Sailing Instructions

RYA Junior Club Championships 2025

Northampton Saling Club

4th and 5th October 2025

1. Rules

1.1. These Sailing Instructions change RRS 26, 29.1, 33, 35, 61.4(b), A4, A5, and Race Signals.
1.2. Racing will be umpired. Addendum UF is published separately and changes additional rules; including some of those of Part 2..

2. Changes to Sailing Instructions

2.1. Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted one hour before the start of the first race in which it will first take effect, except for changes to the schedule as allowed in SI 6.5(c).
2.2. Any changes made afloat will be communicated orally.

3. Communications with Competitors

3.1. Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Online Official Notice Board at https://events.ksail.co.uk/RYA/2025/JuniorClubChamps/
3.2. The Race Office is located in the Clubhouse
3.3. During the event, Notices to Competitors may also be placed on a Notice Board located near the Race Office.
3.4. While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. Code of Conduct

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

5. Signals Made Ashore

5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole located on the veranda at the northeast corner of the clubhouse.
5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore the warning signal will be made not less than 15 minutes after removal. This changes Race Signal AP.
5.3. When Delta over Blue or Yellow is displayed ashore, crews in the relevant Blue or Yellow division should launch and proceed to the racing area.

6. Schedule of Races

6.1. The first warning signal on Saturday 4th October will not be before 09:57.
6.2. The first warning signal on Sunday 5th October will not be before 08:57
6.3. The event is a Pairs event with teams of sailors competing in many short races separated between multiple fleets and divisions.
6.4. Fleets and Divisions
Racing will be sailed in two fleets; separated into two divisions (Blue and Yellow). A sailor shall not sail in more than one division
(a) The RS Feva XL fleet with one boat per team sailed by two crews of two sailors, each crew sailing in a separate division.
(b) The Topper 5.3 fleet with one boat per team sailed by two crews of one sailor, each crew sailing in a separate division.
6.5. Race Schedule
(a) Up to five Blue Division races for both fleets will be followed by up to five Yellow Division races for both fleets with sailors swapping boats with their teammates. Blue and Yellow Divisions will continue to swap and sail in up to five races at a time for the duration of the event.
(b) The initial schedule of races will be displayed online using the Online Official Noticeboard. Any changes thereto and schedules for subsequent races will be displayed not less than 10 minutes before the start of those races.
(c) The schedule of races may be modified during the event in as fair and practical way as possible determined by the Race Committee taking into account the entries, weather conditions, time constraints and any other relevant factors. Any change shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b).
6.6. Before starting and after finishing or retiring, boats shall sail to minimise any delay to the race schedule and without interfering with any boat still racing.

7. Class Flags

7.1. The Class Flags are:

Fleet (Class)	Flag	
RS Feva XL	Flag Foxtrot	
Topper 5.3	Flag Tango	

8. Racing Area

8.1. The racing area will be as close to the club and launch areas as practical for the weather conditions.

9. Courses

9.1. The possible courses are described in SI Attachment C.

9.2. The course to be sailed will be posted on the Official Noticeboard. The course will only be changed at the start of a session of races for either division.

10. Marks

10.1. The course marks will be white cylindrical buoys with coloured flags.

(a) The Starting Mark will display an Orange Flag

(b) The Finishing Mark will display a Light Blue Flag

(c) The marks of the course will display numbered Yellow or Dark Blue flags according to the division that will be racing.

11. Obstructions

11.1. Any prohibited areas that a boat shall not enter or cross will rank as obstructions. These will be identified on the Official Noticeboard.

12. The Start

12.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel and the course side of the starting mark.

12.2. A blue or yellow flag will be displayed below the orange flag to indicate the division for the next start.

12.3. The number of the next race to start will be displayed on the starting vessel from before, or promptly after, the warning signal until the starting signal. The race committee may at any time postpone a race and reschedule it at a later time.

12.4. Attention may be drawn to an imminent warning signal by a series of short sound signals.

12.5. Races will be started by using the following signals. Times shall be taken from the start of each sound signal; the failure of a visual signal shall be disregarded. This amends RRS 26.

Minutes before Starting Signal	Visual Signal	Sound Signal	Means
3	Class Flag Displayed	One	Warning Signal
2	P or U Flag Displayed	One	Preparatory Signal
1	Preparatory Signal Removed	One	One Minute
0	Class Flag Removed	One	Starting Signal

12.6. When a boat is subject to RRS 29.1, flag X need not be displayed for longer than 1 minute after the starting signal; this changes RRS 29.1.

12.7. A boat shall not start more than 2 minutes after her starting signal.

13. Changing the next leg of the Course

13.1. RS 33 is deleted and replaced with:
While boats are racing, the race committee may change a leg of the course by changing the position of the next mark (or the finishing line) before any boat begins the leg.

14. The Finish

14.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finish vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.

14.2. The time limit for each race is 25 minutes.

14.3. Boats that start and are still racing two minutes after the second boat has sailed the course will be scored for the place the umpires judge them to be in at that time without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5. This score shall not be grounds for redress, this changes RRS 61.4(b).

15. Scoring

15.1. A teams' event score shall be the total of all race scores from all fleets or divisions; no score shall be excluded.

15.2. Team ties shall be broken according to RRS A8 using all race scores from all fleets or divisions.

15.3. A boat that did not sail the course, retired or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of teams entered in the event. This amends RRS A5.2.

16. Replacement of Crew or Equipment

16.1. [DP]After registration only registered team members may race. No change to the list of registered team members may be made without the prior permission of the Race Committee.

17. Risk Statement

17.1. 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 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 boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the 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;

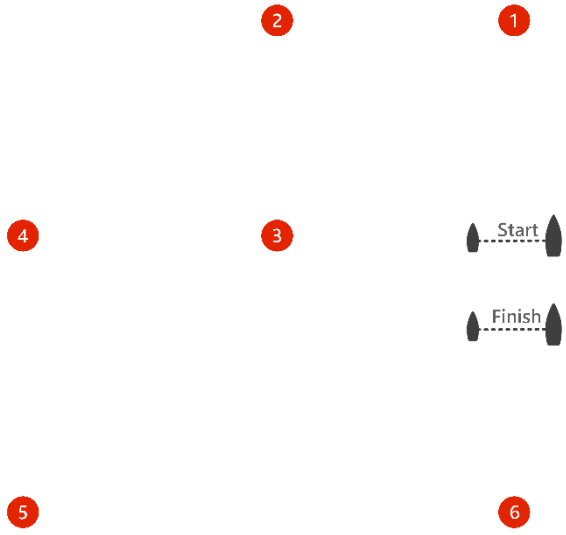
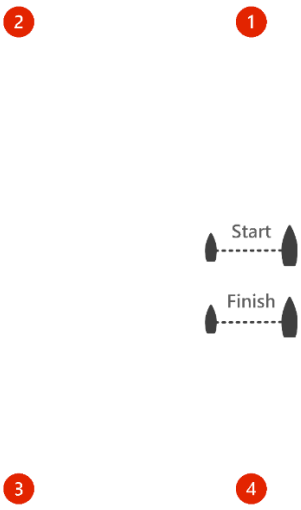
(g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any competitor briefing held at the venue;

(h) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3 million against third party claims.

17.2. The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibility of each competitor set out in this Sailing Instruction.

Attachment C – Course

The courses which may be used are as described below, additional courses may be described in the Sailing Instructions.

Mr. Greedy	Square
p = round to port; s = round to starboard Start – 1p – 2p – 3s – 4p – 5p – 6p – Finish	*p = round to port* Start – 1p – 2p – 3p– 4p – Finish
	 *This course may be mirrored such that all marks are left to Starboard.*