



Netley Sailing Club

RS *Tera* Open

Saturday 19th September 2026

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

**The Organising Authority is Netley 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 (RRS)*, the RYA prescriptions, the Notice of Race, the International RS Tera Class Rules, these Sailing Instructions and any Supplementary Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. Netley Sailing Club and the UK RS Tera Class Association implement the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Racing Charter, which is available at: <https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/rules/racing-charter>
- 1.3. The Racing Rules will be changed as follows:
 - 1.3.1. RRS 63.5 (c)(2) is changed so that in the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.
 - 1.3.2. RRS A5.1 is modified - boats not starting within 5 mins of the start shall be scored DNS.
 - 1.3.3. RRS 33 is modified to permit minor changes of the course without a signal.
- 1.4. RRS Appendix T Arbitration shall apply. Advisory Hearing and Post-Race Penalty will be available (see <https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/rules/rules-disputes>). The Post-Race Penalty will be 30% of the number of boats in the relevant fleet (rounding 0.5 upwards).

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

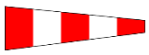
- 2.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least one hour before the first race in which it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20.00 on the day before it will take effect.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. The official noticeboard for the event is at
- 3.2. Communications with competitors will be made via the Event WhatsApp Group. Details will be provided to competitors at, or before, registration.
- 3.3. [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will, except for Flag D, be displayed on the Netley SC flagpole.

- 4.2. When flag AP  is displayed  ashore, '1 minute' is replaced by '60 minutes'.

- 4.3. [DP] Boats shall not launch until Flag D  is displayed from a pole sited close to the launch area.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. The event is scheduled for Saturday 19th September 2026.

Activity	Time	Location
Boat arrival	From 10:00	Netley SC
Registration open	10:00 – 11:30	Netley SC Clubhouse
Competitors Briefing	12:00	Netley SC Clubhouse
First warning signal	12:55 RS Tera Pro fleet 13:00 RS Tera Sport fleet	Netley SC
Time limit for a warning signal	16:00 both fleets	
Refreshments and Prizegiving	Asap after racing	Netley SC Clubhouse

- 5.2. Four back to back races are scheduled to be sailed.

- 5.3. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange flag on the Committee Boat will be displayed at least one minute before a warning signal is made.

- 5.4. The Coached Regatta Fleet will be sailing off the Netley SC foreshore and will be provided with separate instructions.

6. CLASS FLAGS

PRO

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

SPORT

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

7. COURSES

7.1. The course will be a windward/leeward course as shown in Appendix A.

7.1.1. RS Tera Pro - Course LX

7.1.2. RS Tera Sport - Course L

8. MARKS

Race marks will be communicated at the race officers briefing.

9. THE START

9.1. Starting sequence will be 3,2,1,Go with Pro's starting first. There will be a minute gap before the 3,2,1 sequence for the Sport fleet;

9.2. The starting line is between the mast displaying an orange flag on the committee boat at the starboard end and the port-end starting mark.

9.3. [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

9.4. 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.

9.5. In the main fleets, the PRO fleet will start first, followed by the SPORT fleet.

9.6. If there is a general recall  for the PRO fleet, the SPORT fleet will be started after the restart of the PRO fleet.

10. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

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

10.2. Minor mark moves of up to 100m or approximately 5 degrees may be made without a signal. This changes RRS 33

11. THE FINISH

11.1. The finishing line is between the mast displaying a blue flag on the Committee boat and the finishing mark.

11.2. Scoring other boats:

11.2.1. 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.

11.2.2. When a race committee boat displays flag W with two sounds, boats still racing may be finished by this race committee boat.

11.2.3. 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.

12. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

12.1. The Race Time Limit (see RRS 35) will be 60 minutes

12.2. The Target Time for the first boat to finish will be 40 minutes

12.3. Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS62.1(a)

13. HEARING REQUESTS

- 13.1. The protest time limit for each class is 45 minutes after the last boat in that class finishes the last race of the day, or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time limit will be posted on the official noticeboard.
- 13.2. Requests for a meeting with a Rules Advisor may be made to the Race Committee within the protest time limit.
- 13.3. Requests for a Hearing and/or Arbitration should be made using forms which will be available from the Race Committee or OOD.
- 13.4. Requests for Redress arising from a scoring query, may be made to the Race Committee within 60 minutes of the results being published.

14. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 14.1. [DP] RRS 40.1 (*Personal Flotation Devices*) shall apply at all times while afloat.
- 14.2. [DP] 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].
- 14.3. [DP] Rear handles on the transom handles should have the plastic loops fitted as supplied by RS.
- 14.4. Check-out and check-in of competitors will apply as follows:
 - 14.4.1. The tally control point to check-out and check-in competitors will be located at the launching area.
 - 14.4.2. Tallies comprise numbered rubber wristbands. Numbers will be allocated at registration, and posted on the official notice board.
 - 14.4.3. [DP][NP] Tallies shall be worn visibly by all competitors, over clothing, on the right wrist, at all times while afloat.
 - 14.4.4. [DP][NP] Competitors shall collect the tallies before racing.
 - 14.4.5. [DP][NP] Competitors shall check-in immediately on returning to shore after racing, by returning the tallies to tally control.
 - 14.4.6. [DP][NP] A boat that retires from a race, or does not intend to start a race, shall notify the race committee before leaving the race area.

15. TRASH

- 15.1. Competitors and supporters are reminded of their RRS Environmental Responsibilities to minimise any adverse environmental impact arising from sailing activities.
- 15.2. Trash shall not be disposed of into the water.
- 15.3. Trash and other objects may be handed to a support boat or the mothership but not the Committee Boat.

16. REPLACEMENT OF CREW AND EQUIPMENT

- 16.1. [DP] Substitution of competitors is not permitted.
- 16.2. [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorised 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.

17. BERTHING

- 17.1. [DP] Boats and trailers shall be kept in their assigned places on the Green.
- 17.2. [DP] Vehicles shall not be parked on the Green.
- 17.3. [DP] Tags, provided at registration, shall be attached to trolleys.
- 17.4. Trolleys will be stacked near the launch site during racing.
- 17.5. Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from the Event marshals. These marshals will be wearing high-viz vests.

18. PRIZES

- 18.1. Prize-giving will be held as soon as practicable after racing. The time will be announced via WhatsApp.
- 18.2. Prizes will be awarded to the 1st three boats overall for the Sport and Pro Fleets.
- 18.3. Additional prizes may be presented at the discretion of the organising authority.

19. 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:

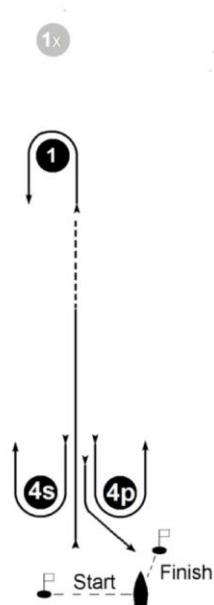
- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their 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

APPENDIX A - COURSES

RS Tera Pro - Course LX RS Tera Sport - Course L

COURSE DIAGRAMS

Course L: Windward/Leeward



Signal: Mark rounding order:

L2 Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4p – Finish

L3 Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4p – Finish

Course LX: Windward/Leeward



Signal: Mark rounding order:

LX2 Start – 1x – 4s/4p – 1x – 4p – Finish

LX3 Start – 1x – 4s/4p – 1x – 4s/4p – 1x – 4p – Finish