



WASZP WELSH CHAMPIONSHIP

WASZP UK CLASS ASSOCIATION

BALA SAILING CLUB (CLWB HWYLIO'R BALA)

22 to 23 August 2026

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The organising authority is Bala Sailing Club in conjunction with the WASZP UK 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.

Read with the Standard Notice of Race (see [event page](#) on Racehub).

1 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the SIs will be posted no later than 90 minutes before the start of the first race on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

2 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) located at <https://racehub.waszp.com/eventdetail/669>.

2.2 A WhatsApp group may be used for unofficial communication and competitors should join with this link: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/DwWS3AjuQvcH8HeGYx9ehZ>. Competitors should refer to the ONB for all official communications.

3 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

3.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole at the front of the clubhouse.

3.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in RRS Race Signals AP. This changes RRS Race Signals AP.

4 SCHEDULE OF RACES

4.1 The provisional schedule of races is shown in the table below.

Date	Scheduled race format	Time of first start
22 August	NASCAR Racing & Distance Race	1200
23 August	Windward/Leeward Racing	1030

4.2 Any format of racing may be used on any day.

4.3 A maximum of 6 windward/leeward and/or NASCAR races may be sailed on one day.

- 4.4 On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1600.
- 4.5 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 two minutes before a warning signal is made.

5 CLASS/FLEET FLAGS

- 5.1 The class flag will be a white flag with the WASZP class insignia.

6 RACING AREA

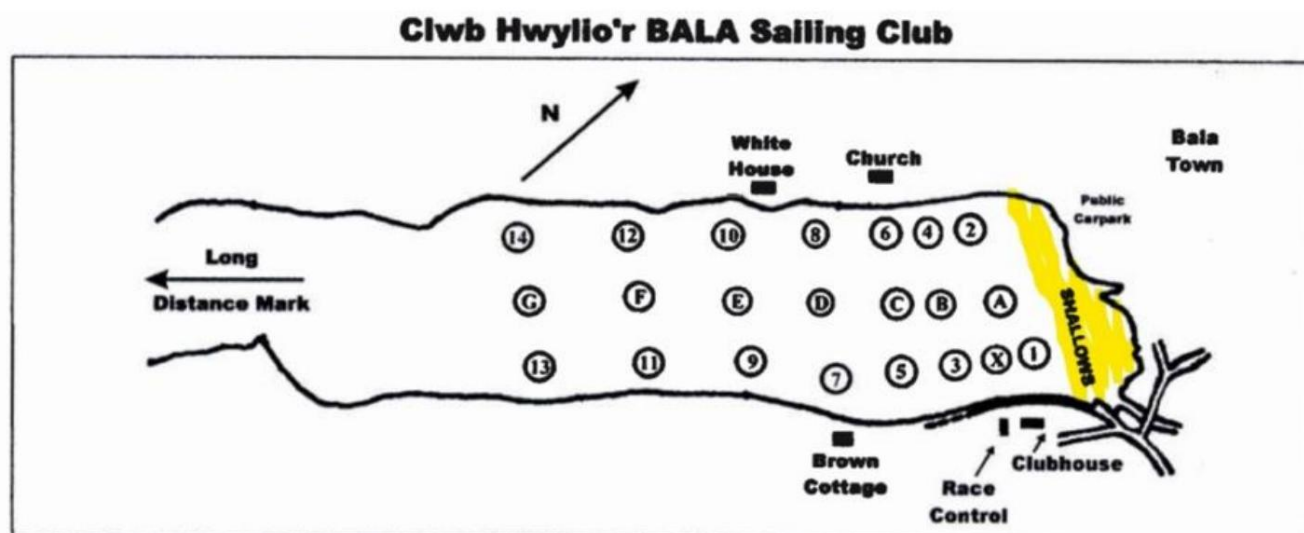
- 6.1 The racing area is Bala Lake.

7 COURSES

- 7.1 The diagrams and tables in SI Appendix 1 show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 7.2 The geometry of the NASCAR course may be adjusted to change the length of the upwind and downwind legs. The angles between the legs will be approximately 90 degrees.
- 7.3 The course to be sailed will be displayed on a board on the committee boat prior to the warning signal.
- 7.4 The course for the distance race will be posted prior to the briefing on the day of the race.

8 MARKS

- 8.1 Marks 1, 1p, 1s, 2, 2p, 2s, 3 and 4 will be orange or yellow inflatables. The marks to be used will be confirmed at the briefing.
- 8.2 The starting marks will be a race committee vessel at the starboard end of the line and a dan buoy with an orange flag at the port end.
- 8.3 The finishing marks will be:
 - (a) Windward/Leeward Racing: a race committee vessel at the starboard end of the line and mark 2p at the port end.
 - (b) NASCAR Racing: race committee vessels, or a race committee vessel at the starboard end of the line and a dan buoy with an orange flag at the port end.
 - (c) Sprint Racing: a race committee vessel at the port end of the line and a dan buoy with a blue flag at the starboard end.
- 8.4 The marks for the Distance Race will be posted prior to the briefing on the day of the race.
- 8.5 The Green Fleet marks will be described at the daily Green Fleet briefing.



10 THE START

10.1 This changes RRS 26, see table below:

<i>Minutes before starting signal</i>	<i>Visual signal</i>	<i>Sound signal</i>	<i>Means</i>
3	Class/fleet flag	One	Warning signal
2	U or black flag	One	Preparatory signal
1	U or black flag removed	One long	One minute
0	Class/fleet flag removed	One	Starting signal

10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of the starting mark when an orange danbuoy is used.

10.3 A boat that does not start within three minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4, A5.1 and A5.2.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

11.1 After the start, no mark that begins or ends a leg of the course will be moved, this changes RRS 33.

12 THE FINISH

12.1 Windward/Leeward Racing (Grand Prix Finish):

- Unless shortened in accordance with RRS 32.2, the finishing line will be between the staff displaying a blue flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of mark 2p.
- The finish flag will be a large chequered flag with the word 'finish' on it.
- When the leading boat is in the vicinity of mark 2p for the final time, the race committee signal vessel at the finishing line will promptly display the finish flag with one sound. The finishing window opens when the lead boat crosses the finishing line. The finish flag will be removed at the end of the finishing window or when the last boat finishes, whichever is earlier.

All boats that,

- have completed a lap before the finishing window opens, but then fail to finish while it is open, or
- cross the finishing line whilst the finish flag is displayed

shall be deemed to have finished irrespective of the number of laps completed. Their score in the race will be based on the order when they either completed their last lap or finished, with those having completed more laps finishing ahead of those with fewer laps. This changes RRS 28.1, A4, A5.1 and A5.2.

- d) [NP][DP] When the finish flag is displayed, all boats on a downwind leg shall sail through the finishing line.
- e) [NP][DP] A boat that crosses the finishing line when the finish flag is displayed shall not attempt a further lap.

12.2 NASCAR and Distance Racing:

- a) The finishing line will be between the staff displaying a blue flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port end starting mark.
- b) The finish flag will be a large chequered flag with the word 'finish' on it.
- c) After the target time has elapsed, the signal vessel will display the finish flag with a sound signal (regardless of the location of the lead boat on the course).

All boats that,

- (i) have completed a lap before the finish flag is displayed, but then fail to finish while it is displayed, or
- (ii) cross the finishing line while the finish flag is displayed

shall be deemed to have finished irrespective of the number of laps completed. Their score in the race will be based on the order when they either completed their last lap or finished, with those having completed more laps finishing ahead of those with fewer laps. This changes RRS 28.1, A4, A5.1 and A5.2.

- 12.3 For all race formats, if a boat is told they have finished by an official vessel, it shall return to the vicinity of the signal vessel or go ashore. That boat will be scored in its last known position. This changes RRS 28.1, A5.1 and A5.2.

13 **HEARING REQUESTS**

- 13.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day when racing in Portland Harbour or 90 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day when racing in Weymouth Bay or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the ONB.
- 13.2 On the last day of racing, competitors intending to protest shall inform the race committee before going ashore.
- 13.3 Hearing request forms are available from the club.
- 13.4 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.
- 13.5 RRS 61.2(b)(2) and 63.7(b)(2) are changed so that 30 minutes is replaced by 15 minutes.

14 **SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP]**

- 14.1 RRS 40.1 applies at all times while afloat.
- 14.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

15 **[DP] REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 15.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed.
- 15.2 Substitution of equipment shall be in accordance with the class rules.

16 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 16.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the *rules*.
- 16.2 The penalty for an infringement of a class rule may be less than disqualification.

17 OFFICIAL VESSELS

Official vessels will be identified at the briefing.

18 SUPPORT VESSELS

- 18.1 Private support vessels are prohibited.

19 TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard official or support person vessels.

20 BERTHING

[NP][DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the dinghy park.

Appendix 1: Courses

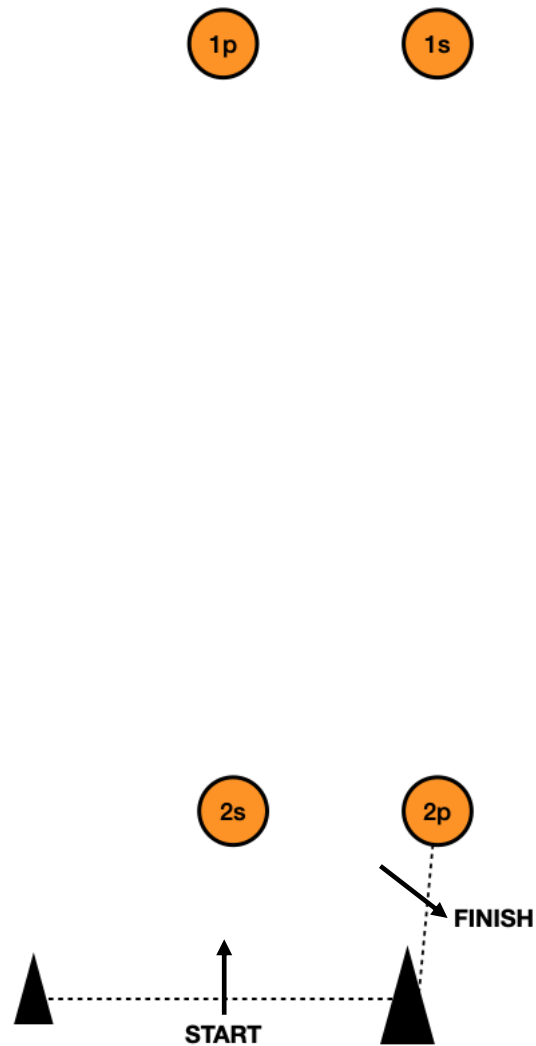
NASCAR Racing



<i>Signal</i>	<i>Mark Rounding Order</i>
NASCAR	1 LAP: Start – 1(p) – 2(p) – 3(p) – 4(p) – Gate
	Repeated laps.

Note: p = leave mark to port.

Windward/Leeward Racing



<i>Signal</i>	<i>Mark Rounding Order</i>
L1	Start – 1s/1p (Gate) – 2p/Finish
L2	Start – 1s/1p (Gate) – 2s/2p (Gate) – 1s/1p (Gate) – 2p/Finish
L3	Start – 1s/1p (Gate) – 2s/2p (Gate) – 1s/1p (Gate) – 2s/2p (Gate) – 1s/1p (Gate) – 2p/Finish

Note: s = leave mark to starboard, p = leave mark to port.