



RS800 European Championship and RS500 Eurocup Series 2017

12 – 14 May 2017

IJsselmeer off Medemblik (the Netherlands)

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

Royal Yacht Club Hollandia (RYC Hollandia)
in conjunction with the International RS800 and RS500 Class Associations

Sailing Instructions

[DP] denotes that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

[NP] denotes that a breach of that rule will not be grounds for protest by a boat..

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the Royal Netherlands Yachting Union will apply.
http://www.sailing.org/documents/racingrules/national_prescriptions.php
- 1.3 The International RS Class Associations Rules will apply.
- 1.4 **[DP] [NP]** Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices at all times while afloat, except briefly while adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Flag Y will not be displayed. This changes RRS 40.
- 1.5 The following RRS are changed as follows:
 - Rule 31 is changed so that marks other than starting and finishing marks may be touched but not manhandled without penalty.
 - For RS800 only: Rule 44 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 1.6 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2 NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board, situated near the entrance of the race office.
- 2.2 A competitors briefing will be held on Friday 12 May at 1230 in front of the race office. Subsequent briefings may be held and will be advised on the Official Notice Board.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted for at least two hours before the scheduled start of the race or races concerned; except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole situated near the race office.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The schedule of races will be:

| <i>Dates of racing</i> | <i>Number of races</i> | <i>1st Warning signal</i> |
|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Friday 12 May | 3 | 1355 |
| Saturday 13 May | 3 | 1055 |
| Sunday 14 May | 3 | 1055 |

One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that no class becomes more than one race ahead of schedule and the change is made according to SI 3.

- 5.2 When more than one race will be held on the same day, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as possible.
- 5.3 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1500 except after a general recall.
- 5.4 To alert boats that a race or sequence or races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag on the race committee signal vessel will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

6 CLASS FLAGS AND STARTING SEQUENCE

- 6.1 The class flags and starting sequence will be:
 - RS800 – White flag with black RS800 – Starting sequence 1
 - RS500 – Green flag with black RS500 – Starting sequence 2
- 6.2 The race committee may change the starting sequence in order to shorten waiting times. The second substitute will then be displayed at least five minutes before the warning signal will be made.

7 RACING AREA

Attachment A shows the location of the racing area.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The diagram in Attachment B show the courses, including the approximate angels between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 If one gate mark is missing the remaining mark shall be left to port.
- 8.3 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 Marks 1, 2S and 2P will be yellow inflatable buoys. Mark 1A will be a green inflatable buoy.
- 9.2 The starting and finishing marks will be a race committee vessel at the starboard end and a dan buoy at the port end.
- 9.3 A race committee vessel signalling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in SI 12.2.

10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

There are no areas that are obstructions.

11 THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made five (5) minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2 The starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the starting marks.
- 11.3 A mark ILM (a dan buoy flying a red flag, laid at the port end side of the race committee signal vessel) may be used. Boats shall leave the ILM to starboard while starting. The ILM is considered a starting mark as prescribed in the preamble to RRS Part 2, section C.
- 11.4 **[DP] [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 a rectangle overlapping the starting line by 50 meters in all directions.
- 11.5 A boat that does not start within four (4) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.1 and A5.
- 11.6 Races will not be started unless the race officer is satisfied that the average wind speed in the course area is at least four (4) knots.

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 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee vessel signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee vessel to starboard. This changes RRS 28.1.

13 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the finishing marks.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

There is no International Jury appointed.

15 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

15.1 The time limits and target time are as follows:

| <i>Time limit</i> | <i>Mark 1 time limit</i> | <i>Target time</i> |
|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| 70 minutes | 30 minutes | 40 minutes |

If no boat of the RS800 class has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned. If no boat of the RS500 class has passed Mark 1A within the Mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

15.2 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat of their class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1 Protest forms will be available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

16.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

16.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties to, or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at the race office, beginning at the time posted.

16.4 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

16.5 Breaches of instructions marked with [NP] (1.4, 11.4, 18, 21.2, 23, 24.2 and 25) will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties of these breaches may be less than disqualification of the protest committee so decides.

16.6 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

17 SCORING

17.1 Points will accrue to the helm and crew team named on the entry form and not the boat entered.

17.2 (a) Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

(b) When fewer than four (4) races have been completed, a competitor's series score will be the total of his race scores.

(c) When from four to seven (4 -7) races have been completed, a competitor's series score will be the total of his race scores excluding his worst score.

(d) When eight (8) or more races have been completed, a competitor's series score will be the total of his race scores excluding his two worst scores.

- 17.3 To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a competitor may complete a scoring enquiry form available at the race office. If a request for correction is rejected the time limit for requesting redress for the alleged error is 30 minutes after the rejection is advised to the competitor. This changes RRS 62.2.

18 [NP] [SP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 When the race committee considers that a boat or competitor is in difficulty it may instruct the boat or competitor to accept outside help, retire or sail ashore.
- 18.2 Sign in and sign out: The responsible person for each boat must sign in to the race at the 'Sign in sign out desk', located at the race office, every day before going afloat. He must also sign out at the 'Sign in sign out desk' after racing within the protest time limit.
- 18.3 A boat that retires from a race or leaves the course area before racing shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1 For the event only the helm and crew team named on the entry form will be eligible. If a different helm and crew team completes a race in the same boat then they will be considered a separate entry and their results cannot be combined with another helm's results.
- 19.2 The registered helm and crew may swap roles without restriction.
- 19.3 Crews may only be changed during the series of races comprising an event from the person named on entry form with prior written approval of the race committee or class representative. If it is known at the start of the event that there will have to be a change crew during the event then both crews should be registered on entry form along with which day(s) they will be sailing.
- 19.4 Under exceptional circumstances, the race committee may permit a boat to use sails carrying a distinguishing number other than that required by RRS 77 and RRS Appendix G. Such permission is only valid if sought in writing and granted at least two (2) hours before the scheduled start of that day's racing.
- 19.5 **[DP]** Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 20.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.
- 20.2 RS800 competitors shall be measured in accordance with the Class Rules before racing in the event but not more than 24 hours before the first scheduled start. The measurements and the corresponding rack and corrector weight settings shall be recorded on the form provided, available to view by all competitors, and will apply for the duration of the event. If a helm or crew is substituted during the event, the new sailor will be measured before racing and the boat's rack and corrector weight settings adjusted and recorded to suit.

21 EVENT ADVERTISING

- 21.1 Advertising is permitted in accordance with the Class Rules and World Sailing Regulation 20.
- 21.2 **[DP] [NP]** Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and / or supplied by the organizing authority. The following parts of the hulls and sails must be left clear for the possible display of the supplied advertising:

- i) the front 1.2m of the bow
- ii) the mainsail below the bottom batten
- iii) the front 1m of the boom nearest the mast

22 OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will be marked as follows:

- Race committee vessels will fly a white flag with red letters 'RC'
- Orange rigid inflatable boats of the organizing authority are marked 'rescue' on the tubes and carry a grey outboard cover with the Hollandia club insignia.

23 [DP] [NP] SUPPORT BOATS

- 23.1 Support boats shall be registered with the organizing authority and will be required to comply with event support boat regulations.
- 23.2 Support boats shall clearly display on both sides of the boat their country code letters (see RRS G1.1) with a minimum height of 200 mm for the duration of the event.
- 23.3 Team leaders, coaches and other support persons shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

24 TRASH DISPOSAL

- 24.1 Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.
- 24.2 **[DP] [NP]** A competitor shall not drop trash in the dingy park.

25 RADIO COMMUNICATION

[DP] [NP] Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that is not available to all boats.

26 PRIZES

- 26.1 Prizes are allocated in relation to the number of boats attending.
- 26.2 The overall winners of the RS800 Champion fleet series will be awarded the first place trophy and the title European Champions.

27 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 27.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. Moreover, every owner/competitor warrants the suitability of his boat for the race or races.
- 27.2 The safety of a boat and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/competitor racing the boat, who shall ensure that the boat is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by a crew sufficient in number and experience who are physically fit to face bad weather. The owner/competitor shall be satisfied as to the

soundness of the hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. He shall ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and that all crew know where it is kept and how it is to be used.

- 27.3 Neither the establishment of these sailing instructions nor any inspection of the boat under these conditions in any way limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner/competitor for his crew, the boat and the management thereof. The crews are nonetheless advised to satisfy themselves as to the experience of the skipper and the adequacy of all safety equipment and insurance arrangements.

28 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of € 1.500.000 per incident or the equivalent.

29 RIGHTS TO USE NAMES AND LIKENESS

By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

30 USE OF DRONES

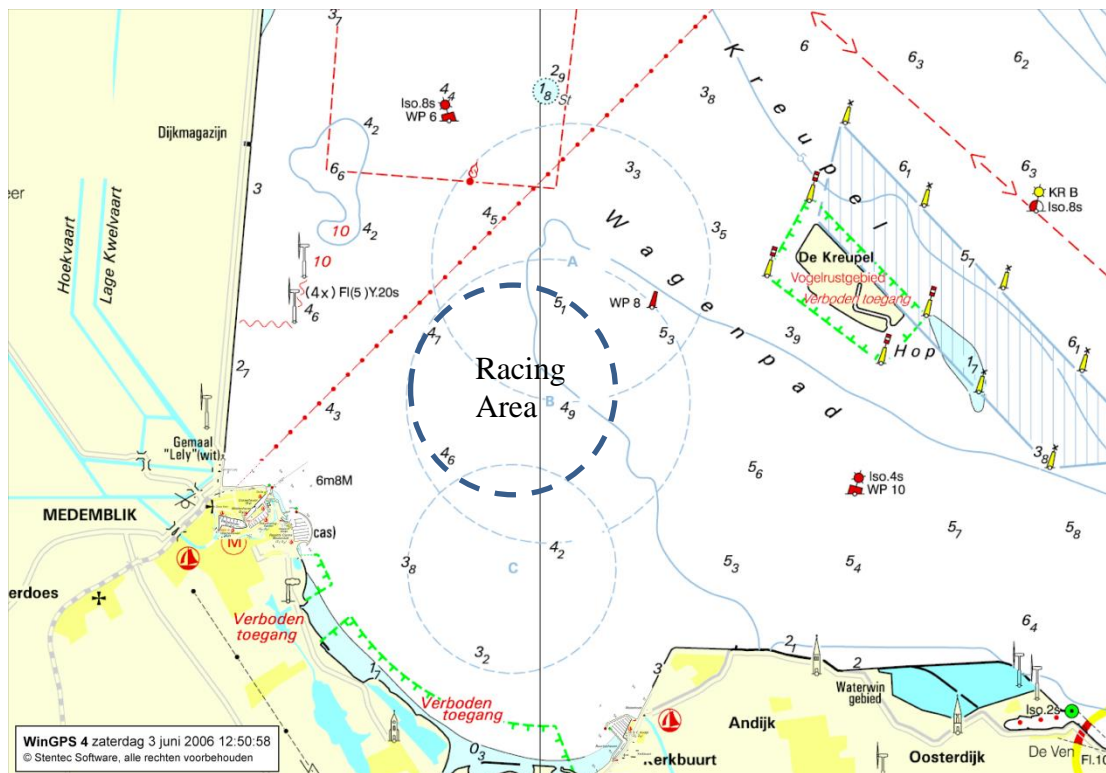
Event drones (UAVs/UASs) may be used in close proximity to obtain media for an event. This may be on land and/or over water. Any material gained from their use can be used by the event team or sponsors for PR and Media purposes.

ATTACHMENT A

APPROXIMATE POSITION RACING AREA

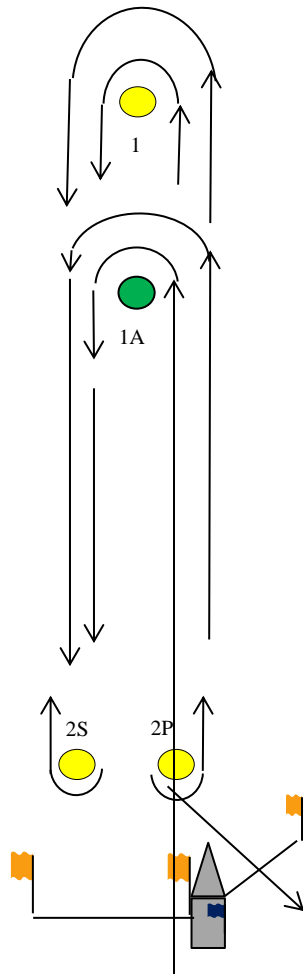
Harbor (Regatta Center) – Racing Area (midpoint) distance: approx. 1,2 NM

Compass bearing: approximately: 060.



ATTACHMENT B

THE COURSES



RS800:

Start – 1 – 2p/2s – 1 – 2 –Finish

RS500:

Start – 1A – 2p/2s – 1A – 2 –Finish