



RS Tera Open Event 2025

Warsash Sailing Club

Sunday 1st June 2025

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

**The Organising Authority is Warsash Sailing Club
in conjunction with the UK RS Tera Class Association.**

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).

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the SIs means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, be less than a disqualification

1. Rules

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. Rule 44.1 is changed so that a boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while racing.
- 1.3. The following documents apply:
 - 1.3.1. The International RS Tera Class Rules apply, available at <https://www.rstera.org.uk/documents>In addition:
 - 1.3.2. All sailors must wear a whistle attached to their buoyancy aids [DP]
 - 1.3.3. All boats shall carry a painter of 6mm floating line at least 8m in length (measured from the fitment point on the boat) [DP]
 - 1.3.4. It is advised that the rear handles on the transom have the plastic loops fitted as supplied by RS.
 - 1.3.5. The scrutineering process which is intended to assist in compliance with the RS Tera Class Rules could involve boats being selected at random for checks during the event. That technical officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in the rules.
 - 1.3.6. Long hair must be tied back so it does not pose a threat to the sailor's safety.
 - 1.3.7. Warsash SC and the UK RS Tera Class Association implement the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Racing Charter, available at: <https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/rules/racing-charter>
 - 1.3.8. RRS Appendix T applies.
 - 1.3.9. The Post-Race Penalty will be 30% of the number of boats in the relevant fleet (rounding 0.5 upwards).
- 1.4. RRS 40.1 will apply at all times whilst afloat.
- 1.5. RRS 63.5(c) is changed so that in the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

2. Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least one hour before the first race in which 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

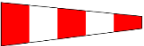
The official noticeboard BEFORE the event is online at <https://www.rstera.org.uk>. During the event, the official noticeboard will be on the WhatsApp Group available via the QR code below – WSC Tera Open 2025 Official Comms.


A WhatsApp group is established for communications with competitors and shall be regarded as the communication channel for the event. Please scan QR code below to request to join.



4. Signals Made Ashore

4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Warsash Sailing Club flagpole, which is located on the patio outside Shore House.

4.2. When flag AP  is flying ashore, 'the warning signal will be made' is replaced with 'Flag D will be raised' in the Race Signals section of the RRS. Any further postponement signals will be made from the committee boat in accordance with the Racing Signals section of the RRS.

4.2.1. [DP] Flag  D with fleet flag and one sound means 'Boats can launch. Boats shall not launch until this signal is made. The warning signal will not be made before the scheduled time or less than 30 minutes after flag D is displayed. The flag for Pro fleet will be a yellow flag with PRO in black letters, the flag for Sport fleet will be a white flag with SPORT in black letters'.

5. Schedule of Races

5.1. The table below shows the scheduled times for warning signals for each day of the event:

Day	Event	Time
Sunday 1 st June	Registration open	08.30 – 10.00
Sunday 1 st June	Briefing in front of Shore House	Immediately after registration closes
Sunday 1 st June	First warning signal	12.00
Sunday 1 st June	No start sequence will commence after	15.00
Sunday 1 st June	Prizegiving	As soon as possible after racing

5.2. The event will consist of up to 4 races.

5.3. Races will be sailed back to back.

5.4. 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. Class Flags

The class flag for the RS Tera Pro fleet is a yellow flag with the word 'Pro' in black text.

PRO

The class flag for the RS Tera Sport is a white flag with the word 'Sport' in black text

SPORT

7. Courses

- 7.1. The diagrams in SI Addendum 1 show the courses to be sailed, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 7.2. A gate may be replaced by a single mark to be left to port

8. Marks

Inner and Outer loop marks will be large inflatable buoys.


The Starting line will be between a race committee vessel displaying an orange flag and a danbuoy with an orange flag.

The finishing line will be between a race committee vessel displaying a blue flag and a small orange mark.

9. Obstructions

- 9.1 Obstructions on the water consist of fixed navigational marks.

10. The Start

- 10.1. Races will be started using RRS 26
- 10.2. [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 10.3. 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
- 10.4. In the main fleets, the PRO fleet will start first, followed by the SPORT fleet.
- 10.5. If there is a general recall  for the PRO fleet, the SPORT fleet will be started after the restart of the PRO fleet.

11. Change of the Next Leg of the Course

- 11.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark or the finishing line to a new position.
- 11.2. Minor mark moves of up to 100m or approximately 5 degrees may be made without a signal. This changes RRS 33

12. The Finish

- 12.1. The finishing line will be between a committee boat displaying a blue flag and a small orange mark.
- 12.2. Scoring other boats:
 - 12.2.1. After the first boat has sailed the course and finished, the race committee may score other boats based on their relative positions at a mark of the course or on a leg of the course.
 - 12.2.2. When a race committee boat displays flag W with two sounds, boats still racing may be finished by the race committee boat.
 - 12.2.3. When a boat is scored in accordance with this instruction, they shall be given scores for places after all boats that have sailed the course and finished. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

13. Time Limits and Target Times

- 13.1. The Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), Target Time for the first boat and Finishing Window are shown in the table below

Race Time Limit	Target Time	Finishing Window
60 minutes	45 minutes	10 minutes

- 13.2. 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 not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Did not finish (DNF) without a hearing. A boat scored DNF shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.
- 13.3. Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS62.1(a)

Hearing Requests

- 13.4. For each class, the protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat in that class returns to shore, the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official noticeboard.
- 13.5. Hearing request forms are available to be completed from the race office.
- 13.6. 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. Hearing location will be published with the schedule on the official notice board.

14. Replacement of Crew or Equipment

- 14.1. [DP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.
- 14.2. [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

15. Safety Regulations

- 15.1. Competitors shall wear a personal flotation device at all times while afloat, except briefly while adjusting clothing or personal equipment. This changes RRS 40. [DP]
- 15.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify an official boat as soon as possible. A declaration form is available from the registration desk, which must be completed by competitors when ashore. Competitors may also use this form to indicate races which they did not finish (DNF) or in which they took penalty turns. [DP]
- 15.3. A tally system will be in force. Competitors will be required to tally out, and tally in. The tally board will be in Shore House garden.
- 15.4. Boats shall not leave the race area, without permission from an official boat

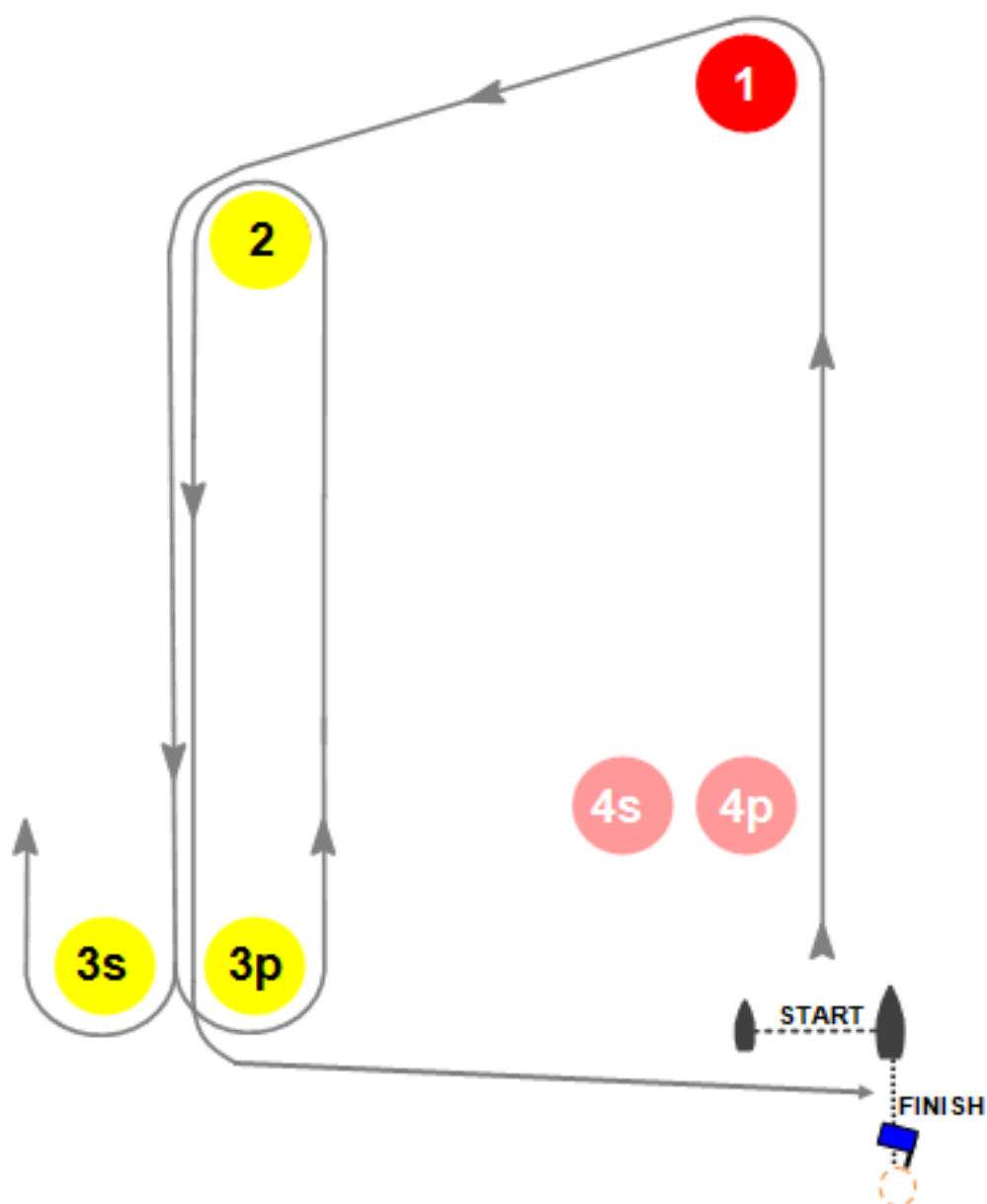
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O	Course: Carantec Course – Outer Loop
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
O1	Start - 1 - 2 - 3p - Finish
O2	Start - 1 - 2 - 3s/3p - 2 - 3p - Finish
O3	Start - 1 - 2 - 3s/3p - 2 - 3s/3p - 2 - 3p - Finish

CARANTEC COURSE – OUTER

I	Course: Carantec Course – Inner Loop
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
I1	Start - 1 - 2 - 3p - Finish
I2	Start - 1 - 4s/4p – 1 - 2 - 3p - Finish
I3	Start - 1 - 4s/4p – 1 - 4s/4p – 1 - 2 - 3p - Finish

CARANTEC COURSE – INNER

RYA Racing Charter

Applies equally to
everyone involved in sailboat racing

Principles



Fair Racing

Competitors agree to race fairly; organisers and officials agree to provide fair racing; support persons agree to encourage fair racing and uphold the principles of this Charter.

Fair Resolution

Disputes will be addressed in a timely and proper manner by those responsible; parties involved will use established tools for achieving a fair resolution.



Foul, abusive, aggressive and discriminatory language or behaviour, or a lack of respect for others and their property, will not be tolerated.



Respect

Those who take unfair advantage of sailing's self-policing nature, or behave inappropriately, can expect action to be taken against them.



Accountability

Why?

Ensures sailboat racing is **fair, welcoming and inclusive to all**

Provides a framework for all-round **enjoyment**

Encourages **life long** sailboat racing

In Practice

What YOU should expect

Racing that is inclusive, fair, enjoyable and safe.

Facilities, organisation and race management of acceptable standards and appropriate to the event.

Opportunities to give feedback.

Prompt resolution of any disputes.



What is expected of YOU

Courtesy and respect to other competitors, officials and other water users, both afloat and ashore.

Compliance with rules; taking a penalty when required by the rules.

Use of provided tools to resolve any disputes.

The RYA encourages the use of the following tools...

for the resolution of Racing Disputes:

Post-Race
Penalty

Advisory
Hearings

RYA
Arbitration

Protest
Hearings

for Unacceptable Behaviour:

Rule 2
Protest

Rule 69
Hearing



For further information, visit www.rya.org.uk/go/racingcharter