



UK RS Tera Class Association

RS Tera



RS Tera Southern Championships 2021

15th – 16th May 2021

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

Gurnard Sailing Club in conjunction with The UK RS Tera Class Association

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 regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 – 2024.
- 1.2. International RS Tera Class Rules will apply. In addition:
 - 1.2.1. Electronic compasses or variations thereof will not be permitted [DP]
 - 1.2.2. All sailors must wear a whistle attached to their buoyancy aids [DP]
 - 1.2.3. All boats shall carry a painter of 6mm floating line at least 8m in length (measured from the fitment point) permanently attached to the standard fitment position in front of the mast [DP]
 - 1.2.4. Rear handles on the transom must have the plastic loops fitted as supplied by RS [DP]
 - 1.2.5. The scrutineering process which is intended to assist in compliance with the RS Tera Class Rules will 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. Competitors shall sail in accordance with the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Racing Charter.
- 1.4. The Post-Race Penalty and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Dispute Process will be available. The Post-Race Penalty will be 30%.

- 1.5. All competitors will be required to wear personal floatation devices, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment, at all times while afloat. Flag Y will not be displayed. This changes RRS 40. [DP]
- 1.6. In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.7. All competitors shall comply with current Covid-19 guidelines. Boats shall not compete if they have, or if they have been in contact with anyone with, symptoms of Covid-19 in the 10 days prior to participation, please use the advice available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/>

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS


- 2.1. Notices will be posted on the official notice board (ONB) located outside NE corner of clubhouse.


3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09:00 on the day that they will take effect, except that changes to the schedule of races will be posted before 18:00 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the club flagpole.

- 4.2. When flag AP  is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

- 4.3. Flag D  displayed over the fleet flag with one sound means 'The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after flag D is displayed.' Boats are not to leave the beach until this signal is made. [DP]

5. REGISTRATION

Competitors shall complete all registration requirements before racing. The Registration Desk will be adjacent to the main sailing club building. Bow and trolley stickers will be issued at registration.



6. BRIEFING

The briefing will be online on the RS Tera event web page and the GSC website. The briefing will be available from 1900hrs Thursday 13th May.

7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1. The Championship will consist of up to 6 races. The intention is that there will be no more than 3 races a day. However, additional races may be sailed either in advance or arrears in order to complete the programme if weather or other reasons dictate. The intention is to run consecutive races on each day.
- 7.2. No warning signal will be made after 1500 on 16th May.

8. CLASS FLAGS

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| 8.1. | RS Tera PRO fleet | PRO flag |  |
| 8.2. | RS Tera SPORT fleet | SPORT flag |  |

9. RACING AREAS

Racing will be in Gurnard Bay.


10. COURSES

- 10.1. The diagrams in Attachment A show the course to be sailed.
- 10.2. The course and number of laps to be sailed will be displayed on a board on the Committee Boat.
- 10.3. If the course and number of laps board is white on green – all marks to Starboard.
- 10.4. If the course and number of laps is red on white – all marks to Port.
- 10.5. The approximate bearing of mark 1 may be displayed on the Committee Boat.
- 10.6. A gate may be replaced by a single mark left to the appropriate side.

11. MARKS

- 11.1. Marks 1 for the Pro fleet will be Yellow.
- 11.2. Marks 1 for the Sport fleet will be Orange.
- 11.3. Marks 2p, 2s, or 2 will be Red.
- 11.4. The starting outer distance mark will be Orange.
- 11.5. The finishing outer distance mark will be Orange

12. THE START


- 12.1. Races will be started by using RRS 26 with a 5-minute warning signal.
- 12.2. An attention signal will be made 10 minutes before the start by displaying an orange flag.
- 12.3. The Starting Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Boat and the starting outer distance mark.
- 12.4. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. [DP]
- 12.5. A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS (Did Not Start) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 12.6. In the main fleets, the PRO fleet will start first, followed by the SPORT fleet.
- 12.7. If there is a general recall  for the PRO fleet, the SPORT fleet will be started after the restart of the PRO fleet.

13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE



To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark to a new position.

14. THE FINISH

- 14.1. The finishing line will be the race committee signal boat staff displaying a blue flag, and the finish outer distance mark.
- 14.2. Scoring other boats:
 - 14.2.1. 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.
 - 14.2.2. When a race committee boat displays flag W  with two sounds, boats still racing may be finished by this race committee boat.
 - 14.2.3. When a boat is scored in accordance with this instruction, she shall be given score for a place after all boats that have sailed the course and finished.
This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

15. TIME LIMITS

- 15.1 The time limit and target time for the leading boat in minutes is as follows:

<i>Time limit</i>	<i>Target time</i>
60	45

- 15.2 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes may be scored according to their observed position on the course, which may be the position at the last mark rounded. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5. See also instruction 13.2.

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 A system for Post-Race penalties, advisory hearings and arbitrations will be available. The Post-Race penalty will be 30% of the number of boats (rounding 0.5 upwards) entered in the relevant fleet.
- 16.2 Protest forms are available at the clubhouse. Protests and requests for redress or reopening must be made within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.3 For each fleet, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished last race of the day or 30 minutes after flag AP over A is displayed ashore.
- 16.4 Notices will be posted on the ONB no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 16.5 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted on the Jury Notice Board to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.6 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress based on a PC decision shall be delivered no later than 20 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

17. SCORING

- 17.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply
- 17.2 One race shall be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.3 The total score for each boat will be the sum of her scores as follows:
- 16.3.1 If 4 or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 16.3.2 If from 5 to 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 17.4 Points for the PRO and SPORT fleets shall be calculated separately.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 Competitors shall wear a personal flotation device at all times while afloat, except briefly while adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Flag Y will not be displayed. This changes RRS 40. [DP]
- 18.2 A safety tally system will be in operation.
- 18.2.1 The tally control point will be at the Registration Desk.
- 18.2.2 A Competitor's tally will be their championship number. Numbers will be allocated at Registration..
- 18.2.3 Competitors shall individually check-out before racing by personally going to the tally control point and giving their championship number to advise they are going racing.
- 18.2.4 Competitors shall individually check-in immediately on returning to shore by personally going to the tally control point and giving their championship number to advise they are ashore. This must be done no later than 10 minutes after the last boat has come ashore.
- 18.2.5 The penalty for failing to tally-out or tally-in as instructed above will be five points added to the boat's series score for each offence. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5. Competitors must ensure that their tally has been successfully recorded.
- 18.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify an official boat as soon as possible. [DP]

19. REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the race committee. Requests for substitution of equipment shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity. [DP]

20. OFFICIAL BOATS

- 20.1 All Support Boats must register in advance of the event with the UK RS Tera Class Association Secretary by email to rsterasecretary@gmail.com.
- 20.2 Support Boats must organise their own berthing and pay any appropriate Harbour fees.
- 20.3 Support Boats shall comply with the Support Boat regulations as defined in the Sailing Instructions.
- 20.4 All Support helms will attend the safety briefings, be prepared to participate in the event safety fleet and take instruction from the Event Safety Officer. The Safety boat briefing will take place at 10.30am on Saturday 15th May in front of the main sailing club building.
- 20.5 Each support boat shall carry a VHF radio and should also carry a mobile phone, call sign and telephone number to be advised to the event Safety Officer
- 20.6 The VHF channel used on the racing area will be advised at the safety boat briefing
- 20.7 Kill cords shall be worn whilst engines are running, the course safety officer will be looking out for compliance on this issue, there are no excuses and boats may be requested to leave the race area immediately if kill cords are not being used appropriately.
- 20.8 The official event photographer (if present) may move between the starting line and course marks in order to photograph the event, this boat will display a distinguishing flag.
- 20.9 Support persons shall not enter the race area in any small craft such as dinghies, kayaks or small motor craft from the time of the preparatory signal until the last boat has finished [DP]

21 TRASH DISPOSAL

As sailors, we seek to protect and restore our oceans and coastal waters. Boats shall not intentionally put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and officials boats. The penalty for breaking RRS 55 is at the discretion of the Race Management Team and may be less than disqualification.

22 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, 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. [DP]

23 RISK STATEMENT

Rule 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."

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 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, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol boat 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 competitors briefing held for the event.

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24 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.



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ATTACHMENT A – COURSES

Course A	Course: Windward/Leeward/Downwind Finish
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
A2	Start—1—2s/2p—1—Finish
A3	Start—1—2s/2p—1—2s/2p—1—Finish
A4	Start—1—2s/2p—1—2s/2p - 1— 2s/2p—1—Finish



Mark 1 Pro



Mark 1 Sport

2S



2P



Start/Finish



Course B	Course: Windward/Leeward/Upwind Finish
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
B2	Start—1—2—1—2—Finish
B3	Start—1—2—1—2—1—2—Finish
B4	Start—1—2—1—2—1— 2—1—2—Finish
	Boats must pass through Start/Finish line on upwind leg



Mark 1 Pro



Mark 1 Sport



Start/Finish



Mark 2