



RS Tera



Grafham Water Sailing Club

Rooster UK RS Tera Start of Season Championships 2025

Saturday 29th - Sunday 30th March 2025

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

**The Organising Authority is Grafham Water 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.
- 1.2. GWSC Local Rule – Wet Suits or Dry Suits must be worn whilst afloat
- 1.3. Rule 44.1 is changed so that a boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while racing.
- 1.4. The following documents apply:
 - 1.4.1. The International RS Tera Class Rules, available at <https://www.rstera.org.uk/documents>
 - 1.4.2. All sailors must wear a whistle attached to their buoyancy aids [DP]
 - 1.4.3. All boats shall carry a painter of 6mm floating line at least 8m in length (measured from the fitment point on the boat) [DP]
 - 1.4.4. It is advised that the rear handles on the transom have the plastic loops fitted as supplied by RS.
 - 1.4.5. The scrutineering process which is intended to assist in compliance with the RS Tera Class Rules could 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.
 - 1.4.6. Long hair must be tied back so it does not pose a threat to the sailor's safety.
 - 1.4.7. Grafham Water SC and the UK RS Tera Class Association implement the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Racing Charter, available at: <https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/rules/racing-charter> and set out in Addendum 3
 - 1.4.8. RRS Appendix T (Arbitration) will apply
- 1.5. RRS 40.1 will apply at all times whilst afloat.
- 1.6. RRS 63.5(c) is changed so that in the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

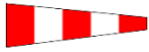

2. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 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 on the Class Association website at <https://www.rstera.org.uk/start-of-seasons-2025-noticeboard>
- 3.2. A WhatsApp group is established for communications with competitors and shall be regarded as the communication channel for the event. <https://chat.whatsapp.com/EuJx3zixXTtGz72sA7hdll>
- 3.3. From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, 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
- 3.4. The race office is located on the second floor of the club house

4. Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Grafham Water Sailing Club flagpole number 3, which is located on the foreshore to the North West of the Clubhouse
- 4.2. When flag AP  is displayed ashore, “the warning signal will be made” is replaced with “Flag D will be raised” in the Race Signals section of the RRS. Any further postponement signals will be made from the committee boat in accordance with the Racing Signals section of the RRS.
- 4.3. [DP] Flag D with  fleet flag and one sound means ‘Boats in displayed fleet can launch’. Boats shall not launch until this signal is made. The warning signal will not be made before the scheduled time or less than 20 minutes after flag D is displayed

5. Schedule of Races

- 5.1. The table below shows the scheduled times for warning signals for each day of the event:

Day	Event	Time
Saturday 29 th March	Registration open	0830 to 1000
Saturday 29 th March	Briefing in front of the clubhouse	1000
Saturday 29 th March	First warning signal	1125
Sunday 30 th March	First warning signal	1030
Sunday 30 th March	Last possible time for a warning signal	1500
Sunday 30 th March	Prizegiving	As soon as possible after racing

- 5.2. The Championship will consist of up to 8 races. The intention is that there will be no more than 4 races a day. One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that no fleet becomes more than one race ahead of schedule.
- 5.3. 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 five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 5.4. There will be an interval of at least one minute between any Start and the Warning Signal for a subsequent Start.

6. Class Flags

- 6.1. The class flag for the RS Tera Pro fleet is a yellow flag with the word ‘Pro’ in black text.

PRO

- 6.2. The class flag for the RS Tera Sport is a white flag with the word ‘Sport’ in black text

SPORT

7. Racing Area

- 7.1 The racing area is expected to be at the West end of the Lake: this will be confirmed at the Competitor briefing.

8. Courses

- 8.1. The diagrams in SI Addendum 1 show the courses to be sailed, 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. The course to

be sailed by a fleet will be displayed on the Starboard side of the Committee Boat from no later than the warning signal until at least the starting signal for that fleet

8.2. A gate may be replaced by a single mark to be left to port

9. Marks

9.1. Marks will be orange inflatable pillar buoys. Mark 1 will be an orange pillar buoy with a blue/white chequered band.

9.2. The Starting Mark will be an orange dan buoy with an orange flag or a race committee vessel displaying an orange flag.

9.3. The Finishing Mark will be an orange dan buoy with a blue flag or a race committee vessel displaying a blue flag.

10. Obstructions

10.1 The following areas are designated as obstructions:

10.1.1 The prohibited area at the West end of the water is an obstruction. Its boundary is a line of small yellow buoys forming its eastern boundary.

10.1.2 Each fishing boat, and an area extending 20 metres in any direction from the fishing boat is a prohibited area and an obstruction

11. The Start


11.1. Races will be started using RRS 26

11.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Boat and the Starting Mark as defined in SI 9.2

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

11.4. 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 and A5.2

11.5. In the main fleets, the PRO fleet will start first, followed by the SPORT fleet. Note however that the Race Officer does have discretion to change the order of starts

11.6. If there is a general recall  starts will remain in the same sequence eg if the PRO fleet starting first has a general recall,, the SPORT fleet will be started after the restart of the PRO fleet..

12. Change of the Next Leg of the Course

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

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

13. The Finish

13.1. The finishing line will be between the staff of a committee boat displaying a blue flag at the starboard end and the Finishing Mark at the port end as defined in SI9.3.

13.2. Scoring other boats:

13.2.1. 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.

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

13.2.3. 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.

14. Time Limits and Target Times

14.1. The Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), Target Time for the first boat and Finishing Window are show in the table below

Race Time Limit	Target Time	Finishing Window
60 minutes	45 minutes	10 minutes

- 14.2. The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat in that fleet sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Did not finish (DNF) without a hearing. A boat scored DNF shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.
- 14.3. Failure to meet the Target Time will not be considered an improper action of the Race Committee under Rule 61.4 (b)(1).

Hearing Requests

- 14.4. For each class, the protest time limit 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 will be posted on the official noticeboard.
- 14.5. Hearing request forms are available to be completed from the race office.
- 14.6. 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. Hearing location will be published with the schedule on the official notice board.

15. Replacement of Crew or Equipment

- 15.1. [DP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.
- 15.2. [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized 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.

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1. Competitors shall wear a personal flotation device at all times while afloat, except briefly while adjusting clothing or personal equipment. This changes RRS 40. [DP]
- 16.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify an official boat as soon as possible. A declaration form is available from the race office which must be completed by competitors when ashore. Competitors may also use this form to indicate races which they did not finish (DNF) or in which they took penalty turns. [DP]

17. Berthing

Please note that berthing is specifically for competitors RS Teras and no other sailing craft can be stored or launched from Grafham Water Sailing Club during the event.

18. 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.

19. 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.

20. ADDITIONAL NOTES

The Rooster RS Tera Start of Season Championships 2025 is a selector event for the UKRSTCA RS Tera Performance Academy 2025/26.

The Rooster RS Tera Start of Season Championships 2025 is Round 1 of the RS Tera Eastern Traveller series 2025.

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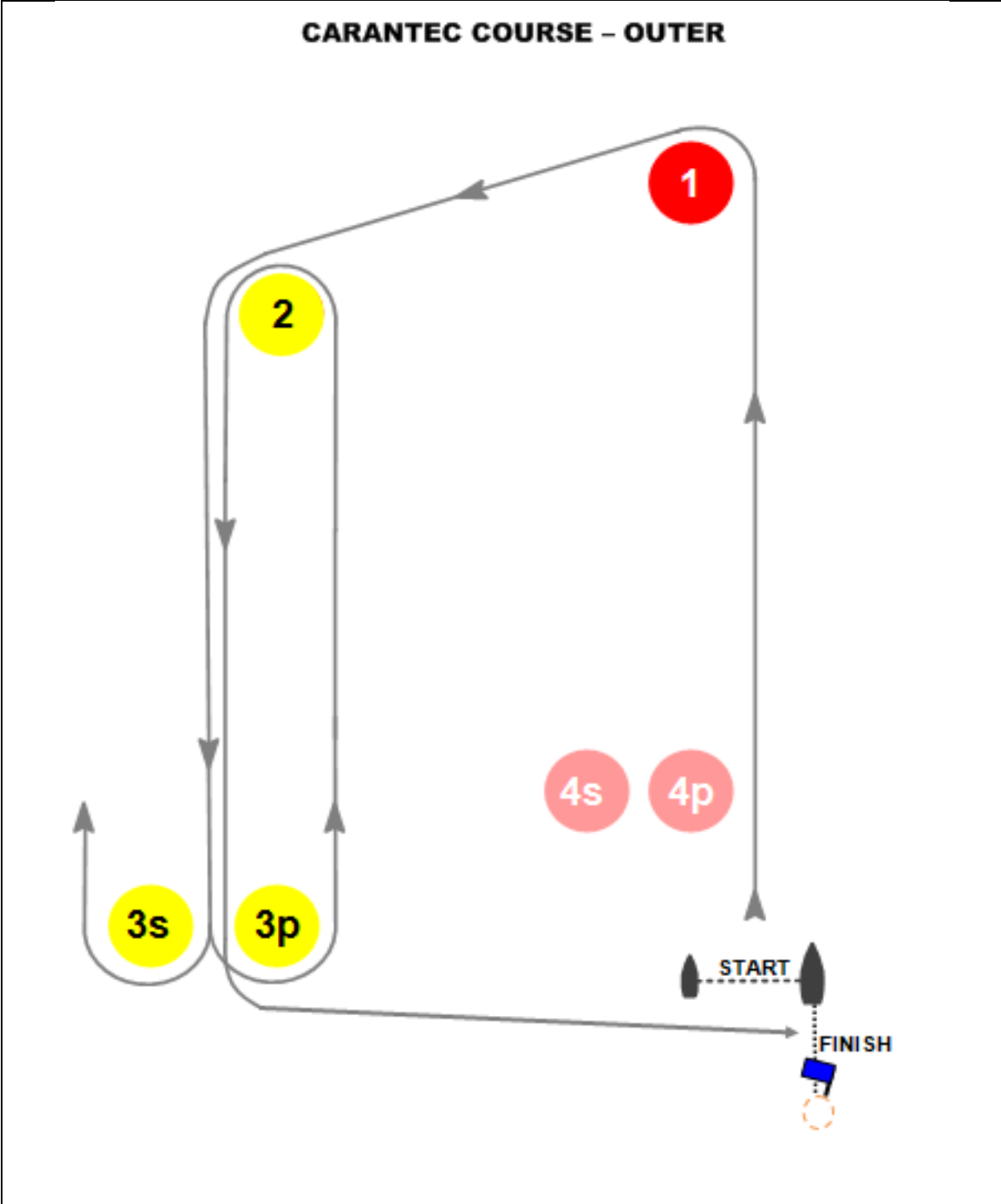
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SI ADDENDUM 1 - COURSES

O	Course: Carantec Course – Outer Loop
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
O1	Start - 1 - 2 - 3p - Finish
O2	Start - 1 - 2 - 3s/3p - 2 - 3p - Finish
O3	Start - 1 - 2 - 3s/3p - 2 - 3s/3p - 2 - 3p - Finish



SI ADDENDUM 2

INCIDENTS ON THE WATER - SOME EXPLANATIONS

Protests and Arbitration

If you are involved in an incident on the water - you may want to protest another boat. To do so you must immediately hail 'Protest' at the first reasonable opportunity. Later you can fill in a protest form and deliver it at the race office before the protest time limit ends.

At this event we will be operating a system of Arbitration. This is set out in RRS Appendix T.

Advisory hearing

If you have been involved in an incident - but you don't want to protest anybody, maybe you want to learn what the rules are in that situation anyway..., then you can ask for an advisory hearing.

This can be a good way to learn more about situations that happen on the water - and nobody will get disqualified or penalised.

If you are told in an advisory hearing that you did break a rule in the situation - you can take a Post Race Penalty or retire - but you don't have to.

RYA Racing Charter

Applies equally to everyone involved in sailboat racing

Principles



Fair Racing

Competitors agree to race fairly; organisers and officials agree to provide fair racing; support persons agree to encourage fair racing and uphold the principles of this Charter.

Fair Resolution

Disputes will be addressed in a timely and proper manner by those responsible; parties involved will use established tools for achieving a fair resolution.



Foul, abusive, aggressive and discriminatory language or behaviour, or a lack of respect for others and their property, will not be tolerated.



Respect

Those who take unfair advantage of sailing's self-policing nature, or behave inappropriately, can expect action to be taken against them.



Accountability

Why?

Ensures sailboat racing is **fair, welcoming and inclusive to all**

Provides a framework for all-round **enjoyment**

Encourages **life long** sailboat racing

In Practice

What YOU should expect

Racing that is inclusive, fair, enjoyable and safe.

Facilities, organisation and race management of acceptable standards and appropriate to the event.

Opportunities to give feedback.

Prompt resolution of any disputes.



What is expected of YOU

Courtesy and respect to other competitors, officials and other water users, both afloat and ashore.

Compliance with rules; taking a penalty when required by the rules.

Use of provided tools to resolve any disputes.

The RYA encourages the use of the following tools...

for the resolution of Racing Disputes:

Post-Race Penalty Advisory Hearings RYA Arbitration Protest Hearings

for Unacceptable Behaviour:

Rule 2 Protest Rule 69 Hearing



For further information, visit www.rya.org.uk/go/racingcharter