



# International Topper World Championships 2024

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# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI's)

## 1 Rules

- 1.1 The championships will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The Prescriptions of the Spanish Sailing Federation apply and are available on: https://www.rfev.es/uploaded\_files/Document\_3219\_20210101121551\_es.pdf
- 1.3 [DP] The International Topper Class Rules apply.
- 1.4 In all rules governing this event:
  - a) A boat may not protest another boat or request redress for any breach of a rule marked [NP] and the international jury may refuse to hold a hearing. This changes RRS 60.1.
  - b) For breaches of rules marked [SP] the race committee or technical committee may apply a standard penalty without a hearing or the international jury a discretionary penalty [DP] with a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.1.
  - c) The notation [DP] is as defined in the RRS (and means that the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification).
- 1.5 RRS 90.3(e) applies with '24 hours' changed to '30 minutes'.
- 1.6 In case of conflict with the Notice of Race these Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.7 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.8 [NP][DP] All sailors and support persons shall follow any reasonable instruction given by a race official.
- 2 Notices to Competitors and Communication with Competitors
- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official online notice board at

https://itcaworld.ourclubadmin.com/event/12/noticeboard and may be copied to the Race Office noticeboard.[NP] The publication of notices may also be announced on Telegram. [NP]

- 2.2 The Opening Ceremony will take place on Saturday 20th July at 20:00 local time. Further details will be provided in due course.
- 2.3 [NP] There will be a welcome and briefing for all competitors and their supporters, which all competitors should attend, in front of the main building on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July at 17:30 local time.
- 2.4 There will be a daily briefing for all competitors in front of the main building on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July and each day thereafter. Timings will be advised.
- 2.5 Communication with competitors (including OCS, UFD, BFD, DSQ, protest, redress, etc notification under RRS 29.1, 30.3, 30.4 and RRS 42 penalty signaling under RRS P1) will be by Event number. This changes RRS 30.4 and P1.

# 3 Changes to Sailing Instructions

3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least two hours before the scheduled warning signal of the first race on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 18:00 or the end of the latest protest time limit (whichever is the later) on the day before it will take effect.

# 4 Signals made Ashore

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole near the Beach gate in the dinghy park.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 4.3 [NP] [DP] Boats shall not go afloat until flag D is displayed ashore with one long sound signal. The warning signal will be made not before 60 minutes after this flag is displayed or the scheduled time whichever is later.

# 5 Format of Racing

## 5.3 class

- 5.1 The International Topper 5.3 World Championship will consist of a Qualification Series followed by a Final Series. Six races are scheduled for the Qualification Series and nine for the Final Series.
- 5.2 The Qualification Series is scheduled to run from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July to the end of Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July. If fewer than four races have been completed by any flight within that time however, the Qualification Series will continue until the end of the first day when at least four races have been completed by all flights, even if more than 4 races have been completed by then.
- 5.3 For the Qualification Series the Championship entry will be divided by a seeding committee into four flights of as near as possible equal size: Yellow, Blue, Red and White. The decisions of the seeding committee will not be grounds for a boat to request redress (this changes RRS 60.1(b)). Flight allocations will be displayed on the official noticeboard after registration. The four flights will race together as follows:

| Race | 1 <sup>st</sup> Start     | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Start |
|------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1    | Yellow & Blue             | Red & White           |
| 2    | Yellow &Red               | Blue & White          |
| 3    | Yellow &White             | Blue & Red            |
| 4    | White & Red               | Blue & Yellow         |
| 5    | White & Blue              | Red & Yellow          |
| 6    | Red & Blue White & Yellow |                       |

- 5.4 If any Qualification series race is abandoned on the water for any reason (flag N displayed on the race committee signal vessel) all subsequent Qualification series races are postponed until the abandoned race has been re-sailed and completed, or the Qualification series ends.
- 5.5 Following completion of the Qualification Series, the results of the Qualification Series will be used to divide the Championship entry into three fleets for the Final Series: Gold, Silver and Bronze. Racing in the Final series will be between the boats within each fleet and not between fleets.
- 5.6 The boats with the best series score at the end of the Qualification series will be assigned to the Gold fleet. The minimum number of boats assigned to the Gold fleet will be 40% of the number of boats entered in the Championship, rounded up. In addition, all boats with the same series score as the last boat assigned to the Gold fleet in this way will also be assigned to the Gold fleet.
- 5.7 The minimum number of boats assigned to the Silver fleet will be 50% of the remaining boats. In addition, all boats with the same series score as the last boat assigned to the Silver fleet in this way will also be assigned to the Silver fleet. The remainder will be assigned to the Bronze fleet.
- 5.8 The allocation of boats to Final Series fleets will be displayed on the official notice board from at least two hours before the scheduled warning signal of the first race of the Final Series.
- 5.9 Any recalculation of Qualification series scores after boats have been assigned to Final series fleets will not affect those assignments, except that a redress decision before the Final series races commence may promote a boat into a higher fleet.

#### 4.2 class

5.10 The International Topper 4.2 World Championship will consist of a single Championship series. A total of 15 races are scheduled.

# 6 Schedule of Racing

6.1 Racing is scheduled for both classes on each day from Monday to Friday as follows.

| Day       | 4.2 class            | 5.3 class                          |
|-----------|----------------------|------------------------------------|
| Monday    | 3 races back to back | 3 races back to back Qualification |
| Tuesday   | 3 races back to back | 3 races back to back Qualification |
| Wednesday | 3 races back to back | 3 races back to back Final         |
| Thursday  | 3 races back to back | 3 races back to back Final         |
| Friday    | 3 races back to back | 3 races back to back Final         |

- 6.2 If at the end of any day the total number of races completed by a class is fewer than the scheduled total, one additional race may be sailed by that class on the following day without further notice.
- 6.3 The first start on Monday is scheduled at 12:00. The time for the next days will be advised.
- 6.4 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon the orange starting line flag will be displayed on the race committee signal vessel with one sound signal at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 6.5 The warning signal for any subsequent start in a sequence will be made not less than two minutes after the starting signal for the previous start in the sequence has been made.
- 6.6 On the last day of the event no warning signal for any fleet will be made after 15:00.

# 7 Class / Fleet Flags

- 7.1 The 5.3 class flag is flag T. For the Qualification series the class flag for each flight will be a flag of the relevant colour. Class flags for the Final series will be as follows:
  - a) Gold fleet Yellow flag
  - b) Silver fleet Blue flag
  - c) Bronze fleet Red flag
- 7.2 [NP][DP] When the 5.3 class is split into flights or fleets, each boat shall, while racing, display from the top of her mast a coloured pennant corresponding to her flight/fleet colour (available from the race office).
- 7.3 The 4.2 class flag is flag T defaced with '4.2'.

# 8 Racing Areas

Each class will race in a separate area within the environs of Mar Menor

#### 9 The Courses

- 9.1 The courses to be sailed, including the order in which the marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left, are shown in Appendix 1. The number of beats to be sailed will be displayed on a board on the race committee signal vessel no later than the warning signal until at least the starting signal for each start.
- 9.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
- 9.3 When one of two gate marks is missing the remaining mark shall be left to port.

# 10 Marks

- 10.1 The starting marks for each class will be either two committee vessels each displaying an orange flag, or a committee vessel displaying an orange flag and a dan buoy with an orange flag.
- 10.2 The finishing marks will be either two committee vessels each displaying a blue flag, or a committee vessel displaying a blue flag and a dan buoy with a blue flag.
- 10.3 For the **5.3 class**, marks 1 and 2 will be yellow inflatable buoys, marks 3a/3b and 4a/4b will be red inflatable buoys. A notice will be posted on the official notice board to inform competitors of the description of any change marks before they are used.
- 10.4 For the **4.2 class**, marks 1,2,3a/3b & 5 will be green inflatable buoys.

# 11 Areas that are obstructions

11.1 A support vessel in close attendance to a boat, vessel or person in difficulty is an obstruction.

#### 12 The Start

- 12.1 The starting line will be between the mast displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel at the starboard end of the line and at the port end either;
  - the mast displaying an orange flag on another committee vessel, or
  - the course side of a dan buoy with an orange flag.
- 12.2 If a dan buoy with an orange flag is used, the race committee may position a vessel outside the port end of the starting line to sight the line. When that vessel is in position, or maneuvering to hold position, a boat that touches it shall take a one-turn penalty as described in RRS 44.2

- 12.3 [NP] [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other fleets and races.
- 12.4 A boat that starts more than four (4) minutes after her starting signal will be scored 'Did Not Start' without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 12.5 If a start under RRS 30.4 (Black Flag Rule) is recalled or abandoned after the starting signal, the event numbers of the boats that have been disqualified from the race under that rule will be displayed on the race committee signal vessel or a nearby committee vessel for a minimum of 3 minutes before the next warning signal. A repeated sound signal will be made as the numbers are first displayed. (Competitors are reminded that any boat so notified must not sail in any restart or re-sail of that race see RRS 30.4). This changes RRS 30.4

# 13 Change of the Next Leg of the Course

- 13.1 For the **5.3 class**, to change the next leg of the course the race committee will move the original mark, gate or finishing line to its new position, or lay a new mark and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a change mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 13.1 For the **4.2 class**, to change the next leg of the course the race committee will move the original mark, gate or finishing line to its new position.
- 13.2 The requirement to signal a change of course in accordance with RRS 33 does not apply if the race committee (a) changes the angle of the next leg of the course by no more than plus or minus 10 degrees, and/or (b) extends or shortens its length by no more than 100 metres, and (c) does not lay a new mark (or replace a change mark with an original mark). This changes RRS 33.

#### 14 The Finish

- 14.1 The finishing line will be between the mast displaying a blue flag on the race committee finishing vessel and either:
  - the mast displaying a blue flag on another committee vessel, or
  - the course side of a dan buoy with a blue flag.
- 14.2 When finishing, boats should make every effort to show their event number clearly to the finish line committee vessel(s).
- 14.3 [NP] [DP] After finishing and clearing the finishing line, boats shall keep clear of the finishing area and of all boats not yet finished.
- 14.4 [NP] Boats re-crossing the finishing line in the direction of the course from the last mark may be scored for their final crossing.
- 14.5 [NP] In addition to the procedure for shortening course in RRS 32, the race committee may also award a finishing position 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 (changing RRS 28.1), shall stop racing and return to the starting area, or return ashore if there is no more racing. A boat's finishing position under this sailing instruction will be the position 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.

## 15 Policing of RRS 42

- 15.1 Appendix P will apply as changed by SI 15.2.
- 15.2 RRS P2.3 will not apply and RRS P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one.

# 16 [NP] Target Time and Time Limits

16.1 The target time, Mark 1 time limit and race time limit for each class are as follows:

|                   | 5.3 class  | 4.2 class  |
|-------------------|------------|------------|
| Target time       | 45 minutes | 40 minutes |
| Mark 1 time limit | 30 minutes | 20 minutes |
| Race time limit   | 90 minutes | 60 minutes |

16.2 If no boat has rounded Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned. (Similarly, RRS 35 specifies that if no boat finishes within the race time limit the race committee shall abandon the race).

#### 17 Declaration of Penalties

17.1 [NP] [DP] A boat that retires before finishing or takes a one-turn penalty or a two-turn penalty under RRS 44.2 shall record the details on a declaration form at the tally board before the end of tally time.

# 18 Protests and Requests for Redress

- 18.1 Boats intending to protest or request redress for an incident on the race course shall inform the race official wearing a hi-vis vest in a race committee vessel (RIB) near the finishing line upon finishing the race, or promptly thereafter. If they do not finish the race they shall inform either a jury vessel or a race committee vessel as soon as practicable after they retire. This adds to the requirements of RRS 61.1 for a protest or request for redress to be valid.
- 18.2 Protests and requests for redress or reopening by boats shall be submitted on paper. Hearing request forms will be available at the Race Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the time limit.
- 18.3 RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, applies. Rule T2 is changed so that the first part of the first sentence reads "An Arbitration meeting <u>may</u> be held prior to a protest hearing for each incident resulting in a protest by a boat...."
- 18.4 The protest time limit for each fleet or class will be 30 minutes after the last competitor in that fleet or class comes ashore promptly after the last race of the day. This time limit is extended by 30 minutes for a protest by the Race Committee, Technical Committee or Protest Committee concerning an incident they observed in the racing area.
- 18.5 Details of all protests and requests for redress or reopening received will be published on the official notice board as soon as practical after their receipt, and in any case no later than 30 minutes after the last protest time limit on each day, to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Arbitration meetings and protest hearings may begin without a notice and within protest time when the parties are available and have had sufficient time to prepare.
- 18.6 On the last day of the Qualification Series for the 5.3 class and of the event for both classes, a request for re-opening a hearing shall be delivered:
  - a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting re-opening was informed of the decision on a previous day;
  - b) no later than 15 minutes after the party requesting re-opening was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes RRS 66.2.

18.7 On the last day of the Qualification Series for the 5.3 class and of the event for both classes, a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 15 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2(a).

18.8 Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

# 19 Outside Help

- 19.1 RRS 41(a) is changed to include help to recover after a capsize from the race committee or registered support vessels. The actions or omission from the race committee under this SI will be not grounds to request redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b)
- 19.2 [DP] No boat shall be towed by any support vessel at any time whilst afloat, unless the boat is disabled, or permission has been given by the course safety lead or race officer. This includes towing to or from the race area. If the race committee displays flag R ashore then towing out to the race areas is permitted. If the race committee displays flag R afloat then towing back from the race area is permitted.

# 20 Scoring

- 20.1 The event will be scored in accordance with Appendix A as amended below.
- 20.2 Except where specifically stated ties on total points will be broken by RRS A8 only for the purpose of awarding trophies and prizes, in which case RRS A8.2 will be applied (if necessary) considering only those races in which the tied boats sailed against each other.

# Scoring for the Topper 5.3m2 Championship

20.3 A total of 15 races are scheduled – six races in the Qualification Series and nine races in the Final Series. At least four (4) races must be completed in the Qualification Series prior to the fleet being split into Final Series fleets. One race must be completed by the Gold fleet in the Final Series to constitute the Championship. If at the end of the last day of the Qualification series some boats have more race scores than others, scores for the most recent races will be excluded so that all boats have the same number of race scores

## 20.4 In the Qualification Series:

- 20.4.1 For each race, each start will first be scored separately. The scores from both starts will then be combined to produce the overall result for the race, so that there will be two firsts, two seconds, etc. RRS A7 will not be applied to these tied race scores.
- 20.4.2 When a race is postponed, recalled or abandoned for one or more starts, that race will not be completed and scored for any start until at least one boat in each start has started, sailed the course in compliance with RRS 28 and finished within the time limit, and the race has not subsequently been abandoned.
- 20.5 For the Final Series each fleet will be scored separately. There is no requirement for the different fleets to sail the same number of races.
- 20.6 In the Championship results, all boats assigned to the Gold fleet will rank ahead of all boats assigned to the Silver fleet and all boats assigned to the Silver fleet will rank ahead of all boats assigned to the Bronze fleet
- 20.7 For each of the Qualification series and the Final series a boat's series score will, subject to RRS 90.3(b), be the total of her race scores excluding her worst race scores as follows:
  - 20.7.1 When three (3) or fewer races have been completed no race scores will be excluded.
  - 20.7.2 When four (4) to seven (7) races have been completed one race score will be excluded.
  - 20.7.3 When eight (8) or more races have been completed two race scores will be excluded.
- 20.8 Scoring ties at the completion of the Finals series will be split using Series Ties A8.1 & A8.2
- 20.9 A boat's Championship score will be her Final series score.
  - 20.10 For the Qualification series RRS A5.2 is changed as follows: the words "the number of boats entered in the series" are deleted and replaced with "the largest number of boats assigned

- to start together in the race".
- 20.11 For the Final series RRS A5.2 is changed as follows: the words "the number of boats entered in the series" are deleted and replaced with "the number of boats assigned to her final series fleet".
- 20.12 When the Championship is not properly constituted (minimum 1 race completed in the Final Series by the Gold Fleet), prizes will be presented. However, the Overall Championship Trophy will not be awarded.

# Scoring for the Topper 4.2m2 Championship

- 20.13 A total of fifteen (15) races are scheduled. Four races must be completed to constitute the Championship.
- 20.14 A boat's Championship score will, subject to RRS 90.3(b), be the total of her race scores excluding her worst race scores as follows:
  - a) When three (3) or fewer races have been completed no race score will be excluded;
  - b) When four (4) to seven (7) races have been completed one race score will be excluded;
  - c) When eight (8) to twelve (12) races have been completed two race scores will be excluded;
  - d) When thirteen (13) or more races have been completed three race scores will be excluded.

# 21 [NP] [DP] Safety

- 21.1 RRS 40.1 Personal Floatation Devices, Basic Rule applies at all times while afloat.
- 21.2 When a member of the race committee or technical committee considers that a boat, its equipment, or a competitor may not be adequate for the current or expected conditions, or for any other reason associated with safety, he or she may stop the boat launching, or require it to return ashore, or go to a designated location.
- 21.3 Boats and competitors shall comply with all reasonable support vessel crew instructions.
- 21.4 A boat that wishes to leave the racing area before the end of racing shall request permission from the race committee or an official safety vessel before doing so, and shall obey any instruction given in response.
- 21.5 The launching trolley of each boat shall have a tag attached to the handle clearly identifying the event number of the boat.
- 21.6 [SP] A fixed loop shall be formed in the longer end of the bow line of each boat to facilitate towing. As required by class rule C.5.4.7.c), the longer length of the bow line shall be stowed in a manner that permits its immediate use for towing using a small piece of elastic cord around the mast. It shall not be stowed by passing it around the mast. The penalty for breaking this instruction or class rule C.5.4.7.c) is 10% (rounded up) of the number of boats in her last race of the day added to her score without a hearing.
- 21.7 When code flag R is displayed on the race committee signal vessel, coach vessels shall provide safety support to all boats and may enter the racing area in order to do so. They shall also monitor the designated safety communication channel for instructions. This changes the meaning of race signal V.

# 22 [NP] [SP] Tallying

22.1 Each competitor shall, in person, collect their tally band from the tally board before launching and return their tally band to the tally board on returning ashore.

- 22.2 Each competitor shall wear their tally band on a wrist, outside all clothing, at all times when afloat, except briefly whilst changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. [DP]
- 22.3 The time for a boat to tally out ends when the boat is launched. The penalty for failing to tally out is 10% (rounded up) of the number of boats in her first race after the incident, added to her race score without a hearing.
- 22.4 A boat that fails to tally out must request and receive permission to remain afloat from a safety official before starting any race. A boat in this situation that starts a race before receiving such permission will be scored DNC for that race without a hearing. This changes RRS 35 and A4.
- 22.5 The time for a boat to tally in finishes ten minutes after the last boat in her fleet is ashore. The penalty for failing to tally in is 10% (rounded up) of the number of boats in her last race before the incident, added to her race score without a hearing
- 22.6 If a competitor fails to tally in or out three times during the event, on the third time the penalty will be disqualification from the relevant race without a hearing.
- 22.7 An announcement will be made when boats may tally out.

# 23 [DP] Equipment Inspection and Sail Changes

- 23.1 In addition to measurement before the first day of racing, the technical committee may inspect or measure a boat before or after she races. A boat selected for inspection or measurement shall comply with the instructions of the measurer or inspector. In addition to any protest lodged by the technical committee, a boat that a measurer or equipment inspector decides does not comply with class rules shall not race without the prior written consent of the technical committee, until she is re-inspected and found to comply.
- 23.2 Each boat shall use only one sail and one hull during the Championships, except in case of loss or damage beyond repair, in which case any replacement shall be made only with the approval of a member of the technical committee or race committee.
- 23.3 Competitors are reminded that under class rules C.4.2.a), b) and c) the only electronic devices that may be carried or attached to a boat while racing are electronic timing devices which do not have any other function / capability, and/or an electronic compass, unless the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions permit or require additional electronic equipment to be carried aboard.

## 24 Identification and Advertising [NP][DP]

- 24.1 When event sponsor's promotional material is issued at registration, competitors shall make every reasonable effort to display it on their boats, sails and, in the case of race bibs, on top of all sailing apparel throughout the event, as directed at registration.
- 24.2 In addition, coloured race bibs for overall first, second & third in each fleet will be issued on a daily basis and the relevant competitors should make every reasonable effort to display this bib on top of all sailing apparel while racing.

#### 25 Waste

25.1 Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee vessels

# 26 Radio Communication

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

#### 27 Risk Statement

27.1 RRS 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." 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 event.

- 27.2 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, 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, support vessels and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
  - f) The provision of support vessel 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 competitor briefing held for this event.

# 28 [NP] [DP] Insurance

28.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 1.000.000€ per incident or equivalent.

# 29 Coach Communication

31.1 A coaches briefing will take place on Sunday 21st July at 17:00 local time venue TBC

## 30 Support Person and Support Vessel Rules [NP][DP]

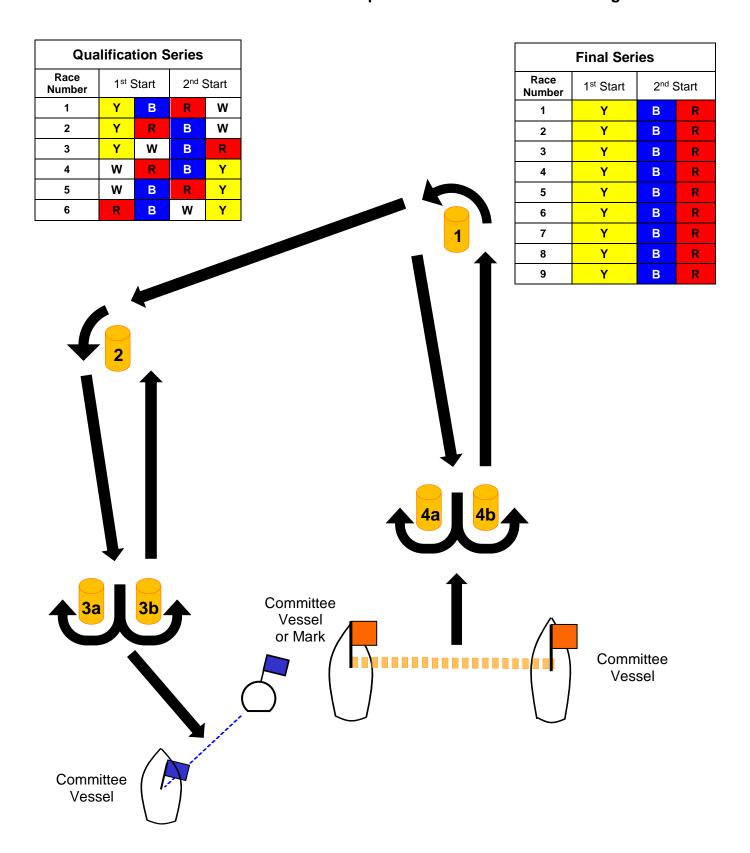
- 30.1 Except when necessary in the interests of safety, or when expressly asked to do so by a member of the race committee or official safety team, no support person that is not on board a registered support vessel shall provide help or assistance to a boat or competitor at any time while afloat, except help to launch or recover their boat. This changes RRS 41.
- 30.2 Except when necessary in the interests of safety, no vessel under the control of a support person that is not a registered support vessel or driver shall cause undue wash, interfere with the work of any race committee or other official vessel, or be positioned anywhere within 100m of the race course at any time (or within 200m if proceeding at more than 5 knots).
- 30.3 All support vessels and drivers shall be registered with the organising authority before going afloat. The organising authority may decline to register any vessel or driver that they consider to be unsuitable and may revoke the registered status of any vessel or driver if they consider that appropriate for any reason.
- 30.4 Except when code flag R is displayed on the race committee signal vessel, or when otherwise necessary in the interests of safety, no registered support vessel shall cause undue wash, interfere with the work of any race committee or other official vessel, or be positioned:
  - a) closer than 50m to any boat that is racing (and no closer than 150m if the vessel is motoring at more than 5 knots)
  - b) between any boat that is racing and the next mark of the course
  - c) less than 50m to leeward of the starting line and its extensions from the time of any preparatory signal until all boats have left the starting area, or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment

- d) within 50m of any mark of the course when boats are in the vicinity of that mark
- e) within 50m of the finishing line and marks while boats are finishing.
- 30.5 All persons onboard registered support vessels shall wear a personal floatation device at all times while afloat, except briefly whilst changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- 30.6 Drivers shall wear a kill cord at all times when an engine is running.

# **APPENDIX 1: Worlds 5.3 Course Card**

| Course signal              | 1                  | 2                           | 3                                    |
|----------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Number of beats            | 1 beat             | 2 beats                     | 3 beats                              |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Start (OL) | 1, 2, 3a/b, Finish | 1, 2, 3a/b, 2, 3a/b, Finish | 1, 2, 3a/b, 2, 3a/b, 2, 3a/b, Finish |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Start (IL) | 1, 2, 3a/b, Finish | 1, 4a/b, 1, 2, 3a/b, Finish | 1, 4a/b, 1, 4a/b, 1, 2, 3a/b, Finish |

All individual marks are to be left to port. Marks 3a/3b and 4a/4b are gates.



# **Worlds 4.2 Course Card**

| Course signal   | 1                        | 2                                 | 3  |
|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| Number of beats | 1 beat                   | 2 beats                           | 3 beats                                    |
| Marks           | 1, 2, 3a/b, 5,<br>Finish | 1, 2, 3a/b, 2, 3a/b, 5,<br>Finish | 1, 2, 3a/b, 2, 3a/b, 2,<br>3a/b, 5, Finish |

All individual marks are to be left to port. Marks 3a/3b form a gate.

