Sailing Instructions

North Topper Series 21-22 NT2
West Riding Sailing Club
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The Organising Authority is ITCA (GBR) North Area in conjunction with West Riding Sailing Club

1 RULES

1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.

1.2 The International Topper Class Rules apply. [DP]

1.3 Local rules that apply are set out in Appendix B [NP][DP]

1.4 Competitors should note that ITCA (GBR) implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they are required to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book *The Racing Rules of Sailing* or at http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/Pages/RacingCharter.aspx. [NP][DP]

1.5 In all rules governing this event:

a. A boat may not protest another boat or request redress for any breach of a rule marked [NP]. This changes RRS 60.1.

b. For breaches of rules marked [SP] the race committee may apply a standard penalty without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

c. For rules marked [DP] the penalty for each breach is at the discretion of the protest committee and may be less than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.1.

1.6 In case of conflict with the Notice of Race these Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least one hour before the scheduled start time on the day it will take effect.

3 COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board.

3.2 The OA will establish a WhatsApp group for the purpose of communicating to competitors and parents. A joining link will be issued to entrants.

3.3 A briefing for **all competitors** will be held at **1000** on Saturday.

3.4 Communication with competitors (including BFD notification under RRS 30.4 and Rule 42 penalty signalling under RRS P1) will be by championship number. This changes rule 30.4

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 [DP] [NP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located outside the clubhouse.

5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 10 minutes' in the race signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signal AP.

5.3 Boats shall not launch until Flag D is displayed with one sound signal. [DP]

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 There are four races scheduled to be sailed.

6.2 The scheduled time of the launch signal and warning signal is as follows:

Day	***Launch signal***	***Warning signal***
Saturday	1015	1030

6.3 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed on the race committee signal vessel with one or more sound signals at least one minute before a warning signal is made.

6.4 No starting signal will be made after 1500, unless fewer than three races have been completed by that time in which case this time limit may be extended to 1530.

6.5 Races may be sailed back-to-back.

7 CLASS FLAGS

7.1 The class flag will be flag T.

8 RACING AREA

8.1 The racing will take place on Wintersett Reservoir

9 THE COURSES

9.1 The diagram in the Appendix shows the intended course to be sailed, including the order in which the marks are to be passed. All marks are to be left to port.

9.2 The course and the number of beats to be sailed will be displayed on a board on the race committee vessel from no later than the warning signal until at least the starting signal.

9.3 If weather conditions do not allow for the intended course then a new course will be described at the briefing.

10 MARKS

10.1 Mark 1 will be an orange inflatable cylindrical race mark with 'Rooster' printed on. Marks 2 & 3 will be black cylindrical inflatable race marks with 'Rooster' printed on. Mark 4 will be an Orange Inflatable Race Mark with 'Lomo' printed on.

11 OBSTRUCTIONS

11.1 A vessel in close attendance to a boat, vessel or person in difficulty is an obstruction

12 THE START

12.1 The starting line will be between the mast or staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Vessel and a pin buoy with an orange flag.

12.2 The race committee may position a vessel outside the port end of the starting line. When that vessel is in position or manoeuvring to hold position, a boat that touches it shall take a one-turn penalty as described in RRS 44.2.

12.3 A boat that starts more than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored 'Did Not Start' without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A4 A5

12.4 If a start under RRS 30.4 (Black Flag Rule) is recalled or abandoned after the starting signal, the championship number of the boats that have been disqualified from the race under that rule will be displayed on the back of the committee boat for a minimum of 3 minutes before the first warning signal, a repeated sound signal will be made as the numbers are first displayed (Competitors are reminded that any boat so notified must not sail in any restart or resail of that race – see Rule 30.4) This changes rule 30.4

13 CHANGE TO THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark, or gate, or the finishing line to a new position.

13.2 The requirement to signal a change of course in accordance with RRS 33 does not apply if the race committee changes the angle of the next leg by no more than 10 degrees and/or extends or shortens its length by no more than 50m. This changes RRS 33

14 THE FINISH

14.1 The finishing line will be between the mast or staff displaying a blue flag on the committee vessel and a and a pin buoy with a blue flag.

14.2 Boats finishing should make every effort to show the championship number on their sail clearly to the committee vessel(s).

14.3 After finishing and clearing the finishing line, boats shall keep clear of the finishing area and of all boats not yet finished. [NP][DP]

14.4 In addition to the procedure for shortening course in RRS 32, the race committee may also award a finishing position to a boat that is still racing by displaying to her from a committee vessel (which may be in motion) flag W with one sound signal. A boat so notified is no longer required to sail the course (changing RRS 28.1), shall stop racing and shall return to the starting area, or return ashore if there is no more racing. A boat's finishing position under this sailing instruction will be the position she would have received had she sailed the course and finished within any time limit, without gaining or losing any place. However, when two or more boats that are overlapped are notified, they will be scored as if they were tied. [NP]

15 POLICING OF RULE 42

15.1 Appendix P (Special Procedures for Rule 42) will apply as changed by sailing instruction 15.2.

15.2 RRS P2.3 will not apply and RRS P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one.

16 TARGET TIMES & TIME LIMITS [NP]

16.1 The target time, Mark 1 time limit and overall time limit for each class are as follows:

Target time	35 minutes
Mark 1 time limit	20 minutes
Overall time limit	60 minutes

16.2 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned.

17 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

17.1 Boats intending to protest or request redress for an incident on the race course shall inform one of the race committee finish vessels at the end of the finish line as they finish the race, or promptly thereafter. If they do not finish the race they shall inform a support vessel as soon as practicable after they retire. This adds to the requirements of RRS 61.1 for a protest or request for redress to be valid.

17.2 Protests forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

17.3 The protest time limit for each class will be 30 minutes after the last competitor in that class comes ashore promptly after the last race of the day. This time limit is extended by 15 minutes for a protest by the race committee or protest committee concerning an incident they observed in the racing area.

17.4 A notice will be posted no later than 15 minutes after the last protest time limit on each day to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. This is the notification required by RRS 61.1(b) and 63.2. Advisory hearings, arbitration hearings and protest hearings may begin without a notice and within protest time when the parties are available.

17.5 There will be no appeals concerning any decision of the protest committee whose decision is final. This changes RRS 70.1

18 SCORING

18.1 The event will be valid if one race is completed and scored.

18.2 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst race scores as follows:

a. When three or fewer races have been completed, no race score will be excluded.
b. When four or more races have been completed, one race score will be excluded.

19 SAFETY [NP][SP][DP]

19.1 Rule 40.1 applies at all times while afloat.

19.2 When a member of the race committee or its designated official considers that a boat, its equipment or a competitor may not be adequate for the current or expected conditions, or for any other reason associated with safety, he or she may stop the boat launching, or require it to return ashore, or go to a designated location.

19.3 Boats and competitors shall comply with all reasonable support vessel crew instructions.

19.4 A boat that retires from racing shall notify a support vessel before leaving the race area, or if that is not possible, shall notify the race office as soon as possible after returning ashore.

19.5 The launching trolley of each boat shall have a tag attached to the handle clearly identifying the championship number of the boat.

19.6 A fixed loop shall be formed in the longer end of the bow line of each boat to facilitate towing (as required by class rules). The longer length of the bow line shall not be fixed or tied in a way that means it is not immediately detachable to facilitate towing (using a small piece of elastic around the mast). It shall not be stowed by passing it around the mast. The penalty for breaking this instruction is 10% (rounded up) of the number of boats in her last race of the day added to her score without hearing.

20 EQUIPMENT RESTRICTIONS [DP]

20.1 Competitors are reminded that the class rules limit each boat to using one sail during an event.

20.2 Unless damage renders a hull, sail, spar or foil unusable during an event, only one hull, sail, mast, boom, daggerboard and rudder shall be used throughout the event. Any change of equipment shall be authorised by the race committee.

20.3 No boat shall have a video camera or other electronic device, except a timing device, on board whilst racing without the prior authorisation of the race committee.

20.4 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.

21 SUPPORT TEAMS

21.1 Support Teams will not be on the water, only Official vessels as part of the race committee will be on the race course.

22 WASTE

22.1 Rubbish may be placed aboard support and race committee vessels.

23 BERTHING

23.1 Boats should be kept in place assigned by the beachmaster.

24 PRIZES

24.1 Prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of the event at the discretion of ITCA (GBR), the host club and the event sponsor(s).

25 Outside help

25.1 RRS 41(a) is changed to allow help to recover after a capsize from a race committee or support vessel.

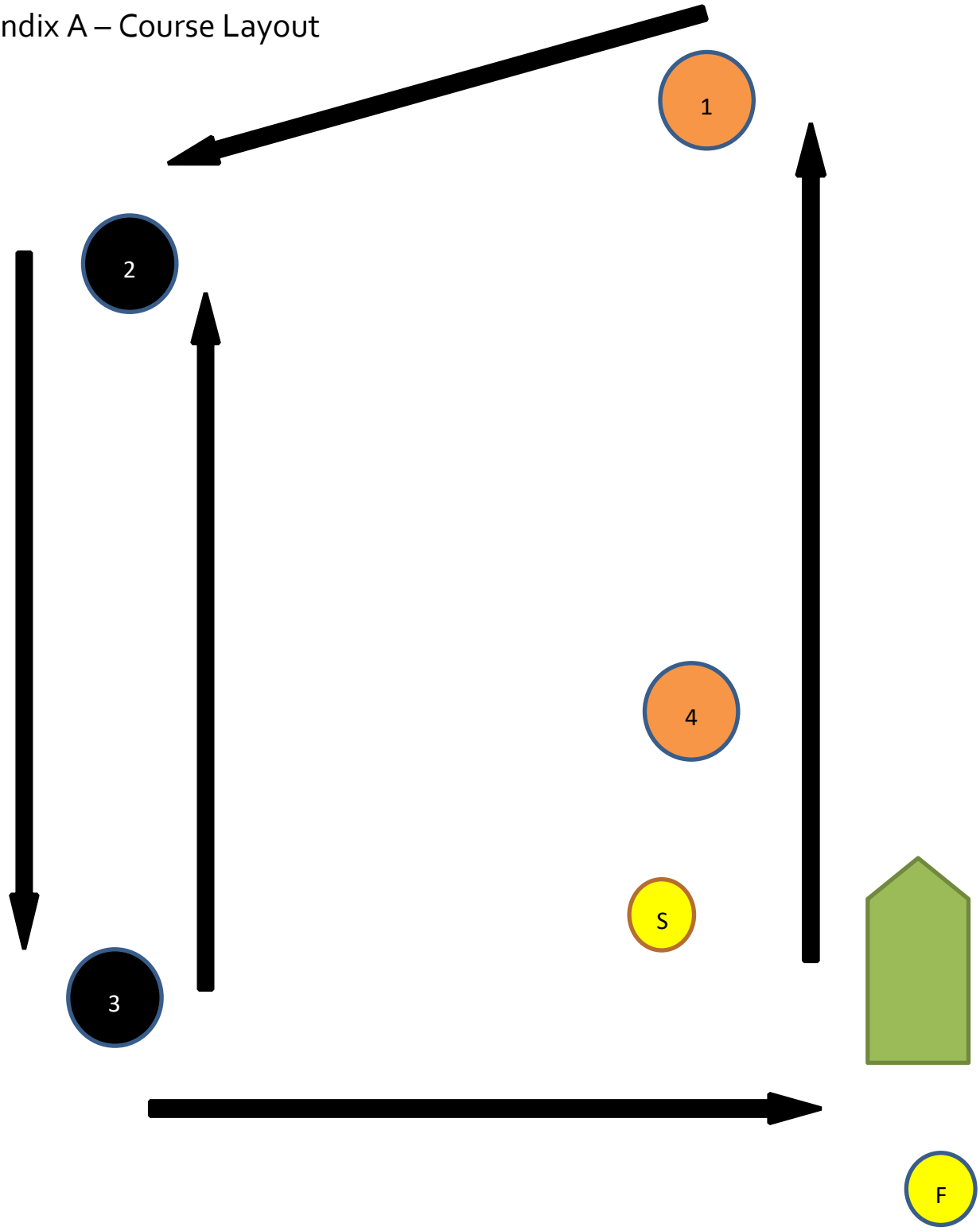
25.2 No boat shall be towed by any vessel at any time whilst afloat, unless the boat is disabled, or permission has been given by the safety lead or race officer. This includes towing to or from the race area. [DP]

26 Further Information

26.1 For further information please contact:

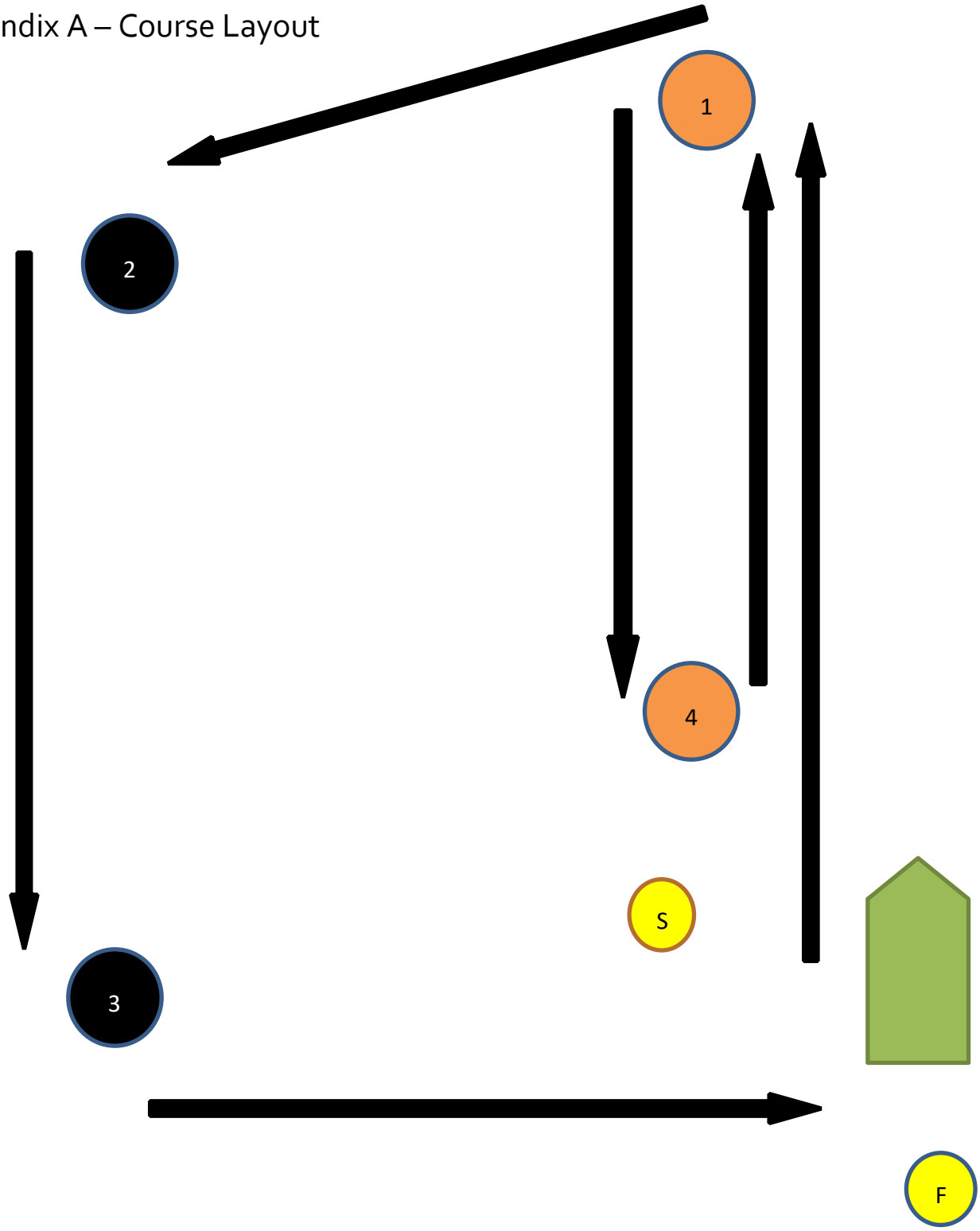
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Appendix A – Course Layout



2 beats (O2): Start, 1, 2, 3, 2, 3, Finish
3 beats (O3): Start, 1, 2, 3, 2, 3, 2, 3, Finish
4 beats (O4): Start, 1, 2, 3, 2, 3, 2, 3, 2, 3, Finish
Etc

Appendix A – Course Layout



2 beats (I2): Start, 1, 4, 1, 2, 3, Finish
3 beats (I3): Start, 1, 4, 1, 4, 1, 2, 3, Finish
4 beats (I4): Start, 1, 4, 1, 4, 1, 4, 1, 2, 3, Finish
Etc