



RS Aero 6 & 9 UK National Championships 2024

Felpham Sailing Club

21 Blakes Road, Felpham, Bognor Regis PO22 7EE

Sat 25th - Mon 27th May 2024

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Racing rules Race Signals AP, 32, 33, 35, 60.1(a & b), 61.3, 62.1(a), 62.2, A2.1, and A5 will be changed. The changes appear, in full, in these sailing instructions.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09:00 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.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the clubhouse
Other documents are available on the club's event page;
<https://felphamsailingclub.co.uk/racing/open-meetings/>
- 3.2 Messages to competitors from the Race Committee may also be posted on the Competitor's WhatsApp group but these are for information only and errors, contradictions or anomalies will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a). The WhatsApp group may be joined using this link: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/GklvZa1HRrT2MkqGbUm8YF>

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

[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 at the main flagpole, above the balcony.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP. This changes race signals AP.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 Registration: Friday 24th 18:00-20:00 and Saturday 25th 08:00-10:00 at Felpham Sailing Club clubhouse.
- 6.2 Briefing: A Briefing will be held just outside the clubhouse on Saturday 25th May at 10:30.

6.3

Date	First Warning Signal	Planned Races
Sat 25 th May	11:25	3
Sun 26 th May	11:55	3
Mon 27 th May	09:55	3

6.4 Nine Races are scheduled. Races may be sailed either in advance or arrears to complete the programme if weather other reasons dictate. The maximum number of races a day is four.

6.5 The scheduled time of the first warning signal of the first race on Saturday 25th May is 11:25.

6.6 On the last day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15:00.

6.7 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound signal at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

7 CLASS FLAGS

RS Aero 6 '6' on a Purple background (or if not available Numeral 6)

RS Aero 9 '9' on a Pink background (or if not available Numeral 9)

8 RACING AREA

The racing area shall be off Felpham Beach to the South of the FSC Clubhouse.

9 COURSES

9.1 A Trapezoid or Trapezoid with inner and outer loop course will be used. The diagrams in Addendum A show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be passed.

9.2 The courses to be sailed will be explained at the briefing. As well as being displayed on the committee boat, along with the number of laps, for each class.

10 MARKS

10.1 All marks will be Orange inflatable marks apart from the finish that will be a yellow stick mark.

10.2 When a gate mark is used, if one or other of the gate marks is missing, the remaining mark shall be rounded to port.

11 OBSTRUCTIONS

Does not apply

12 THE START

12.1 The starting line will be between a mast on the committee boat displaying an orange flag at the starboard end and the course side of a port-end starting mark.

12.2 A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the

finishing line) to a new position.

13.2 Minor course changes may not be signalled. This changes RRS 33.

14 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a mast on the committee boat displaying a blue flag at the port- end and the course side of the starboard-end finishing mark.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

See NoR 13.

16 TIME LIMITS

16.1 Boats failing to finish within a 15 minute finishing window after the first boat in her class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2

16.2 In addition to RRS 32, the race committee may also award a finishing score to a boat that is still racing by displaying to her from a committee vessel (which may be in motion) flag W with one sound signal. A boat so notified is no longer required to sail the course, shall stop racing and shall return to the starting area, or return ashore if there is no more racing. A finishing score under this sailing instruction will be the score she would have received had she sailed the course and finished within any time limit, without gaining or losing any place. However, when two or more boats that are overlapped are notified, they will be scored as if they were tied. The decision by the race committee to use this procedure or not to use it shall not be grounds for requesting redress. This changes rules 60.1(b) and 62.1(a).

17 HEARING REQUESTS

17.1 The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is the later. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.

17.2 Hearing Request forms are available at the race office.

17.3 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. Hearings will be held in the protest room on 1st floor adjacent to race office.

18 SCORING

As per NoR 14.

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

19.1 [DP] [NP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

19.2 Competitors will need to tally in and out each day, with a wrist band, located just outside the club entrance.

20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

20.1 [DP] [NP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed.

20.2 [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.

21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

[NP] A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.

22 SUPPLIED BOATS

Does not apply.

23 OFFICIAL VESSELS

The Committee vessel will be identified as a small white Orkney fishing boat

24 [DP] [NP] SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

As per NoR 15

25 TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard official or support person vessels.

26 BERTHING

[DP] [NP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the dinghy park.

27 PRIZES

As per NoR 20

28 RISK STATEMENT

As per NoR 18

29 INSURANCE

As per NoR 19

Addendum A

OX	COURSE: OUTER with reaching finish
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
OX2	Start – 1 – 2 – 3s/3p – 2 – 3p – 5 – Finish
OX3	Start – 1 – 2 – 3s/3p – 2 – 3s/3p – 2 – 3p – 5 – Finish

The diagram illustrates the 'OUTER' course with a reaching finish. The course is a closed loop with the following sequence of marks:

- Start**: Indicated by a red circle and a dashed line to a black arrow.
- 1**: A red circle at the top.
- 2**: A red circle on the left side.
- 3s**: A red circle on the bottom left.
- 3p**: A red circle on the bottom right.
- 5**: A red circle at the bottom center.
- Finish**: Indicated by a yellow circle with a black arrow pointing towards it.

Arrows show the direction of travel: starting from the **Start** point, the path goes clockwise through **1**, **2**, **3s**, **3p**, **5**, and finally reaching the **Finish** point. There are also two pink circles labeled **4s** and **4p** located in the center-right area of the course.

IX	COURSE: INNER with reaching finish
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
IX2	Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 2 – 3p – 5 – Finish
IX3	Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 2 – 3p – 5 – Finish

T	COURSE: TRAPEZOID with windward finish
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
T2	Start -1-2-3-4-Start-1-2-3-4-Finish
T3	Start -1-2-3-4-Start-1-2-3-4-Start-1-2-3-4 Finish

