



SWA/BUCS Windsurfing National Championships 2024

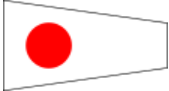

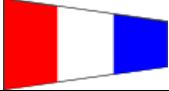

Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions

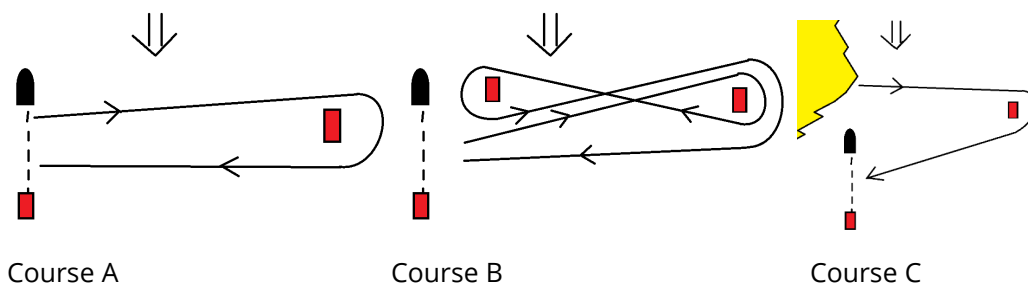


Quick Reference

This page "Quick Reference" is not a rule, does not form part of the NoR/SIs, and is intended solely as an aid to competitors. Competitors should fully read the Sailing Instructions and Notice of Race. Any discrepancy on this page will not be ground for redress. This page can be updated without a notice for competitors.

- **Noticeboard Link:**
<https://t.me/swanationals2024>
- **Saturday**
 - Registration @ 08:30-09:30
 - Briefing @ 10:00
 - First Start @ 11:00
 - Advanced Races x4 first
 - Intermediate Racing x4 (eta 1pm first start)
 - Beginner series happens independently starting @ 11:30
- **Sunday**
 - Briefing @ 12:00
 - First Start @ 12:30
 - Freestyle first (@ 12:30)
 - Then Team Racing (@ 13:30)
- Advanced & Intermediate – at least 4 races
- Beginners – Elimination & Final Series
- Target time is 7 minutes per race
- All starts are 3 minute sequences
- Discards depend on races completed:
 - <4 – None
 - 4-6 – 1 Discard
 - 7+ – 2 Discards
- Course will be communicated to you before the start – make sure you know it! Extra courses may be added during the event
- **Don't forget to TALLY**

Class	Flag
Division 1 (Advanced)	
Division 2 (Intermediate)	
Division 3 (Novice)	
Division 4 (Team)	



Introduction

The Organising Authority is the Student Windsurfing Association (**SWA**)

The Host Venue is Bowmoor Sailing Club (**BSC**)

The notation '[SP]' in a rule means that a standard penalty for a breach of the rule may be applied by the Race Committee without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

Event Basics

1. Rules

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 Supplemental Sailing Instructions (SSI) will be published and may change or supplement rules in these NoR/Sl.
- 1.3 Appendix B shall apply.
- 1.4 The BUCS Windsurfing Regulations apply:
<https://www.bucs.org.uk/rules-and-regulations/sport/windsurfing.html>
- 1.5 The rules and byelaws of Bowmoor Sailing Club will apply.

2. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 5 minutes before the warning signal of the race or races affected, except that any change to the first warning signal in schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 2.2 Changes to a sailing instruction may be made on the water by an Official Vessel displaying flag L and Official Vessels informing competitors orally.

3. Communications

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at:
<https://t.me/swanationals2024>
- 3.2 The race office is located at The James Room inside Bowmoor SC on Saturday. A notice will be published for the location of the race office on Sunday.
- 3.3 [DP] 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. Eligibility and Entry

- 4.1 This event is open to entries from competitors that are eligible under [BUCS General Regulations](#).
- 4.2 All competitors must be from an institution that is a current member of the Student Windsurfing Association, or be an individual who has written permission of the Organising Authority to compete.
- 4.3 All competitors shall enter through BUCSPlay. The deadline for competitor entries is 23:59 5th March 2024, with Institutional administrators needing to confirm entries by 23:59 7th March.
- 4.4 All team members shall be from the same institution in accordance with the BUCS Rules and Regulations.
- 4.5 Classes are defined as follows
 - a) Division 1 – Advanced – Water starting ability and above (RYA level Advanced and above)
 - i. Max Sail Size: 7.5m, Max Board Width: 1m, no daggerboards

- b) Division 2 – Intermediate – can sail upwind without a daggerboard (RYA level Intermediate non-planing and above)
 - i. Max Sail Size: 6.5m, no daggerboards
 - c) Division 3 – Beginner – (RYA level Start and above)
 - i. Pooled Equipment
 - d) Team Racing
 - i. Competitors are to sail the RRD Firerace provided by SWA/Boardwise. The sail used must be the 7.5m Tushingham Concept provided by the SWA/Boardwise, or an alternative rig under 7m.
- 4.6 Competitors may be entered in two classes where one of the classes is Team Racing.
- 4.7 Late entries will be accepted when written approval has been received from the Organising Authority.
- 4.8 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

5. Fees

- 5.1 The BUCS entry fee is £30 per competitor
- 5.2 For team entries, the BUCS fee is £7 per team (Team of 3 competitors) (competitors must still pay individual price if competing)
- 5.3 Late entries may incur an additional 20% Stage 2 fee.

6. Crew Limitations (N/A - Intentionally Blank)

7. Advertising

- 7.1 [NP] [DP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority

8. Qualifying Series and Final Series (N/A – Intentionally Blank)

9. Code of Conduct

- 9.1 [NP] [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- 9.2 [NP] [DP] [SP] Competitors and support persons shall handle any equipment or place advertising provided by the organising authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

10. Signals made Ashore

- 10.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Official Flag Pole, which will be identified at the Competitor briefing.
- 10.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 15 minutes' in Race Signals AP

11. Schedule

- 11.1 Registration will take place at the Race Office between 8:30am and 9:30am on Saturday. We encourage competitors to register as soon as they arrive on site.
- 11.2 There will be a mandatory competitors briefing at 10am on Saturday and 12pm on Sunday.
- 11.3 Timing and length of races will be determined by the race officer based on conditions, forecast, and sailing ability, and will be published in the SSI. A summary will also be provided at the competitor briefing
- 11.4 Saturday Racing Schedule
 - a) The scheduled time of the first warning signal for Division 1/2 will be 1057

- b) Division 1 and Division 2 racing will be sessioned, with the intention to race Division 1 first, followed by Division 2. The race committee expect Division 2 racing to start at around 1pm but more detail will be communicated in the competitor briefing and the SSI
 - c) The scheduled number of races for Division 1 and Division 2 is 4. Additional races may be sailed.
 - d) Division 3 elimination and final series will happen independently of the division 1 and 2 racing with a first warning signal at 1127
- 11.5 Sunday Racing Schedule
- a) Freestyle Heats – 12:30
 - b) The scheduled time of the first warning signal will be 12:27
 - c) Team Racing will take place on Sunday afternoon.
 - d) No warning signal for a new sequence of starts will be made after 1457, except because of a general recall, in which case no warning signal will be made after 1512.
- 11.6 Prize giving will be ASAP after racing has concluded and not before the end of the protest time limit
- 11.7 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting flag will be displayed with one sound at least two minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 11.8 Where the weather or other circumstance and at the discretion of the race committee there is a requirement to modify the schedule of racing, the start time of each division will be relayed via the notice board not less than 30 minutes before the start for that division
- 11.9 Where more than one race is scheduled on a day the second race will start as soon as possible following the completion of the previous race.
- 11.10 Races not completed as scheduled may be sailed at a later time or day. Extra races may be sailed.

12. Equipment Inspection

- 12.1 Boats and personal equipment may be inspected at any time.

13. Clothing and Equipment

- 13.1 Competitors shall wear a personal flotation device to an appropriate standard at all times when afloat except briefly when adjusting clothing or personal equipment, except for Competitors in divisions 1 and 2 who may interchange a personal flotation device with a windsurfing harness. Flag Y will not be displayed. This amends RRS 40.

14. Venue

- 14.1 Races will be sailed on Bowmoor Reservoir
- 14.2 More information will be provided in the SSI and at the competitor briefing

On the Water

15. Class Flags

15.1 The Class Flags are:

Class	Flag
Division 1 (Advanced)	Pennant 1
Division 2 (Intermediate)	Pennant 2
Division 3 (Beginner)	Pennant 3
Team	Pennant 4

16. Racing Area

16.1 The racing area will be on the lake in front of Bowmoor Sailing Club

17. Courses

- 17.1 The diagrams in Addendum A show the course including 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.
- 17.2 The courses can all be flipped by 180 degrees so that the committee boat is passed to starboard across the start line, and the first mark is rounded to port.
- 17.3 The course to sail will be communicated to competitors verbally before the first warning signal
- 17.4 Figures 1, 2, and 3 are the course for intermediate and advanced racing. Courses for beginners will be briefed verbally by the beginner race officer.

18. Marks

- 18.1 Course marks will be described in the Competitors Briefing
- For 6.8 and 7.8 windsurfers, where indicated by the course pack, marks may instead be black.
- 18.2 A vessel that is a mark may not be anchored, but held in place by the use of an engine. This will not be grounds for request of redress, provided the vessel remains close to her correct position. This changes RRS 60.1(b)

19. Obstructions

19.1 Obstructions will be detailed in the SSI and communicated in the Competitors Briefing

20. The Start

- 20.1 All races will be started under Appendix B 26.2, regardless of the direction of the start. This changes rule B 26.
This changes RRS 26, B3 26.1 and B3 26.2.
- 20.2 [NP] The race committee as a courtesy may also verbally indicate time remaining to competitors.
- 20.3 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel or ashore and the course side of the starting mark
- 20.4 [DP] [NP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 20.5 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.

21. Changes of the next leg of the Course

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

- 21.2 Minor mark moves (up to approximately 5 degrees and/or 10% in length) may be made without signalling the change. This changes RRS 33.

22. The Finish

- 22.1 The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the signal vessel or ashore and the course side of the finishing mark
- 22.2 [DP] [NP] After finishing and clearing the finishing line, boats shall keep clear of the finishing area and of all boats not yet finished.
- 22.3 After the first boat has finished, the Race Committee may shorten the course. Boats that have already passed the shortened finishing line shall continue to the original finishing line if their future course does not repass the shortened finishing line. When a boat finishes in accordance with this rule she shall be given a finishing place after all boats which complete more legs of the course and then finish. This changes RRS 32.
- 22.4 The Race Committee may give a score to any boat that is still racing by displaying flag W to her from an official vessel (which may be in motion) with two sounds. A boat's score in these circumstances will be the place she would have received had she sailed the course and finished within any time limit, without gaining or losing any place. She is no longer required to complete the course. This changes RRS 28.1.

23. Penalty System

- 23.1 Appendix T (Arbitration) applies.
- 23.2 If a boat informs the race committee of their intention to protest, where convenient, an arbitration meeting can happen immediately on the water once all parties are finished.
- 23.3 Judges or the Race Committee may blow a whistle when they witness what they believe to be a breach of a rule where a penalty or protest would be appropriate. The judges will be considering entering a hearing request regarding the incident that they have witnessed.

24. Time Limits and Target Times

24.1 The Target Race Time, Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

Class	Target Race Time	Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
Division 1 & 2	7 minutes	5 minutes	12 minutes	5 minutes
Team	7 minutes	5 minutes	12 minutes	5 minutes
Division 3	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC

Any time limits for Division 3 will be communicated to competitors verbally

- 24.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 24.3 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and who were not finished according to SI 14.3 or 14.4 and who were not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.
- 24.4 Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

Other Event Regulation

25. Hearing Requests

- 25.1 Boats intending to lodge a protest relating to a racing incident shall inform the race committee upon finishing the race and receive acknowledgement.
- 25.2 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat of their class has finished the last race of the day on their course, or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is the later. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.
- 25.3 Hearing requests forms are available from the race office.
- 25.4 Notices will be posted no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearing in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

26. Scoring

26.1 Discards

- a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores.
 - b) When from 5 to 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - c) When 7 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 26.2 Rule A4 is changed so that First finishing place received 0.5 points. All other finishing places are unchanged.

27. Safety Regulations [DP] [NP] [SP]

- 27.1 Check-Out and Check-In Procedures ("Tally System"). The requirements of this instruction are specified for the safety of competitors.
- a) The tally control point to check-out and check-in competitors will be located at the waterfront of the clubhouse.
 - b) Tallies comprise of colour-coded numbered rubber wristbands. Numbers will be allocated at registration. Tallies shall be worn visibly, over clothing, on the right wrist at all times while afloat.
 - c) Sailors shall individually check-out before racing by personally collecting their tally.
 - d) Sailors shall individually check-in immediately on returning to shore after racing, but no later than the protest time limit, by returning the tally personally to tally control.
 - e) The penalty for failure to comply with this instruction will be £10 payable to the RNLI, unless they report said infringement to the race committee signal boat prior to the start when a penalty of £5 will be levied, payable to the RNLI. Boats whose crew(s) fail to tally out a second or third time will pay the sum of £15 for each subsequent event. If the payment is not forthcoming before final results are published, the Organising Authority has the option to disqualify the crew from the first race of that days sailing. That result shall remain countable in the results and may not be discarded. This changes rule A5 and 63.1.
- 27.2 Boats shall follow the instructions of Official Persons and Vessels. Infringements will be reported to the race committee, which may protest the boat. Boats are warned that the protest committee may decide that a breach of this instructions amounts to a breach of RRS 2.
- 27.3 When the race committee consider that a boat, its equipment, or crew are not adequate for the existing or anticipated conditions, or that a board or crew member is in difficulty, it may instruct the boat or crew not to launch, or to retire or to sail ashore or to accept outside help. The boat and crew shall comply with such instructions without delay.
- 27.4 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

28. Replacement of Crew or Equipment [DP] [NP]

- 28.1 [DP] [NP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 28.2 [DP] [NP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorised by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity.

29. Equipment and Measurement Checks

- 29.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water or ashore, a boat can be instructed by the Technical Committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.
- 29.2 [DP] [NP] A boat shall comply with any reasonable request made by the Technical Committee
- 29.3 [NP] A breach of a Class Rule shall not be grounds for protest by another boat. This changes RRS 60.
- 29.4 The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in the Rules.

30. Supplied Boats (N/A - Intentionally Blank)

31. Official Vessels

- 31.1 Official Vessels will be identified at the competitor briefing

32. Support Person Vessels and Support Teams [DP] [NP]

- 32.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support persons shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 32.2 For the avoidance of doubt, instruction 32.1 does not change RRS 1.1 and support boats shall give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger.
- 32.3 Support Person Vessels are required to assist with the delivery of the event as directed by the Race Committee.
- 32.4 Support Person Vessels shall register with the Organising Authority with details of support boat (Colour and Size, Owner/Driver's Name, Name and Sail Number of supported competitor) and may be required to carry identifying flags
- 32.5 Except when requested by, or agreed with, the Race Committee, supporters shall not communicate with competitors afloat, tow competitors to or from the race area, or enter the race area.
- 32.6 When afloat, all persons on a support vessel shall wear a personal flotation device at all times. When the engine is running, the support vessel driver shall use a kill cord at all times.

33. Chartered or Loaned Boats (N/A – Intentionally Blank)

34. Trash Disposal [SP] [DP] [NP]

- 34.1 As sailors, we seek to protect and restore our oceans and coastal waters. Trash may be placed aboard safety and race committee vessels. Boats shall not put litter in the water.

- 35. Berthing (N/A – Intentionally Blank)
- 36. Haul-out Restrictions (N/A – Intentionally Blank)
- 37. Diving Equipment and Plastic Pools (N/A – Intentionally Blank)

38. Data Protection

- 38.1 The personal information you provide to the organizing authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the organizing authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.
- 38.2 The SWA Privacy Policy applies: <https://www.studentwindsurfing.co.uk/privacy-policy>
- 38.3 The BUCS Privacy Policy applies: <https://www.bucs.org.uk/legal/privacy-policy.html>

39. Risk Statement

- 39.1 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 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, 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 organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
 - f) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
 - 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 safety briefing held for the event;
- 39.2 BUCS Event Disclaimer applies: <https://www.bucs.org.uk/legal/event-disclaimer.html>

40. Insurance [DP] [NP]

- 40.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £5,000,000 (five million) per event or the equivalent.

41. RYA Racing Charter

- 41.1 Competitors should note that the SWA implement the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be expected to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book (RRS), or at <https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/rules/racing-charter>.

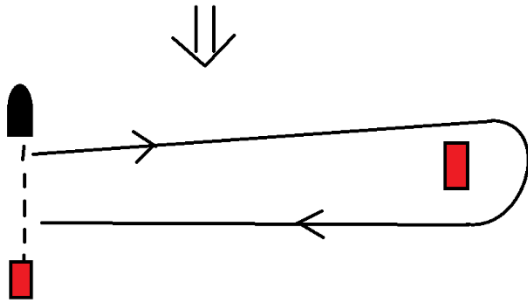
42. Prizes

- 42.1 Prizes to be awarded are:
- a) Division 1 (Advanced)
 - i. 1st, 2nd, 3rd Woman
 - ii. 1st, 2nd, 3rd Man
 - b) Division 2 (Intermediate)
 - i. 1st, 2nd, 3rd Overall
 - c) Division 3 (Beginner)
 - i. 1st, 2nd, 3rd Overall
 - d) Team Racing
 - i. 1st Team (3 Sailors)
 - ii. 2nd Team (3 Sailors)
 - iii. 3rd Team (3 Sailors)

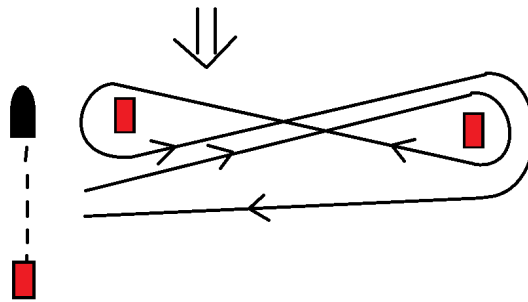
43. Further Information [DP] [NP]

- 43.1 For further information please contact your club representative or a member of the SWA committee

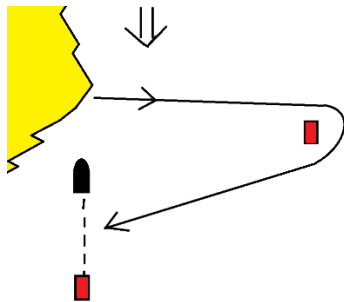
Addendum A – Courses



Course A – Out and Back



Course B – Out and Back Twice



Course C – Out from beach, gybe and finish