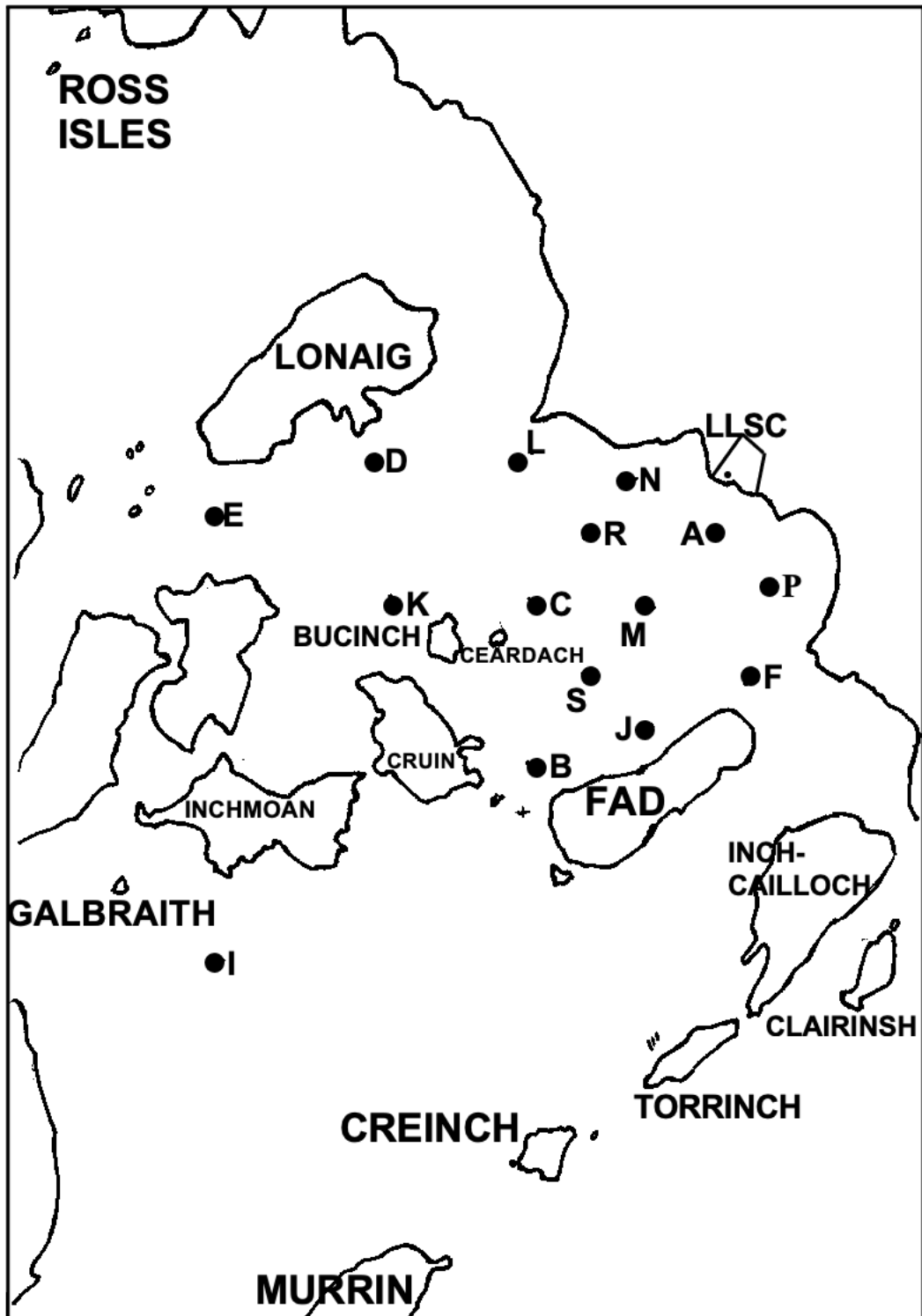
Competitors will be advised at the competitors briefing, which classes will sail which course. Course lengths once laid will be varied by the number of **windward mark roundings** per race, which will be displayed on the committee boat prior to the first start. All marks are to be left to port.

Course 1 (long), after initially rounding mark 'A' once, will take place in a windward/leeward format around marks 'C' & 'D'. For example, where 2 roundings are specified, competitors would sail: Start, A, **C**, D, **C**, D, Finish.

Course 2 (medium), will take place in a windward/leeward format around marks 'A' & 'B' followed by 'C' & 'D' to finish. For example where 2 roundings are specified, competitors would sail: Start, **A**, B, **A**, C, D, Finish.



Appendix B – LLSC ‘Normal’ Club Racing Area





## **2023 WASZP Scottish Championship**

**2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2022**

**@ Loch Lomond Sailing Club**

**Contact, Duncan Hepplewhite, 0781 770 4637 or [duncan@sailingfast.co.uk](mailto:duncan@sailingfast.co.uk)**

### **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the SI's means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

## **1. RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and the rules of the WASZP Class, except where any of these are amended by these Sailing Instructions. In the event of a conflict with the Notice of Race or Class Rules, these Sailing Instructions will prevail.
- 1.2 Competitors should note that the host sailing club implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book (*Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-20*, or at <http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/Pages/RacingCharter.aspx>)
- 1.3 Competitors should note that the host sailing club is encouraging environmental responsibility and supports initiatives such as the use of refillable drinks bottles and ensuring the disposal of single use plastic waste in the bins provided in and around the sailing club.

## **2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1 The official notice board will be in the canoe shed at Loch Lomond SC

## **3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board at least one hour before the advertised warning signal of the race or races concerned, and signalled by displaying IC flag L ashore. However, any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 19:00 on the day before it will take effect.

## **4. briefings**

- 4.1 There will be an event welcome & competitor briefing at 12:00 on Saturday the 3rd September on the lawn in front of the clubhouse.
- 4.2 Daily briefings will be held on each subsequent day of the event. The time of the daily briefing will be posted on the Official Notice Board by 19:00 on the preceding day.



## 5. signals made ashore

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the main flag pole in front of the clubhouse

5.2 When IC Flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 20 minutes'. This changes race signal AP.

## 6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 The championship will consist of a maximum of 10 races.

6.2 Up to a maximum of six races may be scheduled on any one day.

6.3 The intended schedule of races is as published in the Notice of Race.

## 7. CLASS FLAG

7.1 Class flag will be a flag with the WASZP Class Insignia.

## 8. THE COURSES

8.1 The racing will be on windward/leeward type courses for all races. See Appendix 1.

## 9. MARKS

9.1 For all Championship races, marks to be used will be as noted in Appendix 1.

## 10. THE START

10.1 The starting line will be between a staff or mast displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and the starting mark.

10.2 Races will be started as follows:

<i>Signal</i>	<i>Flag</i>	<i>Sound</i>	<i>Minutes before starting signal</i>
Alert	Orange flag displayed	1 or more sounds	5 (at least)
Warning	Class flag displayed	1 sound	3
Preparatory	P,I,Z,U or Black displayed	1 sound	2
One-minute	Preparatory removed	1 long sound	1
Start	Class flag removed	1 sound	0

This changes RRS 26.

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

## 11. THE FINISH

11.1 The finishing line will be between a staff or mast displaying a blue flag on the committee boat and the finishing mark.

- 11.2 When a Safety boat displays to a racing boat Flag W with two sound signals boats may finish by this Safety boat. A boat finished in accordance with this instruction shall be given a finishing place after all boats which complete more legs of the course and then finish. This changes RRS 28 & 35.

## 12. Penalty System

- 12.1 Penalty system is as published in the Notice of Race.

## 13. TIME LIMITS & TARGET TIMES

- 13.1 Time limits and target times are as follows:

13.2 Target time 20mins

- 13.3 Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This change RRS 35, A4 and A5.

## 14. ADVISORY & ARBITRATION HEARINGS; EXONERATION PENALTY

The Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration procedures of the RYA Rules Disputes procedure will be available.

- 14.1 EXONERATION PENALTY: A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2, RRS 31 or RRS 42, may, after finishing the race concerned and before the start of a related protest hearing, notify the Race Committee that she accepts a 20% scoring penalty as stated in RRS 44.3(c). This penalty does not reverse an OCS score, a disqualification under RRS 30.3 or RRS 30.4 or a penalty under RRS Appendix P. It is not available for a breach of RRS 2 or of class rules or for gross misconduct under RRS 69. Nor is it available to a boat that caused injury or serious damage, or gained a significant advantage by her breach: in these circumstances, her penalty is to retire.

When an Exoneration Penalty is accepted:

(a) Neither the boat nor a Protest Committee may then revoke or remove the penalty.

(b) The boat shall not be penalized further in a protest hearing when the Protest Committee decides that it was appropriate to the facts found and the applicable rules.

- 14.2 ADVISORY HEARING: When there is an incident that will not result in the lodging of a protest or a request for redress, a boat, Protest Committee or Race Committee may request an advisory hearing with the race office, and notify any boat involved in the incident. An Adviser will then call a hearing to learn what may have happened and will state whether any rule appears to have been broken, and by which boat. A boat may as a result notify the Race Office that she accepts an Exoneration Penalty when it applies to the incident, or choose to retire.

- 14.3 RYA ARBITRATION: When a protest or request for redress is lodged, a boat may at the same time request RYA Arbitration, or the Protest Committee or Race Committee may offer it.

If the parties and a member of the Protest or Race Committee agree that RYA Arbitration is suitable, an Arbitrator (who may be that member of the Protest Committee) will call a hearing conforming to Section B of Part 5 of the Racing Rules of Sailing, except that RRS 64.2(a) will not apply. Instead when the Arbitrator decides that a boat that is a party to the arbitration hearing has broken a rule for which the Exoneration Penalty is available, the party will be invited to accept that penalty, and, if it is accepted by a protested boat, the protesting boat will be allowed to withdraw the protest, changing RRS 63.1.

- 14.4 PROTEST HEARING: When there is not an agreement to use RYA Arbitration, or when, after RYA Arbitration, a protest is not withdrawn or the Exoneration Penalty is not applicable to the facts, there will be a normal protest hearing, at which the Arbitrator may be a member of the Protest Committee. RRS 66 and 70 (reopening and appeal, respectively) do not apply to the arbitration decision since this is not a protest committee decision or procedure. . A boat may still accept an Exoneration Penalty at any time before the start of a protest hearing and receive its protection from further penalty. She may also retire.

- 14.5 REDRESS: When redress is offered and accepted at the RYA Arbitration, all parties, the Protest Committee or Race Committee may seek to have this reviewed by asking for a full hearing. When redress is offered and not accepted, or not offered at all, the boat may have her request heard before a Protest Committee.

## 15. HEARING REQUESTS

- 15.1 In addition to RRS61.1(a) a boat intending to lodge a protest must inform the Race Committee on the finishing vessel upon finishing the race. Note that an Advisory Hearing as defined in SI **Error! Reference source not found.** does not require a sailor to inform the Race Committee boat at the finish of the race.
- 15.2 Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be submitted on forms collected from the race office, within the appropriate time limit. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2. A protest form is available on the Official Notice Board
- 15.3 The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 15.4 Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted on the Official Notice Board to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

## 16. Scoring

- 16.1 Scoring of races is as published in the Notice of Race.

## 17. SUPPORT BOATS

- 17.1 Support boats are not allowed.

## 18. Safety Regulations

- 18.1 All competitors shall wear adequate personal buoyancy (minimum standard EN393) when afloat and when adjacent to the water including on all pontoons and shorelines. Flag Y will not be displayed. This changes the Part 4 preamble. [DP].
- 18.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible [DP].
- 18.3 A Safety boat in close attendance to a craft or competitor in difficulty is considered to be an obstruction.
- 18.4 Boats wishing to sail ashore before the end of the day's racing shall not do so unless authorized by a Safety boat.[DP]
- 18.5 Boats shall follow the instructions of the Safety boats. Failure to do so will be reported to the Race Committee, which may protest the boat. Boats penalised under this instruction may be scored DNE, or such other penalty that the Protest Committee may decide. This changes RRS 64.2(a). [DP].
- 18.6 Outside Help: Penalties for breaches of RRS 41 (Outside Help) will be at the discretion of the Protest Committee. Any outside help shall be reported to the Protest Committee before the protest time limit on the day concerned. [DP].

## 19. event advertising

- 19.1 Advertising instructions are as published in the Notice of Race. [DP]

## **20. REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT**

20.1 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the Race Committee. Requests for equipment substitution shall be submitted by e-mail to [secretary@waszp.org.uk](mailto:secretary@waszp.org.uk) or in person to the Race Officer, before the protest time limit on the day the replacement equipment has first been used. Failure to comply with this requirement, the refusal of the request, or the failure of any replacement equipment to comply with the class rules, will result in the boat being scored DNE for the race or races concerned. [DP].

## **21. TRASH DISPOSAL**

21.1 Trash on shore may be placed in bins provided in and around the sailing club [DP].

21.2 Trash when afloat may be placed aboard support, rescue and Race Committee boats [DP].

## **22. radio communication**

22.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

## **23. RISK STATEMENT**

23.1 Risk Statement is as published in the Notice of Race.

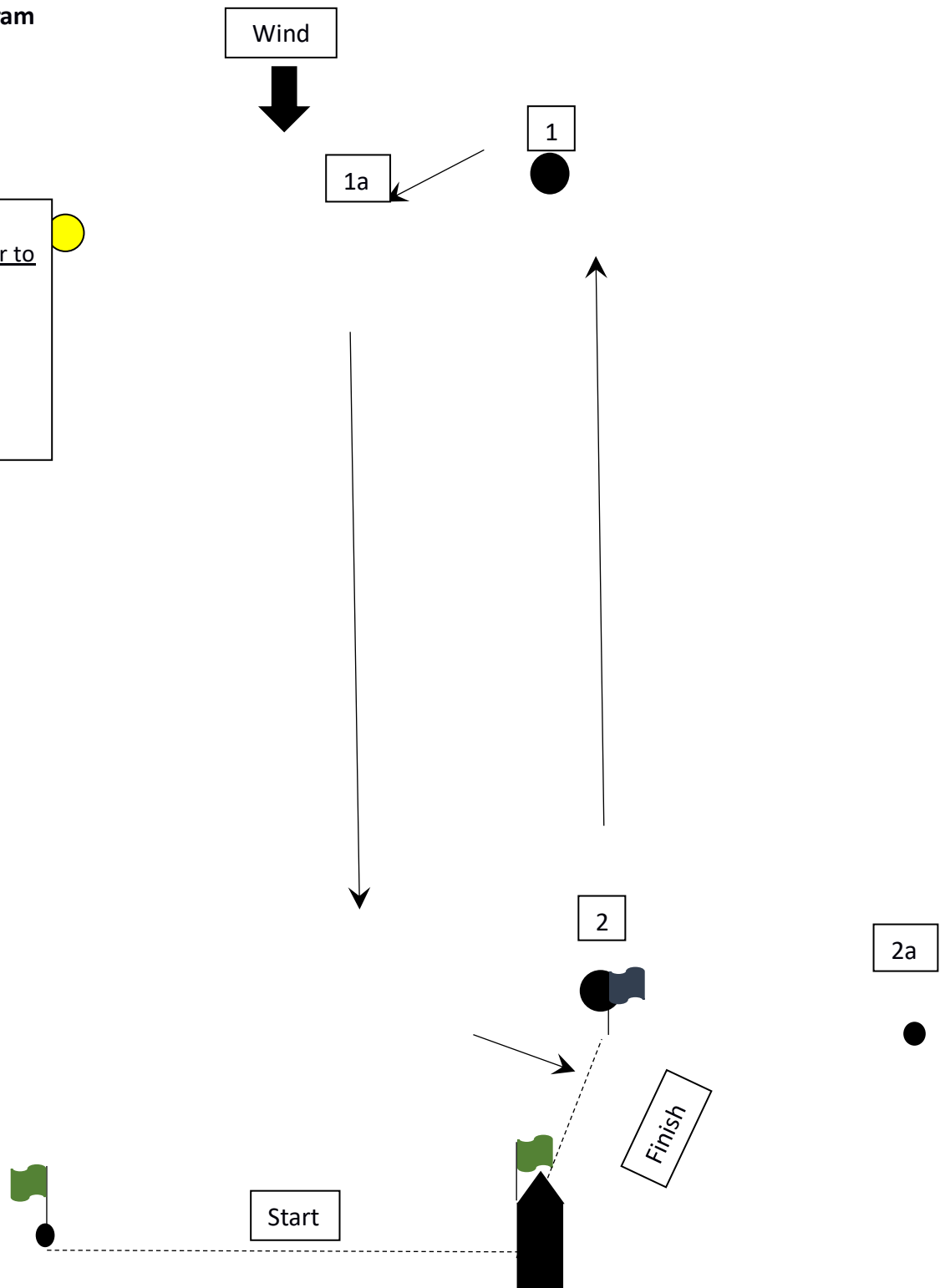
## **24. INSURANCE**

24.1 Insurance requirements are as published in the Notice of Race.

**APPENDIX 1:**

**WW/LW Course Diagram**

Mark descriptions  
Will be confirmed prior to  
racing



All marks to be left to Port  
 The number of laps will be displayed on the back of the Committee Boat no later than the Warning Signal and will equal the number of windward legs to be sailed in that race.

1 Lap	Start; 1; 1a; 2; Finish
2 Laps	Start; 1; 1a; 2; 2a; 1; 1a; 2; Finish
3 Laps	Start; 1; 1a; 2; 2a; 1; 1a; 2; 2a; 1; 1a; 2; Finish
Etc.	

The diagram is representative and is not to scale