

# RS GAMES 2018

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## RS400 European & National Championship 2018

### EVENT SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (“ESI”)

To be read in conjunction with the RS Games 2018 General Sailing Instructions. In the event of a conflict between the General Sailing Instructions and these Event Sailing Instructions, the Event Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

#### 5. SCHEDULE

Dates of registration and racing	Registration time	Number of races	First scheduled start time
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> August	1400 - 1830		
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> August	0900 - 1100	2	1300
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> August		2	1130
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> August		2	1130
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> August		2	1130
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August		2	1130

#### 6. CLASS FLAGS & RACING FORMAT

6.1 The class flag will be a purple flag with black ‘RS400’.

6.2 The event will consist of a qualifying series and a final series. The warning signals in the qualifying series will be a yellow flag for the Yellow Fleet and blue flag for the Blue Fleet and the warning signals in the final series will be a yellow flag for the Gold Fleet and blue flag for the Silver fleet. This changes RRS 26.

6.3 The format of the qualifying series and final series will be as follows:

6.3.1 For the first day of the qualifying series, boats will be assigned into fleets of as equal size and ability as possible. Initial assignment will be made by the organising authority and will be posted by 1900 on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> August.

6.3.2 For subsequent qualifying series racing days, boats will be reassigned to fleets, based on the rankings available at 2100 on the previous day, regardless of protests or requests for redress not yet decided. Fleet assignments will be posted by 0800 on each qualifying series racing day.

6.3.3 Assignments will be made as follows:

Rank in series	Fleet assignment
1	Yellow
2	Blue
3	Blue
4	Yellow
5	Yellow
6	Blue
And so on	

6.3.4 If two or more boats have the same rank, they will be entered in the left column in the order yellow then blue.

6.3.5 If all fleets have not completed the same number of races at the end of a qualifying series day, the series score for reassignment will be calculated for those races completed by all fleets, numbered in order of completion.

6.3.6 If the qualifying series fleets have not completed the same number of races by the end of a day, the fleet with fewer races will continue racing on the following day until all fleets have completed the same number of races. All boats will thereafter race in the new fleets.

6.3.7 The qualifying series will be completed at the end of the day on which a sixth qualifying race has been completed by both yellow and blue fleets. If at the end of the qualifying series one fleet has more race scores than the other, scores for the most recent race(s) will be excluded so that all boats in the qualifying series have the same number of race scores.

6.3.8 The final series will start on the day after completion of the qualifying series.

- 6.3.9 Boats will be assigned to two final-series fleets on the basis of their ranks in the qualifying series at 2100 on the day on which the qualifying series was completed. Boats with the best qualifying series ranks will race in the Gold fleet, and the other boats will race in the Silver fleet. The two fleets will be of, as nearly as possible, equal size and the Silver fleet shall not be larger than the Gold fleet. Fleet assignments will be posted by 0800 on the first day of final series racing.
- 6.3.10 Any recalculation of qualifying series ranking after boats have been assigned to final series fleets will not affect the assignments except that a redress decision may promote a boat to the Gold fleet.
- 6.3.11 Gold and Silver final series fleets will be scored separately and need not have completed the same number of final series races.
- 6.4 The organising authority will provide each boat with a yellow and a blue ribbon. All boats in the yellow and gold fleets shall attach the yellow ribbon at the end of the boom, on the outhaul. All boats in the blue and silver fleets shall attach the blue ribbon at the end of the boom, on the outhaul.

#### 14. PENALTY SYSTEM

Incident	RS400
RRS 44.1 Taking a penalty at time of an incident – two turns replaced by one turn. This changes RRS 44.1.	Applies
RRS 31 Boats may touch a mark other than a starting or finishing mark. A boat shall not manhandle a mark when it results in an advantage. This changes RRS 31.	Applies

#### 15. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

Time limits	RS400
Mark 1 time limit	30
Target race duration for first finisher	50
Race time limit	90

#### 19. SCORING

The total score of each boat will be the sum of her scores as follows:

##### Qualifying series

- (a) Fewer than four completed races – all her race scores.  
 (b) Four or more completed races – all scores except her worst race score.

##### Final series

- (a) Fewer than four completed final series races – her qualifying series score plus all her final series race scores.  
 (b) Four completed final series races – her qualifying series score plus all her final series scores except her worst final series race score.

For final series, boats assigned to the Gold fleet will be ranked higher in the regatta than boats assigned to the Silver fleet.

For the qualifying series, RRS A4.2 is changed so that those scores are based on the number of boats assigned to the largest fleet.

#### 29. PRIZES

Prizes
Top five places overall
UK National Champion – first boat sailed by a helm and crew primarily resident in the UK
First master helm – aged over 49 at start of the event
First Grandmaster helm – aged over 59 at start of event
First lady helm
First lady crew
Loving Cup – first couple
Silver division – first three places
Bronze division – first three places

**ATTACHMENT A – COURSES AND MARKS**

<b>L</b>	<b>COURSE: WINDWARD/LEEWARD with reaching finish</b>
<b>Signal</b>	<b>Mark Rounding Order</b>
<b>L2</b>	Start - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - 4p - Finish
<b>L3</b>	Start - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - 4p - Finish
<b>L4</b>	Start - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - 4p - Finish

  

<b>Course</b>	<b>RS400</b>
Course shape	Windward/Leeward - L
<b>Marks</b>	<b>RS400</b>
Course marks – inflatable coloured	Orange
Finish mark – dan buoy with	Blue flag