

**Sailing Instructions**  
for the  
**Open clubwedstrijden**  
organised by  
**R.R. & Z.V. "Maas en Roer", Roermond**  
in 2026

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The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

**1 RULES**

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 If there is a conflict between languages in the RRS, the text in the English version will take precedence.
- 1.3 If there is a conflict between languages in the notice of race and sailing instructions, the text in the Dutch version will take precedence.
- 1.4 The rules are changed as follows.
  - Instruction 6.4 changes RRS 26.
  - Instruction 12.3 changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
  - Instruction 12.6 changes RRS 63.1.
  - Instruction 14.4 changes RRS 63.1.
  - Instruction 26.1 changes RRS A2.1.
  - Instruction 16.1 changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

**2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09:30 on the day 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 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the entrance to the race office.

**4 CODE OF CONDUCT**

- 4.1 [NP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.



**5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole in front of the clubhouse of the R.R.& Z.V. "Maas en Roer".
- 5.2 When pennant AP  is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 5.3 [NP] Flag D  means: 'Boats may not leave the harbour while this flag is displayed'. The warning signal will not be made before the planned time or less than 45 minutes after flag D was removed.

## 6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 The class grouping and starting sequence will be posted no later than 10:30 on the first race day on the notice board.
- 6.2 The number of planned races is five (5) and the maximum number of races is seven (7) for all classes.
- 6.3 Planned times of the warning signals:

	First race day	Second race day
<i>First warning signal</i>	11:30 o'clock	11:00 o'clock
<i>Last warning signal</i>		before 15:00 o'clock

- 6.4 The warning signal will be given using flag W . This changes RRS 26. Hoisting flag W counts as warning signal. Removing flag W counts as start signal. For consecutive classes, flag W is removed and immediately hoisted again. Here, the removal of flag W counts not only as start signal, but also as the warning signal for the next class. This is unrelated to the class signals, described in 7.1.
- 6.5 If there is a general recall, the new start time will be 5 minutes after the recalled start. The removing of flag W counts as the new warning signal for the class in question. This will delay the next classes by 5 minutes and the starting sequence will not change.
- 6.6 When flag L  is shown on the finishing vessel, another race will be sailed on the same race day. Competitors are requested to go to the starting area immediately.

## 7 CLASS SIGNALS

- 7.1 For the class signals, yellow boards with a black print of the class sign will be used. The class signal will be displayed no later than 4 minutes before the start and removed no later than 1 minute after the start.

## 8 RACING AREA

- 8.1 The racing area is shown in attachment "Racing area and courses 2024".

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- 9.1 How the courses are displayed is shown in attachment "Racing area and courses 2024".

## 10 MARKS

- 10.1 Marks of the course will be inflatable orange buoys, numbered 1 to 7.
- 10.2 The marks of the starting will be an orange flag on a red buoy and an orange flag on the starting vessel. The starting vessel will display the club flag of Maas en Roer.
- 10.3 The marks of the finish will be a blue flag on a red buoy and a blue flag on the finish vessel. The finish vessel will display the club flag of Maas en Roer.

## 11 OBSTRUCTIONS

- 11.1 The racing area is shown in attachment "Race area and obstructions 2024". All areas outside of the racing area are obstructions.

## 12 THE START

- 12.1 The starting line is between a red buoy with an orange flag and an orange flag on the starting vessel and may be either on the port or starboard side of the starting vessel.
- 12.2 [NP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. The starting area is defined as 20 meter around all sides of the starting line.
- 12.3 A boat which starts later than 4 minutes after its starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
- 12.4 Even during the race, when there is no orange flag displayed on the starting vessel, there is no starting line.
- 12.5 After a general recall, the original starting sequence will be followed.
- 12.6 A boat may only cross the start line at its own starting procedure. A boat which crosses the start line while sailing the course, later than the first leg, will be scored DSQ without protest nor hearing. This changes RRS 63.1. Take care before your own start procedure, to not hinder other boats after their preparatory signal, as stated in RRS 23.1.

### **13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will either move the original mark to a new position or replace the mark. If a new mark is used, a yellow board with a black print will be used to communicate its number.

### **14 THE FINISH**

- 14.1 The finishing line is between a red buoy with a blue flag and a blue flag on the starting vessel and may be either on the port or starboard side of the starting vessel.
- 14.2 Also during the race, when there is no blue flag shown on the finishing vessel, there is no finishing line.
- 14.3 A horn may be sounded when passing the finishing line. The first competitor of a class may receive a longer signal than the rest of the competitors.
- 14.4 The finishing line may only be crossed to finish. A boat crossing the finishing line while sailing the course, before the last leg, will be scored DSQ without protest nor hearing. This changes RRS 63.1. Note that after your finish, crossing the finishing line again will count as your finish.

### **15 PENALTY SYSTEM**

N/A

### **16 TIME LIMIT**

- 16.1 The finishing window is 20 minutes, also for a handicap class. This is the time limit for boats to finish after the first boat in their class has finished. Boats which have not finished within the finishing window and with no special circumstances (e.g. retiring, being penalised, or receiving a redress), will be scored TLE without hearing (Time Limit Expired). With TLE, one point more will be scored than the last boat which finished within the time limit. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

### **17 HEARING REQUESTS**

- 17.1 For each class, the protest time limit is: 60 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.
- 17.2 There will be a protest box near the notice board. There will be hearing request forms available by the protest box and filled out forms are to be posted in the protest box.
- 17.3 Within 30 minutes after the protest time limit, a list of competitors will be posted on the notice board to inform them of hearings in which they are noted as a party or witness.

### **18 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 18.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

### **19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 19.1 A competitor may use a smaller type of sail than registered, including appropriate equipment, as long as the boat conforms to the class rules of a class with a higher or equal SW. However, the hull may not be replaced. This allows the competitor to determine what fits the conditions best. For example:
- ILCA7 may change to ILCA6 or ILCA4
  - ILCA6 may change to ILCA4
  - Splash Red / Flash may change to Splash Blue or Splash Green
  - Splash Blue may change to Splash Green
- 19.2 A team may change the number of crew between races, as long as they conform to the class rules. For example Yngling and Valk, these may be sailed by 2 or 3 people.

### **20 EQUIPMENT CHECKS AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

N/A

### **21 SUPPLIED BOATS**

N/A

### **22 OFFICIAL VESSELS**

N/A

**23 SUPPORT TEAMS**

N/A

**24 TRASH DISPOSAL**

24.1 Trash may be placed aboard official or support persons boats.

**25 ORGANISATION**

N/A

**26 SCORING**

- 26.1 a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.  
b) When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.  
This changes RRS A2.1.

**27 PRIZES**

- 27.1 For each race weekend, separate results will be determined and associated prizes will be awarded.  
27.2 There will be 1 prize for every 3 competing boats in a class, with a maximum of 3 prizes per class.