



Sailing Instructions
Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy, United Kingdom
INTERNATIONAL DART 18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
21st – 27th August 2010

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the ‘rules’ as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, except that:
 - 1.1.a. The prescriptions of the Royal Yachting Association will not apply, and
 - 1.1.b. The IDA Championship Rules 5c, 6e, 6h, 7, 10, 12, 13 and 14 will not apply.
- 1.2 Where there is a conflict between the Notice of Race, or the Dart 18 Class Rules and these sailing instructions, the sailing instruction will take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board (ONB), located in the glass kiosk in the Events Hall of the WPNSA.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it takes effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main signal mast at WPNSA.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 60 minutes’ in race signal AP. Boats should not launch until AP is removed ashore.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 10 Races are scheduled.
- 5.2 Racing is scheduled as follows:

Date	Time of Ist Warning Signal
Sunday August 22nd (Practice Race)	13.55
Monday August 23rd	10.55
Tuesday August 24th	10.55
Wednesday August 25th	10.55
Thursday August 26th	10.55
Friday August 27th	10.55

- 5.3 Two races a day are scheduled, but three races may be sailed on any one day if races have been lost on previous days.
- 5.4 To alert boats that a race will start soon an orange flag will be displayed with one long sound at least 4 minutes before a warning signal is displayed.
- 5.5 The time of the warning signal of the second and subsequent races each day will be as soon as possible after the finish of the previous race.
- 5.6 The last possible starting signal on August 27th will be 15.00hrs (unless after a general recall or postponement during the start sequence).

6. CLASS FLAG

6.1 The class flag will be 'D'.

7. RACING AREA

7.1 The racing area will be within 4 nautical miles to the east of WPNSA.

8. COURSES

8.1 The diagrams in Appendix 1 show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.2 The course signal (number of beats to be sailed) will be shown by the appropriate numeral pennant displayed on the committee boat before the warning signal.

8.3 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat may display the approximate compass bearing from the committee boat to Mark 1.

9. MARKS

9.1 All marks will be inflatable buoys, the colour of which will be stated on the ONB before 2000 on Saturday 21st August.

10. THE START

10.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with 5 minutes between the warning signal and the start signal.

10.2 The starting line will be between a mast displaying an orange flag on the main committee boat, to an inflatable outer distance mark (ODM) or the mast displaying an orange flag on a port end starting vessel.

10.3 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.1.

11. CHANGING THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When a subsequent change is made the mark will be replaced with the original mark.

11.2 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee boat signaling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes rule 28.1.

12. THE FINISH

12.1 The finishing Line will be between the mast on a race committee boat displaying an orange flag and an inflatable outer distance mark (ODM) or the mast displaying an orange flag on a committee vessel.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 A boat may take a one turn penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing. This changes RRS 44.1.

13.2 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under rule 31.2 (Touching a Mark) or 44.1 (Penalties for Breaking Rules of Part 2) shall complete an acknowledgment form at the race office within the protest time limit.

14. TIME LIMITS

14.1 The target time of a race is 60-70 minutes for the leading boat. A race time outside of this range shall not be grounds for redress.

14.2 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within 60 minutes the race will be abandoned.

14.3 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35 and A4.1.

15. PROTESTS

- 15.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit, which is 90 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day.
- 15.2 The time limit for asking for a hearing to be reopened on the last day of the event is 30 minutes after the decision has been announced.
- 15.3 A schedule of protest hearings will be posted on the ONB within 30 minutes of the protest time limit.
- 15.4 For the purpose of rule 64.3(b) the 'authority responsible' is the measurer appointed by the organizing authority.

16. SCORING

- 16.1 The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply.
- 16.2 A minimum of 4 completed races will constitute a Championship.
- 16.3 Each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, with her worst score discarded if 5 or more races have been completed.
- 16.4 Scoring for the Team Trophy will be the sum of the points of the first two boats, from each Country, in the final results.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 Personal floatation devices shall be worn at all times when afloat.
- 17.2 Check-in and Check-out: A Tally system is in operation. Helms and crew are allocated a Tally number on registration. Tallies, in the form of wrist bands, must be worn by helm and crew at all times whilst afloat. Helms will wear an orange tally; crew, a yellow tally. On completion of the race, or races when they are held back to back, immediately on return to the shore, the tally must be replaced on the tally board in its correct position.
- 17.3 Failure to comply with the safety regulations in SI 17.1 and 17.2 will result in a 5 point penalty for that boat without a hearing. Failure to check-out will result in a 5 point penalty applied to the next race; failure to check back in will result in a 5 point penalty applied to the last race prior to coming ashore. A penalty exceeding 5 points will not be applied to any one race nor will a boat be scored worse than DSQ.
- 17.4 Any boat retiring from a race shall complete the declaration form, available in WPNSA, immediately on returning to shore.

18. REPLACEMENT OF CREW AND EQUIPMENT

- 18.1 All boats will be scrutineered before the first race. Once scrutineered, equipment may only be changed if it is damaged and then only with the permission of the Jury, who may decide that the damaged equipment is to be repaired and that substituted equipment may be used for a designated period only.
- 18.2 Substitution of the crew shall only be permitted in the event of injury, illness or special circumstances and then only with the permission of the Jury. The weight of the substituted crew will be considered.
- 18.3 Only one set of sails can be scrutineered for each boat.
- 18.4 No competitor may protest a boat for measurement issues later than the protest time limit applying to Race 1 except on grounds that there has been a subsequent alteration of the boat or its equipment. This changes RRS 60.1.

19. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 19.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by the race committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.
- 19.2 Under exceptional circumstances, the race committee may permit sails carrying an identifying number other than that required by RRS 77 and Appendix G. Prior written approval is required from the Race Committee.

20. SUPPORT BOATS

- 20.1 All support boats shall register at the race office before launching for the first time.
- 20.2 Team leaders and other support personnel shall stay at least 100m outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 20.3 Support boats shall be marked with the national flag of the appropriate country or country letters with a minimum height of 300mm clearly visible from both sides of the boat.
- 20.4 The penalty for infringing the requirements of 20.1, 20.3 or 20.3 will be at the discretion of the Jury and may include disqualification of one or all boats associated with the infringing vessel.

21. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 21.1 A boat shall neither make radio communications while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

22. ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION

- 22.1 A boat shall not cause or negligently allow containers, wrapping, fruit peel or cores to enter the water and shall use her best efforts to recover any item that enters the water.

23. PRIZES

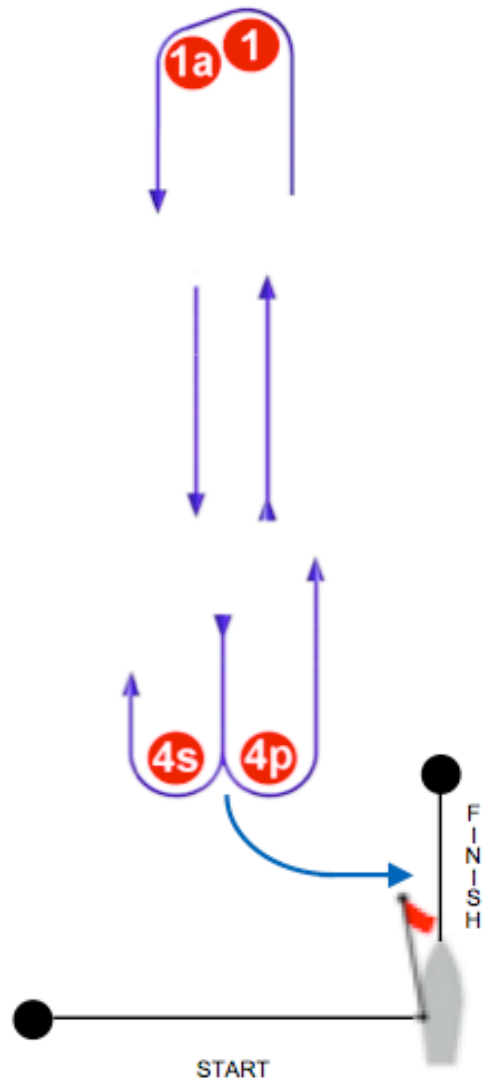
- 23.1 Prizes will be awarded to the first 10 overall and as follows:
 - 1st Overall World Champion Trophy
 - 1st Overall Junior Helm Junior Trophy
(under 21 years on 27th August 2010)
 - 1st Overall Masters Masters Trophy
(combined age of 90 years or over on 22nd August 2010)
- 23.2 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organizers.
- 23.3 There may be a daily prize giving.

24. SHIPPING

- 24.1 Competitors do not have any rights over shipping that is constrained by deep water channels and must take any action required in order to keep clear of all such ships.
- 24.2 Boats shall use only the northern entrance when leaving or entering Portland Harbour.

25. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY AND INSURANCE

- 25.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.
- 25.2 Each boat must have a valid third party insurance for a minimum of €1,500,000. Proof of this insurance shall be available at all times.



SIGNAL	MARK ROUNDING ORDER
NP 2	Start - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - 4p - Finish
NP 3	Start - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - 4p - Finish

Except at a gate all marks are to be rounded to port.
 A gate may be replaced by a single mark to be left to port.