

# Open Dutch Championship – Solo Class

12, 13 and 14 September 2025 - Amstelmeer



# **Sailing Instructions (SI)**

Organising Authority: Watersport Vereniging Amstelmeer in conjunction with: the Solo Class Netherlands under auspices of the Dutch RNYA

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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).

#### 1. RULES

- *1.1.* The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)
- 1.2. In addition to the Notice of Race the following Rules are changed:

RRS A5.1 and A5.2, see SI 12.3

RRS 28, see SI 13.2

RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10, see SI 16.3

RRS 61.2(a) see SI 16.4

### 2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09.00 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. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board near the race office.

# 4. CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1.[DP] 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 WV Amstelmeer Clubhouse.
- 5.2. When flag AP **I** is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.

### 6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

#### 6.1. Program:

Schedule Race Date	Race Number	Warning signal first race of the day
Friday 12th of September 2025	1	11:55
	2	a.s.a.p
	3	a.s.a.p
Saturday 13th of September 2025	4	10:55
	5	a.s.a.p
	6	a.s.a.p
	7	a.s.a.p
Sunday 14th of September 2025	8	10:55
	9	a.s.a.p
	10	a.s.a.p

- 6.2. One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that no more than one race ahead of schedule and the change is made according to SI 2.1.
- 6.3. 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.
- 6.4. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15.00 .

#### 7. CLASS FLAGS

7.1. Class Flag will be flag E (Echo)

# 8. RACING AREA

8.1. The location of the race area is as defined in NoR Addendum B.

# 9. COURSES

- 9.1. The diagrams in Addendum A show the course, 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.
- 9.2. No later than the warning signal, the race committee vessel will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg of the course.

### 10. MARKS

- 10.1.Marks 1, Gate 3P and 3SB will be *Orange* inflatable, cylindrical buoys: Mark 2 will be a *Blue with yellow stripe* inflatable, cylindrical buoy. Replacement mark will be a *Blue inflatable, pyramidical* buoy
- 10.2. The starting marks will be a race committee vessel at the starboard end and a contra-starting vessel at the port end.
- 10.3. The finishing marks will be a race committee vessel at the starboard end and a contra-finish vessel at the port end.
- 10.4.A race committee vessel signalling a change of a leg of a course is a mark as provided in SI 13.2

### **11. OBSTRUCTIONS - NOT APPLICABLE**

# 12. THE START

- 12.1. The starting line is between two staffs displaying orange flags, displayed on both starting marks.
- 12.2.A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

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

- 13.1.The length and direction of legs of the course may be changed in accordance with RRS 33.
- 13.2. To change a leg of the course, the race committee will
  - (a) lay a replacement mark, or
  - (b) move the finishing line, or
  - (c) move the leeward gate.

When a replacement mark is laid, the original mark will be removed as soon as possible.

- 13.3. When Mark 1 is replaced by a new mark, Mark 2 is no longer a mark of the course. It will be removed as soon as possible. This changes RRS 33.
- 13.4. 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.

#### 14. THE FINISH

14.1.The finishing line is between staffs displaying blue flags on the finishing marks.

### **15. PENALTY SYSTEM - NOT APPLICABLE**

# **16. TIME LIMITS [AND TARGET TIMES]**

16.1. The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

Mark 1 Time	Race Time	Finishing
Limit	Target	Window
20 minutes	50 minutes	20 minutes

- 16.2. If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 16.3. The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE 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.
- 16.4. Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

# **17. PROTESTS AND HEARING REQUESTS**

- 17.1. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat 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 notice board.
- 17.2. Protest an hearing request forms are available from the race office
- 17.3. 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. Hearings will be held at the race office beginning at the time posted on the official notice board.

# **18 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

18.1[DP] 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[DP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed.
- 19.2[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.

# **20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

- 20.1A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.
- 20.2[DP] When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

### 21 SUPPLIED BOATS- NOT APPLICABLE

#### 22 OFFICIAL VESSELS

22.1Official vessels will be identified as follows: an Orange flag with black "W".

# 23 [DP] SUPPORT TEAMS

- 23.1Team leaders, coaches and other support persons shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 23.2 Support person vessels shall be identified according NoR 16.1

# 24 TRASH DISPOSAL

25.1Trash may be placed aboard official vessels.

# 25 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS- NOT APPLICABLE

# 26 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS- NOT APPLICABLE

#### 27 PRIZES

- 27.1 The RNWA supplies for the winning boat a blue pennant and a medal for every member of the crew of the first three boats.
- 27.2 Other prize may be given by the Dutch Solo Class.

#### 28 RISK STATEMENT

28.1RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

#### 29 INSURANCE

29.1Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €1.500.000 per incident or the equivalent.

#### 30 ORGANIZATION:

The race officer is	: Theo Souren
The chairman of the protest committee is	: Rob Franken
The chairman of the technical committee is	: Sybrand Jongejans

SI ADDENDUM A The Course

