



**OK DINGHY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 2023**  
Thursday 22 June 2023 to Friday 30 June 2023  
Lyme Regis

**Organizing Authority:**

Lyme Regis Sailing Club Ltd (LRSC) in conjunction with the OK Dinghy International Association (OKDIA) and the International OK Dinghy British Class Association

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS – Preliminary as at 11<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

**1 RULES**

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the OKDIA Championship Manual. These may be changed, where permitted, by the sailing instructions with the approval of OKDIA.
- 1.2 Decisions of the international jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.
- 1.3 Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, will apply.
- 1.4 In all rules governing this regatta;  
[NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).  
[SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied  
[DP] denotes a rule for which a discretionary penalty may be applied.
- 1.5 In RRS 44.2 insert after the first sentence: However, if Mark 1a is set, a boat may delay taking a penalty for an incident in the zone around Mark 1 or on the leg between Mark 1 and Mark 1a, until she has passed Mark 1a.
- 1.6 [NP] All participants (competitors, support persons and officials) are expected to follow current government COVID-19 guidelines and legislation. Breaches of these and any event COVID protocols (issued as an attachment to the NoR or SI) may be misconduct and subject to RRS 69.

**2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the format or schedule of races will be posted no later than 1 hour after the protest time limit on the day before it will take effect.

**3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS**

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board (ONB) located immediately outside the LRSC Clubhouse.
- 3.2 Online services may be available for:
  - 3.3.1 Hearing requests
  - 3.3.2 Scoring Enquiries
  - 3.3.3 Hearing schedules and decisions
  - 3.3.4 Messaging competitorsDetails for accessing these systems will be posted on the ONB.

**4 CODE OF CONDUCT [DP][NP]**

- 4.1 Competitors shall comply with any reasonable request from a race official.
- 4.2 Competitors shall handle any boats or equipment provided by the organizing authority with proper care and seamanship, and in compliance with any written instructions.

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## 5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals ashore will be displayed on the flagpole within the LRSC Clubhouse compound.
- 5.2 When Flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 40 minutes' in the Race Signal AP.
- 5.3 When Flag 'L' is displayed ashore it may be displayed only for the first day that the relevant notice to competitors comes into effect [changes RRS Race Signals 'L'].
- 5.4 [SP] [NP] Flag 'D' displayed with two sound signals means 'No boat shall go afloat until this flag is removed with one sound signal. The first warning signal will be made not less than 40 minutes after 'D' is removed.
- 5.5 [SP] [NP] Flag 'D' may be displayed with flags identifying specific groups as described in Addendum B.

## 6 RACING SCHEDULE and OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS

- 6.1 The race schedule has been amended as described in Addendum B.
- 6.2 Bow numbers will be applied to the port and starboard sides of the bow by the OA prior to the start of the Practice Race in accordance with Technical Instruction No.2 (which will be displayed on the Official Notice Board)

## 7 CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 The Class Flag will be the class insignia on a white background displayed over the flags of the colour of the group(s) affected.

## 8 COURSES AND COURSE AREAS

- 8.1 The course area is shown in NoR Attachment A.
- 8.2 The diagram in SI Addendum A shows the course, the course designations, 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.
- 8.3 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the course designation of the course to be sailed and approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

## 9 FORMAT OF RACING

- 9.1 The championship will consist of an Opening Series of up to six races and a Final Series of up to four races as defined in Addendum B. The Final Series shall only take place once at least four Opening Series races have been completed.

## 10 MARKS

- 10.1 Marks are described below:-
  - Marks 1, 2, 3P, 3S & 5 – Orange 'dumpy' cylindrical buoy
  - Marks 4P & 4S – Orange pyramid buoy
  - Mark 1A (spacer mark) -Yellow pillar buoy
  - New marks as prescribed in SI 12.2 – Black 'dumpy' cylindrical buoy
- 10.2 Starting and Finishing marks:-
  - Starting mark (starboard end) - race committee signal vessel displaying an orange flag.
  - Starting mark (port end) – small spar buoy with an orange flag or race committee vessel displaying an orange flag.
  - Finishing mark (starboard end) - race committee signal vessel displaying a blue flag
  - Finishing mark (port end) - small spar buoy with a blue flag or race committee signal .vessel displaying a blue flag.
- 10.3 A gate may be replaced by a single mark to be left to port.



## 11 THE START

- 11.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel at the starboard end and a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel or spar with an orange flag on a buoy at the port end.
- 11.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 11.3 The warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable.
- 11.4 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
- 11.5 In an emergency or in adverse wind or current, race committee starting vessels may use engines to assist in holding station.

## 12 COURSE CHANGES

- 12.1 Courses will not be shortened. This changes RRS 32. The length and direction of legs of the course may be changed in accordance with RRS 33.
- 12.2 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark. After Mark 1 has been replaced, Mark 1a will not be reset.
- 12.3 Minor course changes may be made by moving marks in the vicinity of the original mark without signalling a course change. A course change of this nature will be completed before the leading boat starts the leg affected.

## 13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag over the affected colour groups on the race committee vessel at the starboard end and a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee vessel or spar with a blue flag on a buoy at the port end.
- 13.2 In an emergency or in adverse wind or current, race committee vessels may use engines to assist in holding station.

## 14 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 14.1 Time limits:  
 Start – Mark 1 = 30 minutes  
 Start – Finish = 120 minutes  
 If no boat has rounded the specified mark within that mark's time limit the race will be abandoned.  
 Target Time: 70 minutes  
 Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes Rule 62.1(a).
- 14.2 The Finishing Window is 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes. The race committee will signal the closure of the finishing line for a specific fleet by making one sound signal and lowering the blue flag together with the flags for the relevant colour groups on the starboard end finishing vessel. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place two more than the points scored by the last boat in either fleet that finished within the Finishing Window, in whichever fleet had the largest number of finishers. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

## 15 HEARING REQUESTS

- 15.1 Hearing request forms are available at the race office located in the LRSC Club Compound or the jury office located in the Gazebo on the top of the slipway. Hearing requests shall be delivered to the jury office within the appropriate time limit. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.



- 15.2 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is the later. This time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 15.3 Notices will be posted on the ONB within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at the Fishing College on the end of the Cobb beginning at the time posted.
- 15.4 A list of boats that have been penalized under Appendix P for breaking RRS 42 will be posted on the ONB.
- 15.6 For breaches of a rule marked [SP], the race committee may apply a standard penalty without a hearing or a discretionary penalty may be applied by the international jury with a hearing. A list of these breaches and the associated standard penalties will be posted on the ONB. However, the race committee may protest a boat when they consider the standard penalty to be inappropriate. A boat that has been penalised with a standard penalty can neither be protested for the same incident by another boat nor can another boat request redress for this race committee action. This changes RRS 60.1, 63.1 and A5.

## 16 SCORING

- 16.1 A maximum of 10 races will be sailed for the championship.
- 16.2 Four races shall be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.3 Scoring for determination of results in age divisions will be determined on the basis of the competitor's position in the results of the overall fleet.
- 16.4 To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat shall complete a scoring enquiry form available at the race office.
- 16.5 The discard of the qualifying series at the time of the allocation to the final series fleets may be substituted by a worse score in the final series.
- 16.6 RRS A5 and 44.3 (c) is changed so that the scores are based on the number of boats assigned to the largest fleet in the series.

## 17 SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP][NP]

- 17.1 RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times while afloat.
- 17.2 If the RNLI lifeboat is being launched, recovered or maneuvered within the confines of the harbour, competitors shall promptly respond to instructions from the harbour staff, lifeboat coxswain or beachmaster. If appropriate, racing will be postponed to give competitors adequate time to reach the starting area.
- 17.3 [SP] A tally system will be used to ensure the safety of competitors who should note that rescue boats may not be released from the race area until all the boats have tallied off correctly.

### Tally procedure:

- a) A tally board will be located within the LRSC clubhouse compound.
- b) Each boat will be allocated a tally number at registration.
- c) Prior to going to sea, each boat shall collect the wrist band corresponding to their tally number from the tally board and place them around their wrists.
- d) If on reaching the race area a boat realises she has failed to remove her 'tally wrist band' from the onshore tally board she shall advise the starting vessel accordingly and inform 'Beach' on their return ashore. In those circumstances no penalty will be applied.
- e) When returning from racing at the end of the day, competitors shall immediately (and at least 30 minutes before the protest time limit) remove their bands and return them back on the tally board.
- f) All tally board actions shall be done by the helm of the relevant boat only.
- g) The penalty for failing to comply with SI 17.3 will be a standard penalty without a hearing. The standard penalty will be an additional three points added to the points scored for each of the races sailed on the day,



increased to five points for subsequent infringements. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

17.4 A boat that retires from a race shall, if possible, notify a race committee vessel before leaving the racing area and on returning to shore, shall immediately tally off in accordance with SI 17.3 and complete the Race Declaration Form at the race office.

17.5 When the race committee displays flag V with repetitive sounds or broadcasts 'Code Flag Victor' on the designated VHF Channel, all official and coach vessels shall monitor VHF Channel 37 for search, rescue and other instructions.

## **18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT [DP]**

18.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed.

18.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment that is subject to equipment limitation will not be allowed unless approved by the event technical committee. Requests for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity in writing and submitted to the event technical committee. Equipment substitution forms are available from the race office or the event technical committee.

## **19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS [DP]**

19.1 Details of pre-first race equipment inspection, location and schedules will be posted on the ONB.

19.2 Equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. When instructed by an event equipment inspector, a boat shall proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

19.3 All items of equipment subject to event limitation control will be marked with the official event stamp or sticker. If a mark becomes unclear, insecure or lost, this shall be reported promptly to the event technical committee so that the mark may be replaced before the next race or at the first reasonable opportunity.

19.4 All boats selected for equipment inspection shall be presented with the full equipment, including sails, personal flotation device(s) and personal equipment.

## **20 OFFICIAL VESSELS**

20.1 Official vessels will be marked as follows:

20.1.1 Jury/Judges – White Flag with the letter J

20.1.2 Media/Press- White Flag with the word/letters MEDIA

20.1.3 Race Committee - Pink Flag with the letter RC

20.1.4 Safety – Light Blue Flag with the letter S

20.1.5 Support Vessels – Colour Green Flag with the letters SV

20.1.6 Measurer – Black Flag with yellow letters TC

## **21 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS [DP]**

21.1 For the purposes of these sailing instructions a support person vessel includes any boat that is under the control or direction of a person who is providing physical, moral or advisory support to an athlete, including the gathering of data that may be used at a later time.

21.2 Support person vessels shall display their national flag or national letters at least 200mm high and clearly visible from both sides.

21.3 Support person vessels shall not interfere with boats racing or official vessels, or create a wake that affects boats racing.

21.4 Support person vessels shall not be positioned:

21.4.1 Closer than 50 metres from any boat racing.

21.4.2 Within 50 metres of the starting line and marks from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have left the starting area, or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

21.4.3 Between any boat racing and the next mark of the course.



21.4.4 Within 50 metres of any mark of the course while boats are in the vicinity of that mark.

21.4.5 Within 50 metres of the finishing line and marks while boats are finishing.

21.5 In addition, support vessels that are motoring above 5 knots shall remain at least 150 metres from any boat racing.

21.6 Support person vessels shall comply with any reasonable request from a race official.

21.7 The international jury may direct the organizing authority to revoke privileges from any vessel or person found to be in breach of this sailing instruction.

## **22 IDENTIFICATION, ADVERTISING, CAMERAS and ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT [DP]**

22.1 When provided by the organizing authority, boats or crew shall carry, display or wear the following as instructed:

22.1.1 Bow numbers.

22.1.2 Event sponsor advertising.

22.2 When provided by the organising authority, boats shall carry the following electronic equipment as instructed:

22.2.1 Cameras,

22.2.2 Sound equipment, and

22.2.3 Position tracking equipment.

22.3 Competitors shall make a genuine effort to comply with the instructions for operating the equipment as provided by the organising authority.

## **23 BERTHING AND BOAT PARK [DP]**

23.1 When ashore, boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the boat park.

## **24 RADIO COMMUNICATION [DP]**

24.1 While racing, except in an emergency or when using equipment provided by the race committee, a boat shall not carry devices capable of voice or data communication or make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

## **25 PRIZES**

25.1 NOR 14 is amended as follows:

Winner Race 1 First Fleet Start – Falmouth Trophy

Winner Race 1 Second Fleet Start – Örnköldsvik Trophy

Winner Race 2 First Fleet Start – Mark & Jenny Fisher Cup

Winner Race 2 Second Fleet Start – Deptford Cup

Winner Race 3 First Fleet Start – Sønderborg Cup

Winner Race 3 Second Fleet Start – Kiel Yacht Club Clock

Winner Race 4 First Fleet Start – New Zealand OK Class Clock

Winner Race 4 Second Fleet Start – Don & Brenda Andrews Trophy

Winner Race 5 First Fleet Start – Heinrich Liedtke Memorial Trophy

Winner Race 5 Second Fleet Start – Kjell Nystrom Memorial Cup

Ten additional prizes will be given by the OA for each fleet start in races 6-10.

## **26 RISK STATEMENT**

26.1 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.”



- 26.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently 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 and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
  - b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, 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.
  - g) The fact that race officials conduct inspections, or not, of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this NoR.

## **27 PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT**

- 27.1 By entering the regatta competitors accept that they may be photographed and/or videotaped participating in the regatta and/or using the regatta facilities and they consent to the taking of such images and to the use, reuse, publication and republication of such images in any media, in conjunction with the competitor's name or not, without compensation and without the competitor's approval of such images or any use thereof.

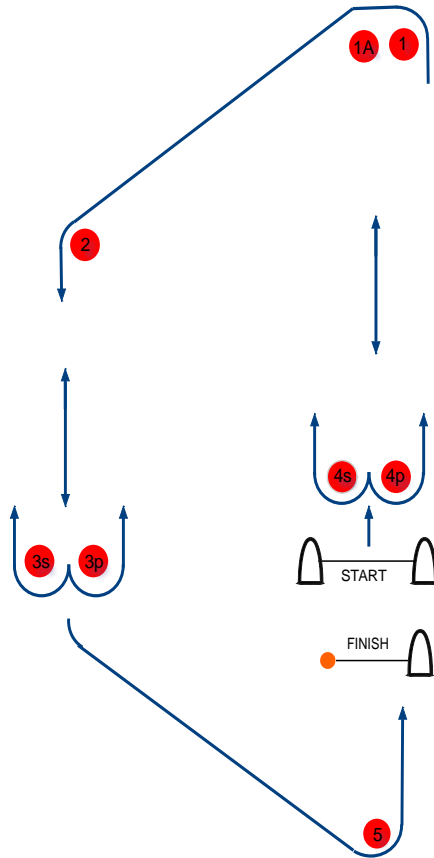


**ADDENDUM A - COURSES**

Course O: START, 1, 1A, 2, 3s/3p, 2, 3p, 5 FINISH.

Course I: START, 1, 1A, 4s/4p, 1, 1A, 2, 3p, 5 FINISH

All marks that are not identified as gates shall be rounded to port



**ADDENDUM B – SPLIT FLEETS**

B1.1 Boats will be assigned to one of four Groups of, as nearly as possible, equal size. The groups are designated Yellow, Blue, Red and Green. [DP] Boats shall display a coloured tape appropriate to the group to which they are assigned. This will be applied above the gooseneck in accordance with Technical Instruction No.1 by the OA prior to the Practice Race.

B1.2 Initial assignments will be made by a skipper’s position in the most recently published OKDIA World Ranking List before the first race. Skippers not on the World Ranking List will be added at the end in alphabetical order (by family name). These assignments will be posted by 21:00 on the day before the first scheduled race for the event.





B1.3 Boats will remain in their assigned colour Group for the duration of the Opening Series. Fleet assignments will be made as per B1.5. For the Final Series, the fleet will be split into Gold and Silver fleets, based on their ranking at the end of the Opening Series.

B1.4 The coloured tape for Gold/Silver fleets will be Yellow/Red. [DP] Boats with an incorrect colour will report to the Race Office to arrange the fitting of a replacement coloured tape. Gold and Silver fleets will be same size, except if there are an odd number of boats, or there is a points tie at the split, the Gold fleet shall be the larger fleet.

B1.5 The Schedule of races will be:

Day	Race	Warning Signal	Fleets
Sunday 25 June	Practice Race	12.55	TBA
Monday 26 June	Race 1	10.55 +10 mins	Yellow/Blue Red/ Green
	Race 2	asap +10 mins	Yellow/Red Blue/ Green
Tuesday 27 June	Race 3	10.55 +10 mins	Yellow/ Green Blue/Red
	Race 4	10.55 +10 mins	Red/ Green Yellow/Blue
Wednesday 28 June	Race 5	10.55 +10 mins	Blue/ Green Yellow/Red
	Race 6	asap +10 mins	Blue/Red Yellow/ Green
Thursday 29 June	Race 7	10.55 +10 mins	Gold Silver
	Race 8	asap +10 mins	Gold Silver
Friday 30 June	Race 9	10.25 +10 mins	Gold Silver
	Race 10	asap +10 mins	Gold Silver

**B1.6 Fleet Assignments**

(a) In the opening series, if all fleets have not completed the same number of races at the end of a day, the first race the following day will be for the rescheduled fleet, except if the Opening Series has been completed, then B1.7 will apply.

(b) Assignments for Gold and Silver fleets will be published as soon as possible after the end of the Opening Series when protests or requests for redress have been decided.

**B1.7 Scoring**

If at the end of the Opening Series, some boats have an additional race score than others, the boats with fewer scores will be awarded average points, after discard, of all completed races to that point, for the race that had not been completed, so that all boats have the same number of race scores. This will only apply if all boats have completed a minimum of four races.