

UKIDA DART 18

Standard Sailing Instructions

GRAND PRIX SERIES 2026

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025 - 28, the rules of the Class Association, the Notice of the Race, and these Sailing Instructions. If there is conflict between these, then the Sailing Instructions will prevail. (Additional rules see Addendum B)
- 1.2. Under exceptional circumstances, the race committee may permit sails carrying an identifying number other than that required by RRS 77 Appendix G. Prior written approval is required.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board. (See Addendum B).

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board at least 1 hour before the advertised start time of the first race to which the change applies, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000hrs on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the official flagpole. (See Addendum B).
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in race signal AP. This changes Flag AP in Race Signals.
- 4.3 Personal Buoyancy shall be worn by all competitors whilst afloat. This changes RRS 40 & Flag Y in Race Signals.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Racing is scheduled as follows: - (See Addendum B).
- 5.2 One race will constitute a series.
- 5.3 The number of races scheduled is (See Addendum B).
- 5.4 To alert boats that another race will begin soon, the Postponement Signal may be displayed for at least 1 minute before a Warning Signal is displayed. (This does not necessarily apply to the first race of each day).

6 CLASS FLAG

Class flag for Dart 18 will be Int. Code Flag D.

7 RACING AREAS

The racing area will be described in Addendum B.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The course may be shortened and if so the following will apply:
A boat flying Flag F at a mark and making repeated sound signals, means 'after rounding this mark, boats should proceed directly to the finish line'. If flown at a leeward gate means 'after passing through the gate, proceed direct to the finish line.' This changes RRS 32.1 and 32.2. Flag 'S' may also be flown from the Committee Boat and/or the mark rounding boat.

8.2 **Course to be sailed:** As Addendum A to these Sailing Instructions. If Numeral Pennant 2 is flown from the Committee Boat at least 2 minutes prior to the warning signal, Course number 2 will be sailed. If Numeral Pennant 2 is *not* flown from the Committee Boat, Course number 1 will be sailed.

8.3 The course marks will be as described in Addendum B.

9 THE START

9.1 Races will be started by using Rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.

Rule 26 Starting Races is:-

| <u>Signal</u> | <u>Flag & Sound</u> | <u>Minutes before Starting Signal</u> | |
|---------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Warning | Class flag; | 1 sound | 5 |
| Preparatory | P or U or Black flag | 1 sound | 4 |
| One-minute | Preparatory flag removed; | 1 sound | 1 |
| Starting | Class flag removed. | 1 sound | 0 |

9.2 The starting line will be between the mast on the committee boat displaying the orange flag or shape and the port end starting mark. (See Addendum B for description).

9.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS Appendix A4

9.4 There will be No Warning signal made after 1455 on the last day of racing, except after a General Recall.

10 CHANGE OF THE POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK

The race committee may change the position of the next mark in accordance with RRS.33

11 THE FINISH

The Finishing Line will be between the mast on the committee boat displaying a blue flag and a nearby mark to windward. (See Addendum B for description.)

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

12.2 The penalties are as follows:

12.3 Rule 44 is changed so that the 'Two-Turns Penalty' is replaced by a 'One-Turn Penalty including one tack and one gybe.'

12.4 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under rule 31 (Touching a Mark) or 44 (Penalties for Breaking Rules of Part 2) shall complete an acknowledgment form on the official notice board within the protest time limit.

13 TIME LIMITS

13.2 The time limit for the first boat in each race shall be 2 hours.

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

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.2 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

14.3 The protest time limit is 1 hour after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the race committee and to requests for redress. This changes RRS 61.3 & 62.2.

15 **SCORING**

15.1 The Low Points scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.

15.2 Ties will be broken in accordance with RRS Appendix A8

15.3 When less than 4 races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores. When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

15.4 Grand Prix Series: The Low Points scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply and the result of 4 events shall count. When 4 or more events have been completed, each boat will count her best four event results. Ties will be broken in accordance with RRS Appendix A8. Where there is still a tie, the tie will be broken in favour of the boat who scores the best event result at the last event of the season in which at least one of the boats competed.

15.5 A helm's score at an event will only be valid for the TT series when he/she has been the helm of the same boat for all races at that event

16 **SAFETY REGULATIONS**

See Addendum B.

17 **REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without the prior written approval of the race committee (relative weights will be taken into account). A Dart entered as either single-handed, or two-up, shall only race in the mode in which the first race is sailed, unless there are exceptional circumstances. Forms for this purpose are available in the race office.

18 **PRIZES** See Addendum B.

19 **LOCAL VARIATIONS**

See Addendum B.

Addendum A (page 1) COURSE DIAGRAM Course 1

Rounding

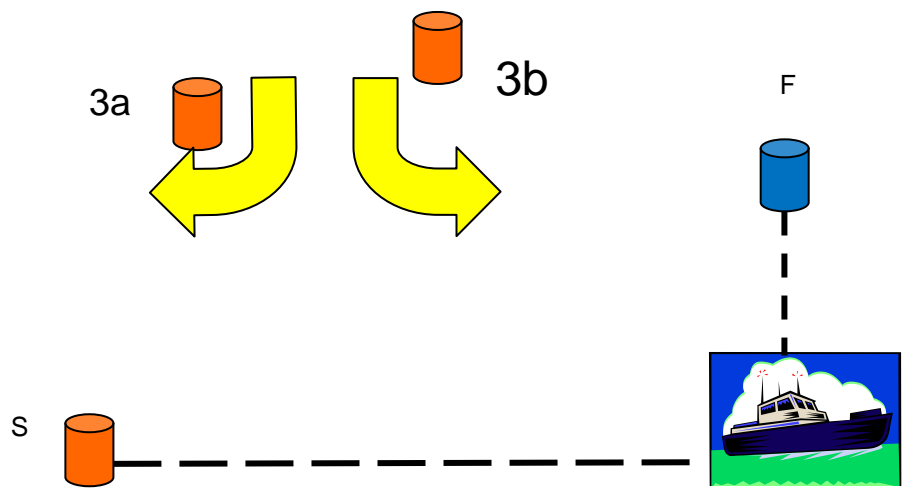
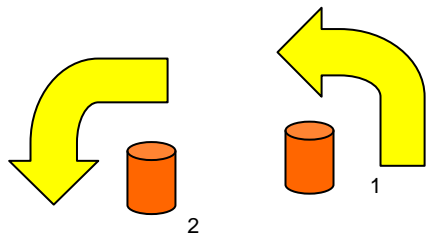
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1p, 2p, Gate (3a/3b)

1p, 2p, Gate (3a/3b)

Finish



Addendum A (page 2) COURSE DIAGRAM Course 2

This course will be sailed if Pennant 2 is flown from the Committee Boat at least 2 minutes prior to the warning signal.

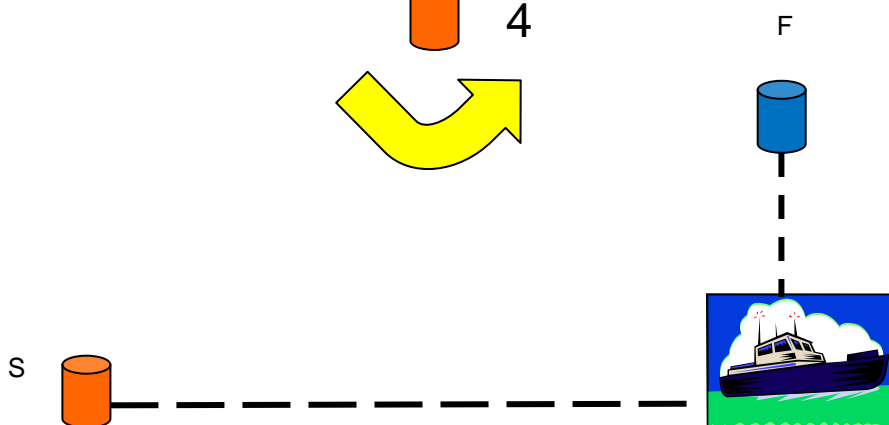
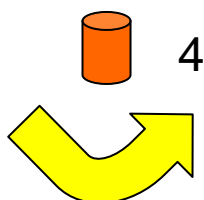
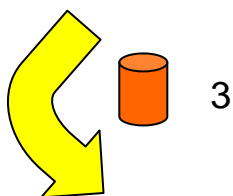
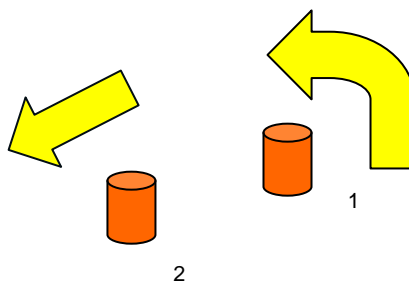
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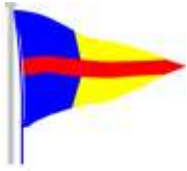
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1p, 2p, 3p, 4p,

1p, 2p, 3p, 4p, F





Addendum B: - LOCAL VARIATIONS

STOKES BAY SAILING CLUB MAY 23 & 24 2026



The numbers relate to the appropriate Sailing Instruction. In the event of a conflict, this addendum will take precedence.

CODE OF CONDUCT

[DP] Competitors shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

[DP] Competitors will comply with the following bye laws of SBSC :

GENERAL BYELAWS

1. Dogs are permitted in the Clubhouse provided that they are kept under control and are well behaved.
2. No vehicles shall be parked in the compound except the cars of the Club Cleaner and other persons authorised by the Management Committee.
3. Vehicles shall not be brought into the compound except for the purposes of delivery and collection, but under no circumstances shall vehicles drive onto the grass or on to the concrete ways beyond the concrete apron adjoining the premises.

1.1 The event is also governed by the prescriptions of the RYA. Competitors will also behave in accordance with the RYA Racing Charter. The event is designated Category 'C'.

2 The Official Notice Board will be located downstairs inside the entrance lobby of Stokes Bay SC clubhouse.

4.1 The Official Flagpole will be located on the bridge roof of the Stokes Bay SC clubhouse.

5.1 & 5.3

| Saturday 23 May | Sunday 24 May |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 09.00 Club opens. | 09.00 Club opens. |
| 11.30 Competitors Briefing. | 10.55 Warning signal for Race 4. |
| 12.55 Warning Signal Race 1. | Race 5 will start ASAP after Race 4. |
| Race 2 will start ASAP after Race 1. | Race 6 will start ASAP after Race 5. |
| Race 3 will start ASAP after Race 2. | Prizegiving ASAP after Race 6. |

7 The racing area will be within 2 nautical miles of Stokes Bay Sailing Club.

8.3 Marks 1 - 4 will be large yellow inflatable buoys. Where necessary a mark may be replaced by an inflatable dumpy orange mark.

9.2 The starting line is between a mast displaying an orange flag on the Committee Boat and mark S (orange inflatable cylinder) or a mast displaying an orange flag on a RIB at the port end. The committee boat is a blue cabin cruiser called 'Mary Siobhan'.

11 The finish mark will be a blue inflatable pillar buoy.

16.1 Each boat will be allocated a tally number, a list of which will be displayed on the official notice board. Before going afloat, the tally shall be removed from the tally board outside the clubhouse garage and taken afloat to be worn in a visible position. After returning ashore, the tally will be replaced on the tally board as soon as possible.

16.2 Any boat(s) that fails to comply with the tally system will be disqualified from the race/races concerned. The race committee may consider reinstatement of the boat(s) concerned upon donation of £5 to GAFIRS c/o the host club.

16.3 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity. Promptly after returning to shore, the boat shall complete a retirement declaration form located on the official notice board in the lobby of the clubhouse.

16.4 All non-competing vessels (small or large) are to be accorded their rights under the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS). In particular, IRPCAS 9(b) states:
“A vessel of less than 20 metres in length or a sailing vessel shall not impede the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway”.

The racing area may cross or go near a channel. All commercial shipping is to be treated as being in a narrow channel or fairway.

18 Prizes will be awarded to boats finishing in 1st to 3rd place overall. Additional prizes may also be awarded.

18 SHORELINE PROHIBITED AREA

No boat shall sail: within 50 metres of the Gosport shoreline or to the landward side of the line parallel to the shoreline which joins any yellow Prohibited Area buoys or its extensions (whether more or less than 50 metres from the shoreline) except:

- if a boat is capsized or disabled or requires attention ashore or is helping those in danger
- if a boat is sailing is launching or recovering within the slipway area off the Club

The prohibited area is a continuing obstruction for the purpose of RRS Rule 19.

The Race Committee will monitor the prohibited area and will disqualify any boat seen infringing this Instruction without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and RRS A5.

The Race Committee may direct a patrol boat to monitor rule 11.1 (the “50m rule”) if deemed necessary.