

Race Management Update

Winter 2022/3
29th January 2023

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Agenda Items

- Reminders/General Information:
 - Racing Risk Assessment for 2023
 - RO resources and materials – general
 - Club Racing Schedule for 2023
 - Duties/RO Benefits: OOD points
- Wednesday Evening Feedback – 2022 format, survey results, 2023 proposals
- Points for Discussion

Racing Risk Assessments

- Club Racing Risk Assessment
 - Runs for the membership year: 1st April 2023 - 31st March 2024.
 - Ideally sign off by 1st April or at latest before next duty after that date.
(If you have not signed it for 2022-2023, please do so.)
- Open Meeting Risk Assessment
 - Sign off before each open event

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QM RACE OFFICER RESOURCES & INFORMATION

KEY INFORMATION FOR RACE OFFICER TEAMS

It may have been a considerable time since you last did RO duties and there have been updates resulting from the 2021-2024 RRS updates from the RYA. We recommend you look at the wealth of resources and information below before going out for your first duty.

We would ask you to read the latest Club Racing Risk Assessment before coming up to the club. We will ask you to sign off that this has been read, when you come to the Club for your first duty.

USEFUL INFORMATION FOR RACE OFFICERS

Resources - Links

- Latest RO update (plus links to previous updates)
- Latest Sunday and Wednesday Start Timing Charts
- Risk Assessments
- Club RO Training Course Slides
- Race Team Checklist (*being updated currently*)
- Club Race Flag Box
- Course Diagrams
- Scoring Codes Chart
- Rules Advisors List
- Other useful links e.g. RYA Racing Rules Guidance Booklet

Club Racing Schedule 2023

- **Frostbite Series** (10 weeks): 18th December 2022 – 5th March 2023
- **Spring Series** (11 weeks): 12th March – 28th May
 - Sunday 7th May - Club Championships
- **Summer Series** (11 weeks): 4th June – 13th August
- **Autumn Series** (8 weeks): 20th August – 8th October
- **Winter Series** (8 weeks): 15th October – 3rd December
- **Christmas Fun Race**: Sunday 10th December

Club Racing Schedule 2023

- **Wednesday Evening Series** (22 Weeks): 5th April – 30th August
- **Bank Holiday Races**
- Monday 10th April: Easter Bank Holiday Pursuit Race
- Monday 8th May: Mayday Bank Holiday Sprints – “Coronation Cup”
- **Rookie Racing Dates**
- 22nd April, 27th May & 15th July
- 16th September, 21st October & 4th November

Club Racing Schedule 2023

Fleet Race Series Dates: (all open to visiting boats to join for £15 day sail fee)

- ILCA BIG Sunday: 5th Feb, 14th May (inc. Thames Valley Open), 18th June, 24th September, 19th November (10 races, 8 to count)
- RS200 Winter Series: 13th Nov and 4th Dec 2022, 15th Jan, 12th Feb, 12th March (10 races; 5 to count)
- RS400 Gold Series: 19th March, 16th April, 14th May, 18th June, 16th July, 17th September (12 races; 6 to count)
- RS200 Series: TBC (11 races; 6 to count)
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RO Duties and OOD Points

- Including Open Meetings, total of 88 events requiring ROs
- Teams of 2 or 3 = 176 + duties (2022 was 208)
- Goal - use “ARO2” slot for new team members
- OOD points
 - Wednesday Evening Series: 3 days, 3 races
 - Each Sunday Series: 2 days, 4 races

Wednesday Evening Format - 2023

<u>Pros – Two Starts</u>	<u>Cons – Two Starts</u>
Overall 40, Excluding ILCAs 21	Overall 19, Excluding ILCAs 16
<u>Competitors</u>	<u>Competitors</u>
Less congestion / safer on start line	No different to Sunday fleet racing
Less congestion on first beat	Seen as unfair to combine results
Less daunting for inexperienced sailors	Mixed handicap sailing a good skill to learn
Allows ILCAs to have a race within a race	One club, one start, one prize
<u>Race Officers</u>	<u>Race Officers</u>
Shorter start line easier to set	Restarting after a recall due to tight time
Easier to spot boats over at start	Some teams want three on the boat

2023 Preference	Two Starts: ILCA / Other	Two Starts: Slow / Fast	Single Start	No preference	Total
Total	31	9	19	7	66
By Class	Two Starts: ILCA / Other	Two Starts: Slow / Fast	Single Start	No preference	Total
ILCA	16	3	3	2	24
RS400	4	1	3	1	9
RS200	4	2	5	1	12
Tasar	0	0	3	0	3
Other	7	3	5	3	18
By Races Sailed 2022	Two Starts: ILCA / Other	Two Starts: Slow / Fast	Single Start	No preference	Total
Completed series (11+)	8	3	8	0	19
Qualified (8-10)	6	1	2	1	10
Just a few (1-7)	14	4	7	3	28
None	3	1	2	3	9

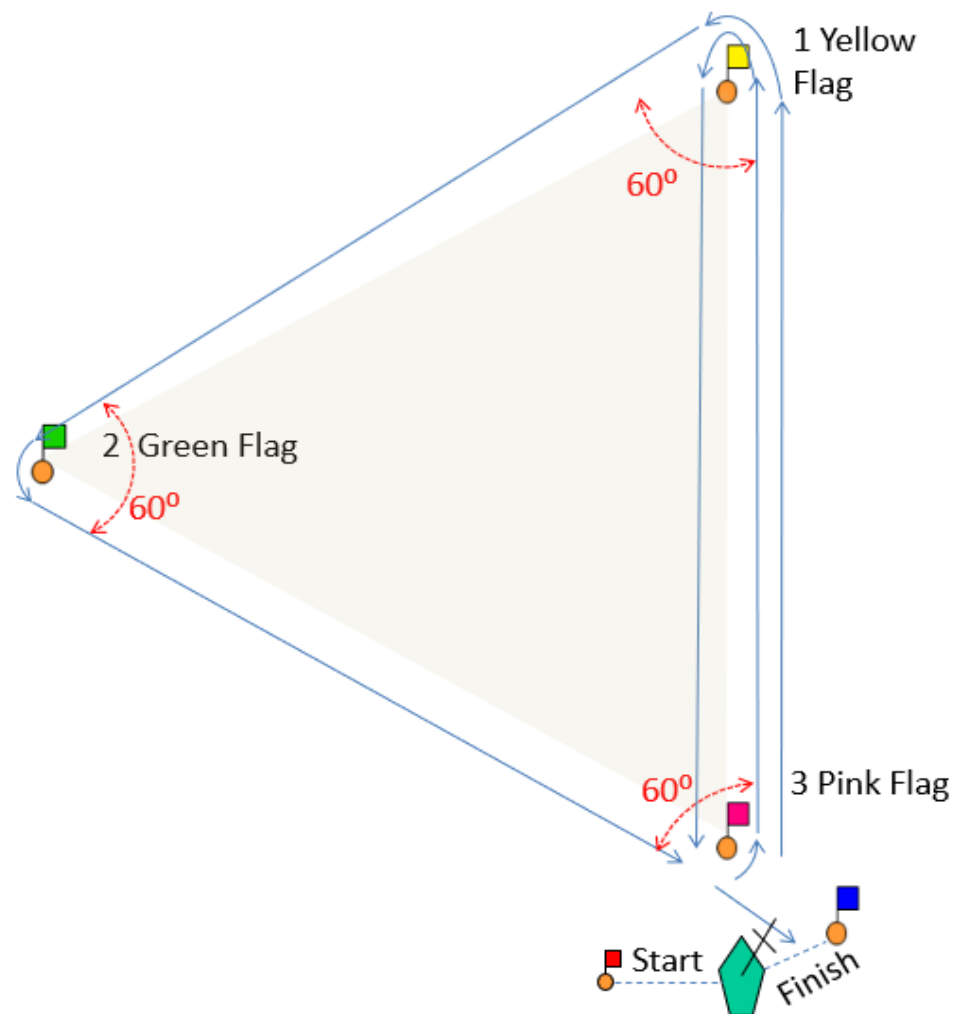
Points for Discussion

- Number of laps for each fleet given trial reversal of start times for Frostbite Series. Any other issues resulting from changed start times (e.g. general recall order)?
- Number of entries/recording results/assigning fleets
- Format for reporting race results – consistency?
- Shorten Course procedure (one start/fleet/all)
- Course-Laying – size, geometry – see course diagrams, Role of ROs
- Starting – penalty flags
- Race turnaround – suggestions for improvement
- Target times for race preparation – see club race preparation schedule
- OTHER???

Reservoir – Shortened Bund`



Additional Slides



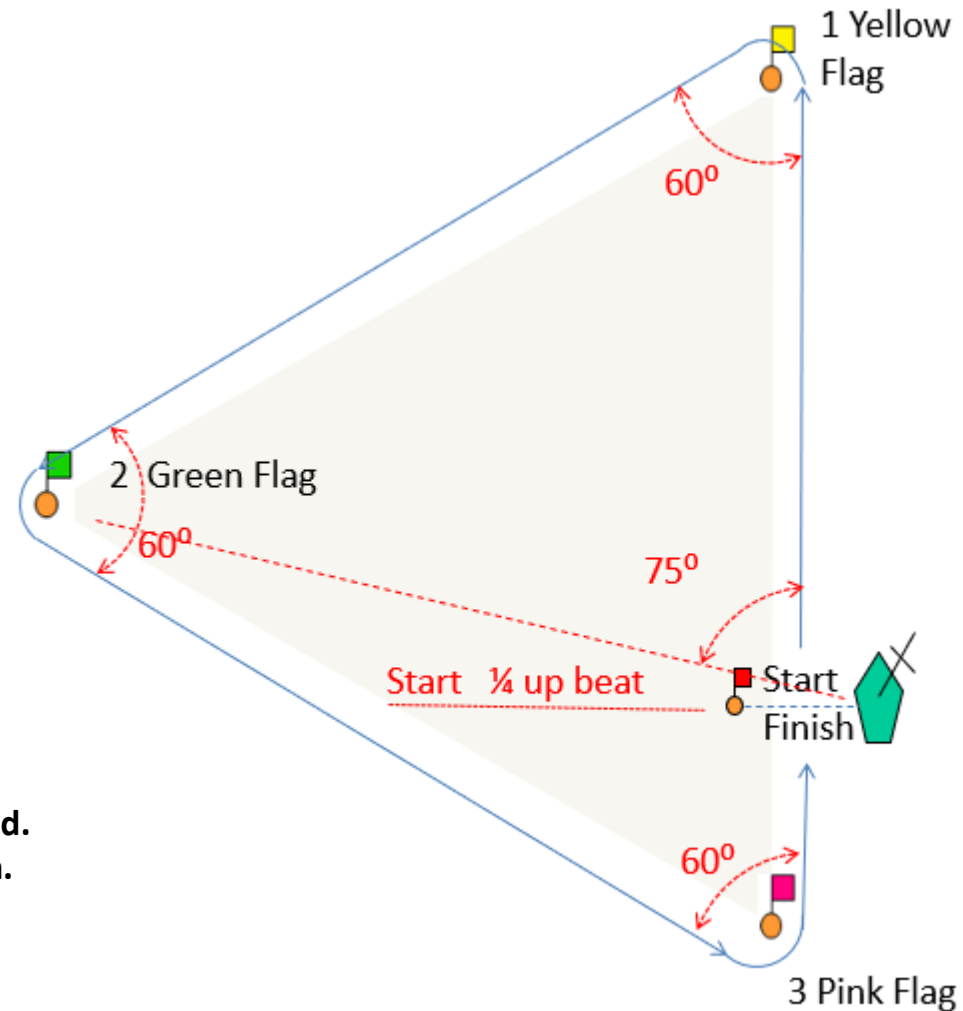
Wednesday Course K

Course K - Triangle

Timed race duration.
Start and finish on the beat.

Course

1P - 2P - 3P and cross start/finish line upwind.
Start/finish line downwind is an obstruction.
Repeated until blue flag is hoisted.



Wednesday Course L

Course L – Windward/Leeward

Timed race duration.

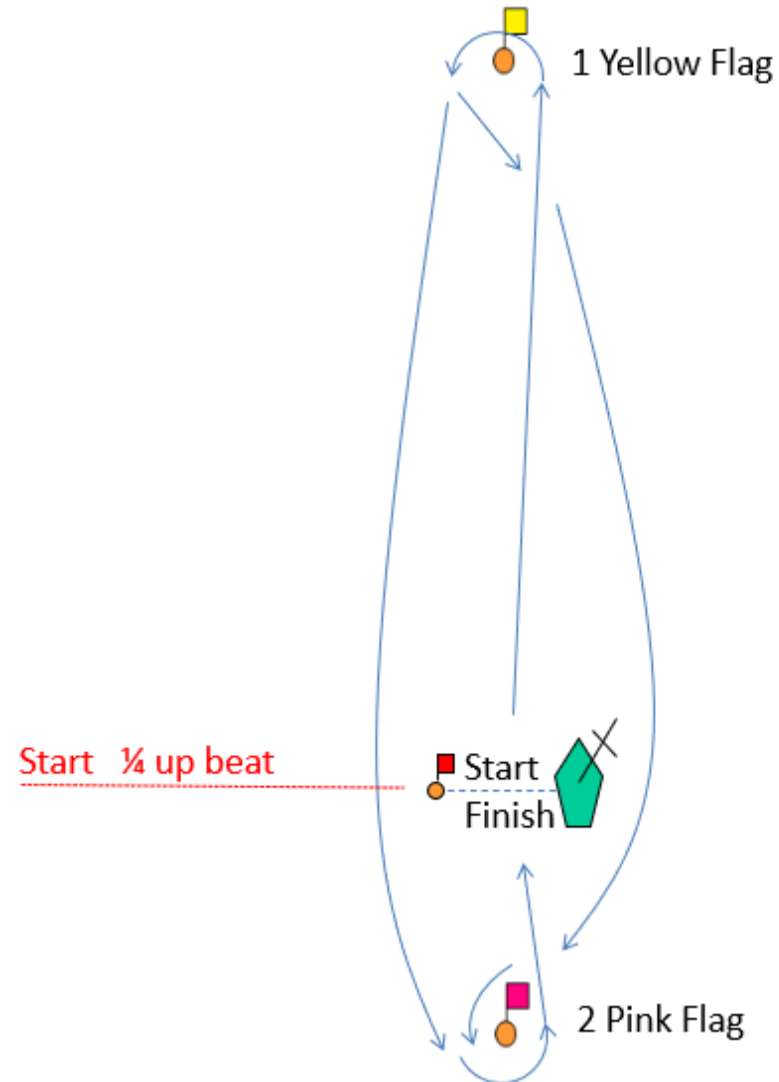
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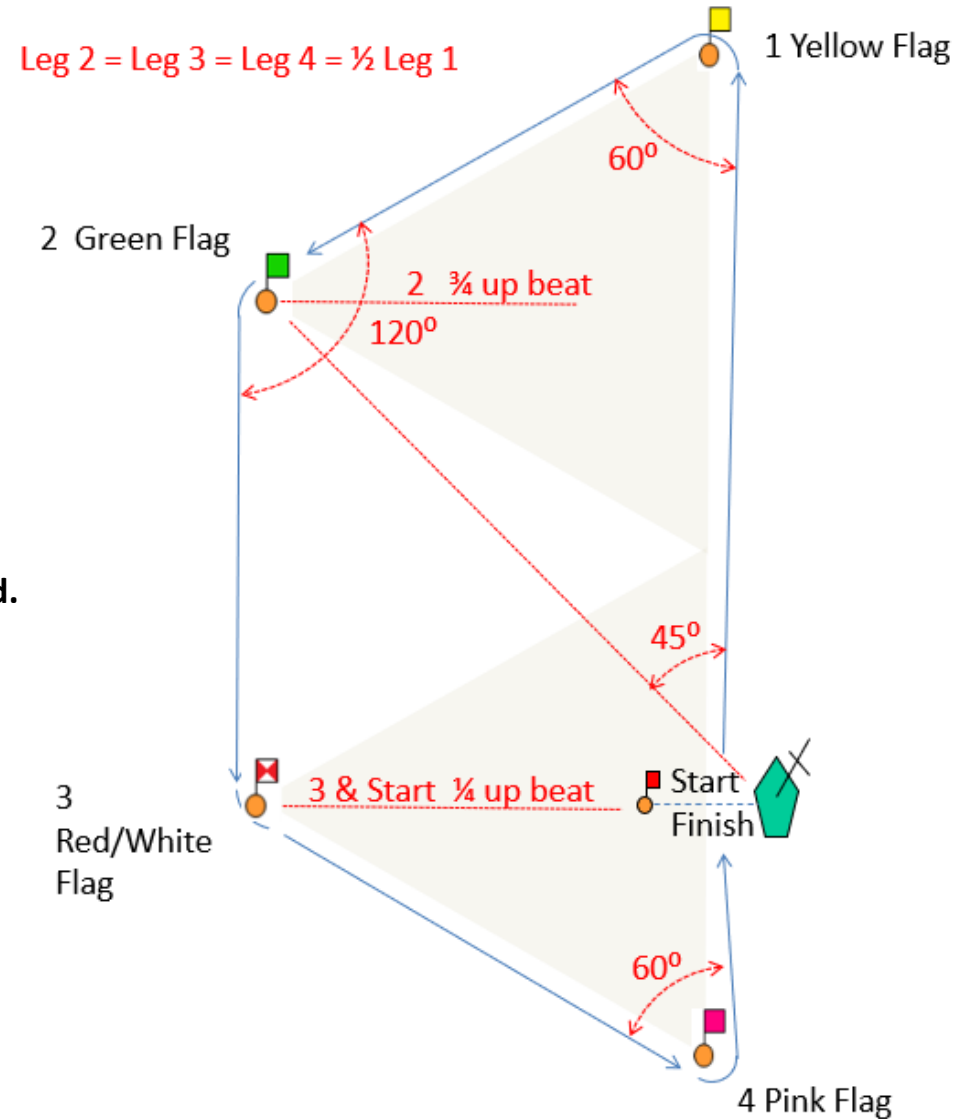
Wednesday Course N

Course N - Trapezoid

Timed race duration.
Start and finish on the beat.

Course

1P - 2P - 3P - 4P and cross start/finish line upwind.
Start/finish line downwind is an obstruction.
Repeated until blue flag is hoisted



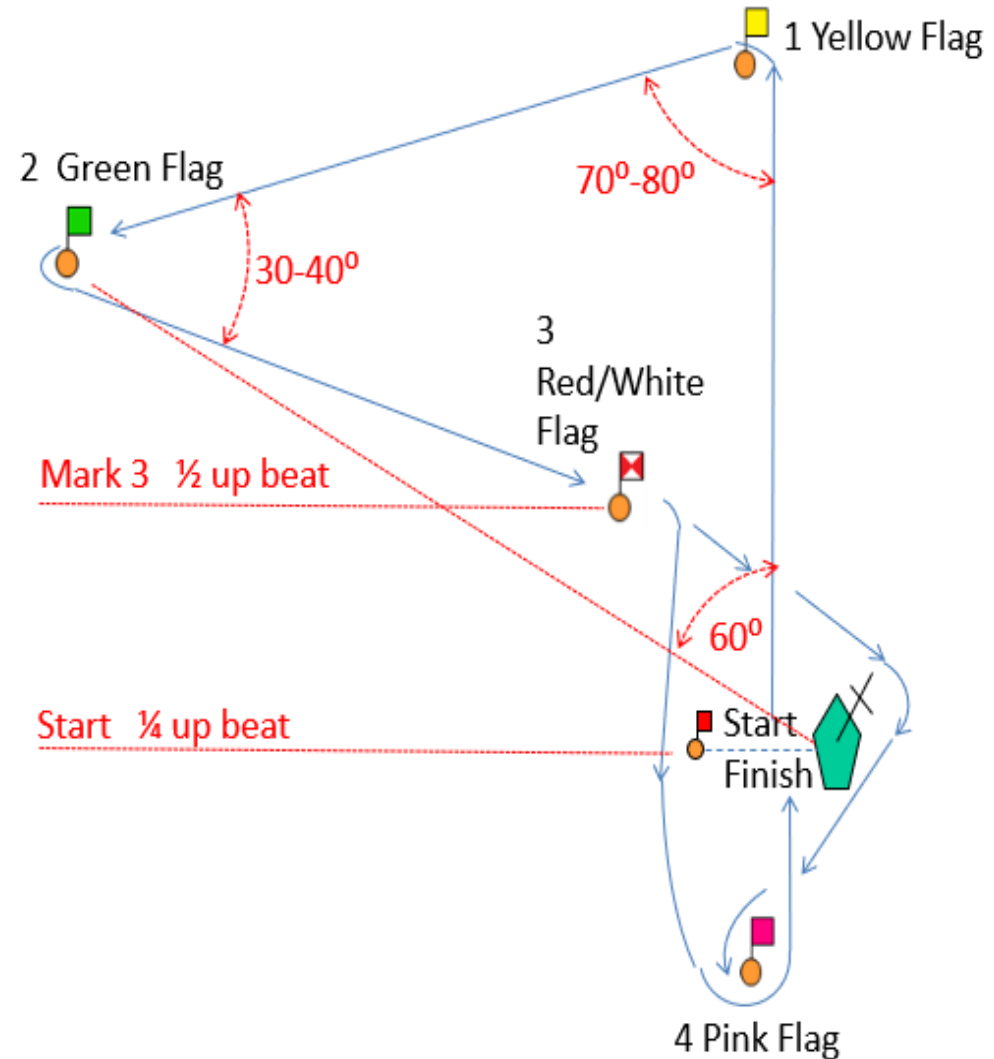
Wednesday Course P

Course P – Reverse P

Timed race duration.
Start and finish on the beat.

Course

1P - 2P - 3S - 4P and cross start/finish line upwind.
Start/finish line downwind is an obstruction.
Repeated until blue flag is hoisted.



Scoring Codes

Scoring Codes Used in Club Sunday and Wednesday Series: Description, Meaning and the Penalties Attached

Code	Description	Penalty applied
BFD	Disqualification under RRS 30.4. (Black Flag.)	1 place more than number of boats in race
DNC	Did not <u>start</u> : did not come to the starting area.	1 place more than number of boats in series
DNF	Did not finish.	1 place more than number of boats in race
DNS	Did not <u>start</u> : (other than DNC or OCS). (Came to the starting area but did not start - includes out of time starters.)	1 place more than number of boats in race
NSC	Did not sail the course. (e.g. failed to round all marks correctly.)	1 place more than number of boats in race
OCS	Did not start: on the course side of the starting line at the start signal and failed to start, or broke Rule 30.1.	1 place more than number of boats in race
RET	Retired.	1 place more than number of boats in race
UFD	Disqualification under Rule 30.3. (U Flag.)	1 place more than number of boats in race
ZFP	20% penalty under Rule 30.2.	20% penalty

OOD = Race Officer Points (officer of the day) and is the average of all races except the race in question.

QMSC Wednesday Evening Series - Racing Format Survey

66 Responses

2022 Opinion	Two Starts Better		Two Starts Worse	No Difference	Total
Total	37		13	7	57
By Class	Two Starts Better		Two Starts Worse	No Difference	Total
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