



National Championship 2025

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6th – 8th June 2025

Organising Authority (OA): Pevensey Bay Sailing Club

Sailing instructions (SI's)

PREAMBLE: The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025-2028, the Class Rules, the Notice of Race, and these Sailing Instructions (SIs). In the event of a conflict these SIs shall apply.
- 1.2. The following documents also govern this event, and are therefore Rules, however a boat may not protest another boat for breaking any rule in these documents

2. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY AND SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 2.1. Eligibility all entrants is in accordance with section 4 of the Notice of Race.
- 2.2. Tally System. A Tally Board and individual tallies for each sailor will be used and will be described at the briefing. Boats whose crew fail to comply shall accept the fine penalty. [A fine penalty will be a contribution to the RNLI, made before the protest time limit, of £5.00. Infringements will be posted on the official notice board before the protest time limit.
This changes RRS 63.1. Failure to comply with this instruction shall not be grounds for protest by another boat, changing RRS 60.1 (right to protest). No boat may launch until advised by the Race Officer.
- 2.3. [NP] Rule 40.1 personal floatation device will apply at all times while afloat.
- 2.4. [NP] A boat that retired from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 2.5. [NP] No boat shall impede any Commercial shipping.

3. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. The official noticeboard is located on the Clubhouse ground floor, opposite the bottom of the

stairs at Pevensey Bay Sailing Club.

3.2. Useful information may also be relayed via WhatsApp group, set up using mobile numbers from entry forms, however this will not be used for official notifications.

3.3. The Race Office is located at the top of the stairs inside the club house.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1. Any change to the sailing instructions given ashore will be posted at least sixty minutes before the start of the first race affected on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

4.2. Verbal changes to sailing instruction may be given afloat under the direction of the Race Officer by the race committee vessel displaying flag L.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole in front of the Race Office.

5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes'. This changes RRS race signal AP.

5.3. Launching signals may be made from the flagpole or by the Beach master where relevant

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1.

Race No.	Day/Date	High Water	Low Water	Scheduled Warning Signal of 1st race:
1, 2 & 3	Friday 6 June	08:26 5.42m	15:07 1.89m	12:00
4, 5 & 6	Saturday 7 June	09:23 5.64m	15:57 1.77m	10:30
7 & 8	Sunday 8 June	10:10 5.90m	16:41 1.65m	10:30

6.2. 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.

6.3. At the discretion of the Race Committee up to 4 races per day may be sailed in order to complete the series and the change is made according to SI 4.1

6.4. There will be no warning signal after 13:55 on Sunday 8th June.

7. FLAGS

7.1. Class Flag will be the Blaze Class Flag

8. COURSE AREA AND COURSES

8.1. The Course Area for the day will be announced at the briefing.

8.2.

8.2.1 The course diagrams are outlined on Attachment 1 showing the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.2.2 No later than the warning signal, the designated course to be sailed, along with the number of laps, will be displayed from the committee boat.

9. MARKS

9.1. Course Marks 1 will be a large inflatable Black pillar mark, whilst 2, 3, 4 will be large inflatable Orange pillar marks.

9.2. The Outer Distance Starting Mark will be a Orange round buoy or a Rib with an Orange Staff on its console.

9.3 The Finishing Outer Distance Mark will be a Blue round buoy.

9.4 The race committee may use other Marks of different shape and size if necessary. The start and finish marks may be both in place at the same time.

10. THE START

10.1. The committee boat will raise an Orange Flag on its main mast to indicate it is 'On Station' prior to any starting sequence.

10.2. Races will be started by using RRS 26. (5- 4 -1 - Go)

10.3. The Starting line will be between an orange flag on the Committee boat and the outer distance mark as described in 9.2

10.4. A boat starting later than 5 minutes after their starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5. As per appendix J guide.

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

11.1. The Race Committee may move a mark (or the finishing line) up to approximately 100m without signaling the change. This changes RRS 33. If a new mark is laid, the change will be signaled.

12. THE FINISH

12.1. The Finishing line will be between a blue flag on the Committee boat and the Finish Mark.

13. THE FINISHING PROCEDURE

13.1. Each finisher will receive a sound signal where possible.

13.2. The Course may also be shortened at any mark.

1. TARGET TIMES AND TIME LIMITS

1.1. The intention is that Regatta races will continue for approximately 45 minutes. The Race Committee may choose to use Flag W for those boats failing to finish 20 minutes after the first boat finishes. Such boats will have their positions taken and asked to return straight to the committee boat ready for the next race. They will score their position within the fleet even though they did not complete the course. This changes RRS 35 and A5.1 and A5.2.

2. HEARING REQUESTS

- 2.1. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat comes ashore after the last race of the day or 60 minutes after the Race Committee signals no more racing today, if the fleet are already ashore. The time limit will be posted on the official noticeboard
- 2.2. Hearing request forms are available from the Race Office.
- 2.3. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. The protest room will be advised at the time.
- 2.4. The Post-Race Penalty, Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes procedures will apply (for information on the procedures, visit the RYA website). The outcome of an RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee, but an arbitration cannot be reopened or appealed.

3. SCORING

- 16.1 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a regatta series.
- a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed a boat's regatta series score shall be the total of her race scores.
 - b) When 4-7 races have been completed, a boat's regatta series score will be the total of her race score excluding her worst score.
 - c) When 8 races have been completed, a boat's regatta series score will be the total of her race score excluding her worst two scores.

4. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia of other causes. 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 float 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) 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 competitors briefing held for the event.

23. INSURANCE

23.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £5,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

24. PRIZES

24.1. Prizes will be awarded depending on entry numbers.

24.2. The minimum number of prizes to be awarded will be: BLAZE Overall 1st to 5th, 1st Lady, 1st Youth, 1st Polyester & Fire prizes.

24.3. Fire prizes will be awarded to the square root of the number of entries, rounded down, and to a maximum of 3rd place.

25. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

Substitution of competitors is not allowed

26. TRASH DISPOSAL

26.1. The support vessels are not to be used to dispose of rubbish

Further information:

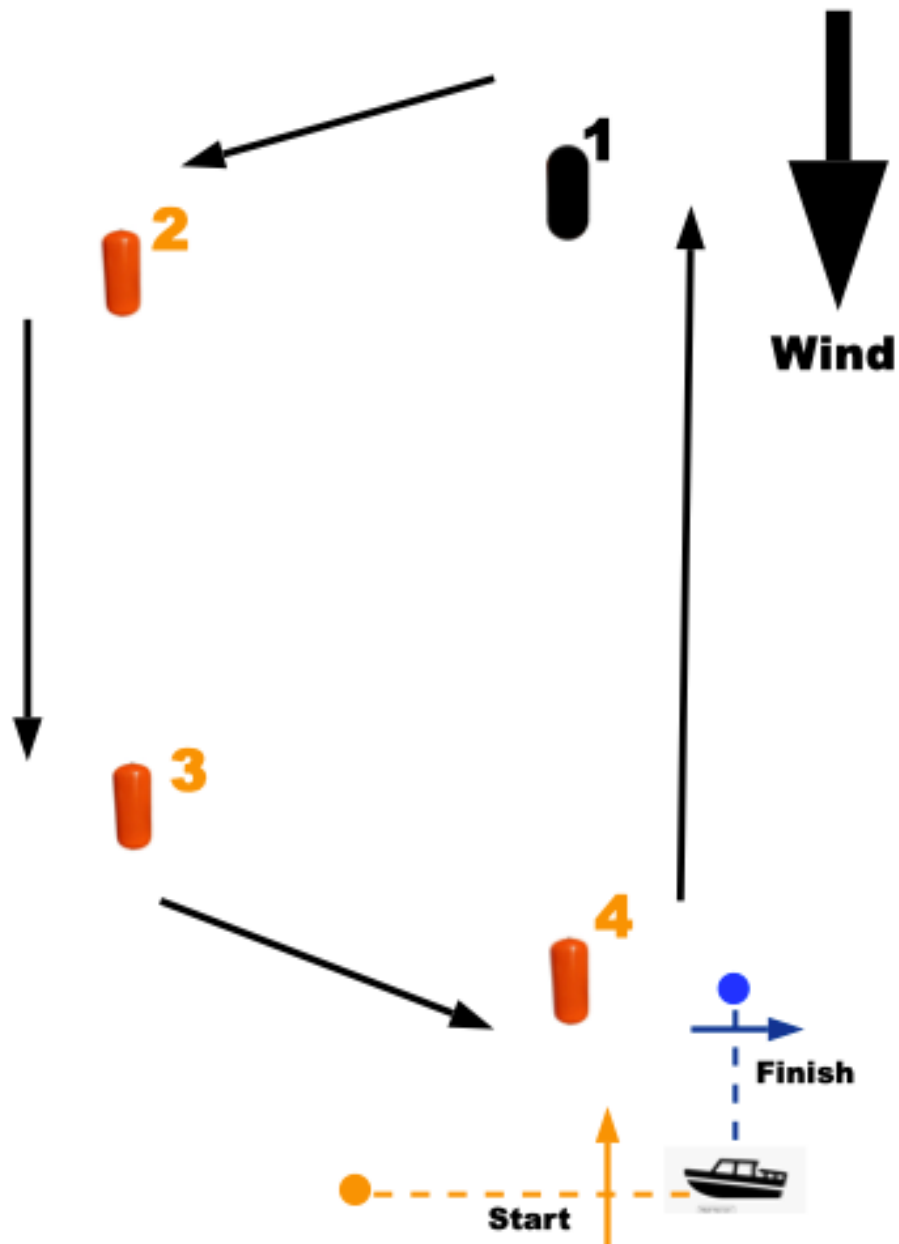
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Commodore – Gary Pearson – 07970 102278

Sailing Secretary – Matt Fowler – Sailingsecretary@pbbc.org.uk

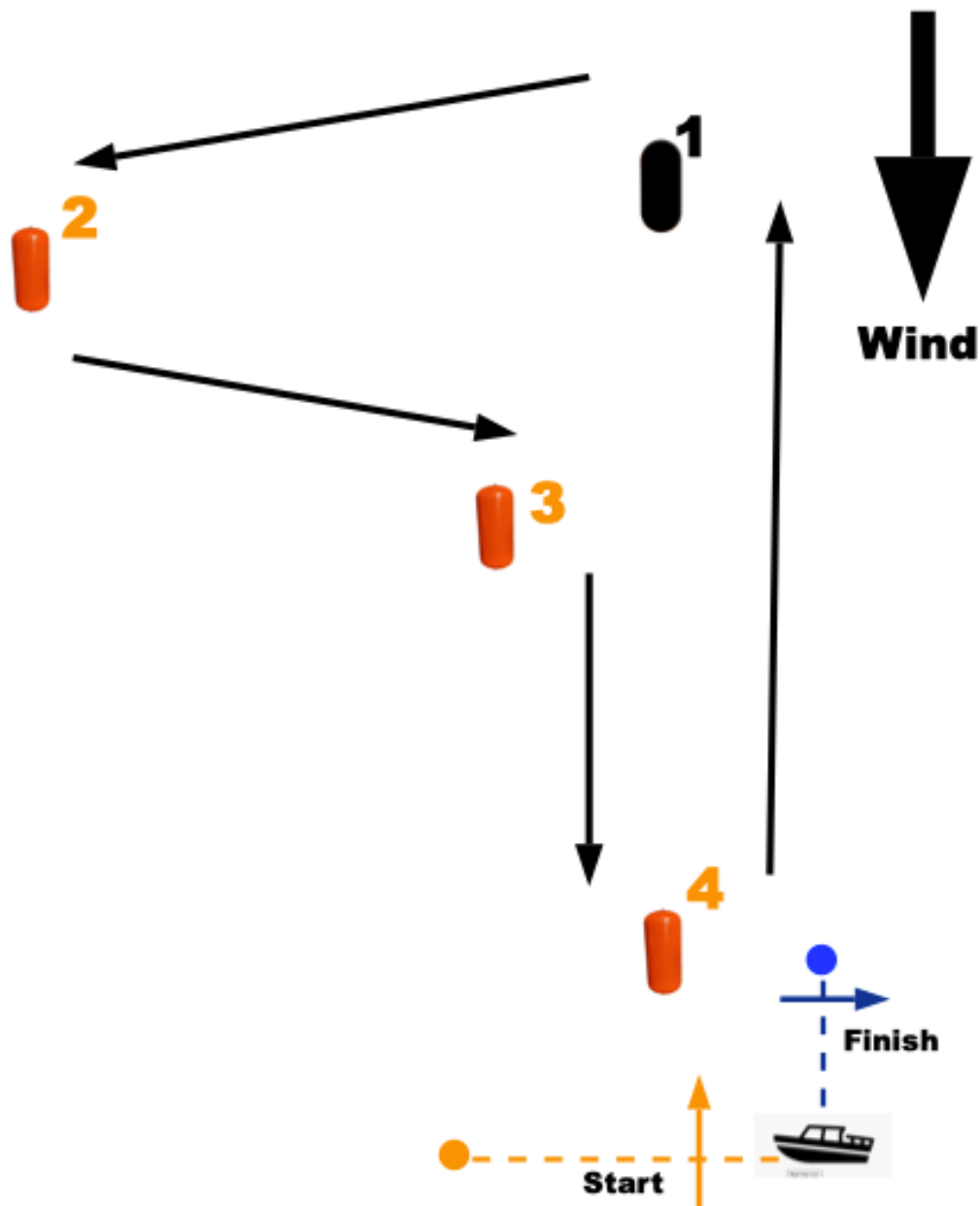
Blaze Trapezoidal Course



Mark Rounding Order

- . Start
- . 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 = 1lap
- (Repeat 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 for the assigned number of laps)
- . Finsh

Blaze Reverse P Course



Mark Rounding Order

- . Start
- . 1 - 2 - 3 (to starboard) - 4 = 1lap
- (Repeat 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 for the assigned number of laps)
- . Finish