

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

L'Escala International Weta Regatta will be held from **7th to 10th September 2023** in l'Escala (Costa Brava – Catalunya) according to the schedule described on the Notice of Race, organized by the **Club Nàutic l'Escala**; in association with RS Veleros. The venue will be located at Riells beach (next to the CN l'Escala Sailing School facilities).

1. RULES

- 1.1 No National Prescriptions will apply.
- 1.2 Appendix P will apply.
- 1.3 [DP] Class Rules <https://www.wetaclassfrance.com/bateau/jauge/>
- 1.4 [DP] Rules Equipment of Sailing.
- 1.5 The first three sentences of RRS 61.1(a) are changed to 'A boat intending to protest shall inform the other boat at the first reasonable opportunity. When her protest will concern an incident in the racing area that she was involved in or saw she shall hail 'Protest'. She shall inform the Race Committee at the finishing line immediately after finishing of the boat/s being protested, or as soon as practicable after she retires.'
- 1.6 Rule 40.1 will apply.
- 1.7 In all the rules governing this event, [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.8 English is the Official Language of the Championship. If there is a conflict between languages, the language of the original version of the relevant document will take precedence.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 1.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) located at the Club Nàutic l'Escala Web site: <https://nauticescala.com/en/book-your-activity/2023-weta-europa-cup/>
- 1.2 Copies of official notices will be available at the Riells beach facilities.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted one hour before the first warning signal of the day it will take effect, except for any change to the schedule of the races which will be posted by 19:00 hrs on the day before the change will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE AND OTHER SIGNALS

- 3.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Official Signal Masts (OSM) located at Riells beach facilities.
- 3.2 **(NP)(DP)** In addition to the Race Signals described in the RSS, flag "D" with one sound means "The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after this flag is displayed. Boats are not allowed to leave the beach parking area until this signal is made".

5. BOATS AND EQUIPMENT (NP)(DP)

- 4.1 Replacement of Crew shall require a prior approval of the Race Committee. Request for replacement shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity.



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6. RACING FORMAT

- 5.1 If conditions allow, one day the competition will be a raid, 2 races, l'Escala – Roses and Roses – l'Escala. That will be explained on the skippers meeting.
- 5.2 Four races are scheduled for the windward-leeward racing days and six races for the sprints racing days.

7. PROGRAMME

6.1 Schedule:

September 7th	09.00 – 18.00	Sign in at registration office
	14.00	Competitors Meeting
	16.00	Warning signal for practice race of the day
	18.00	Welcome ceremony
September 8th	09.00 – 10.00	Sign in at registration office
	12.00	Warning signal for 1st race of the day
September 9th	12.00	Warning signal for 1st race of the day
September 10th	11.00	Warning signal for 1st race of the day
	14.30	No warning signal after this time
	15.30	Prize giving and close ceremony

8. SCORING

- 7.1 The Low-Point Scoring System (RRS Appendix A) will apply.
- 7.2 A minimum of 1 completed fleet race is required to constitute the championship.
- 7.3 Discards:
- a) When 5 to 10 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - b) When 11 or more races have been completed, a boat's series will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

9. CLASS FLAGS IDENTIFICATION

- 8.1 Regarding RRS 26, Warning Signal flag will be "W" from the intl. code.

10. COURSE AREA

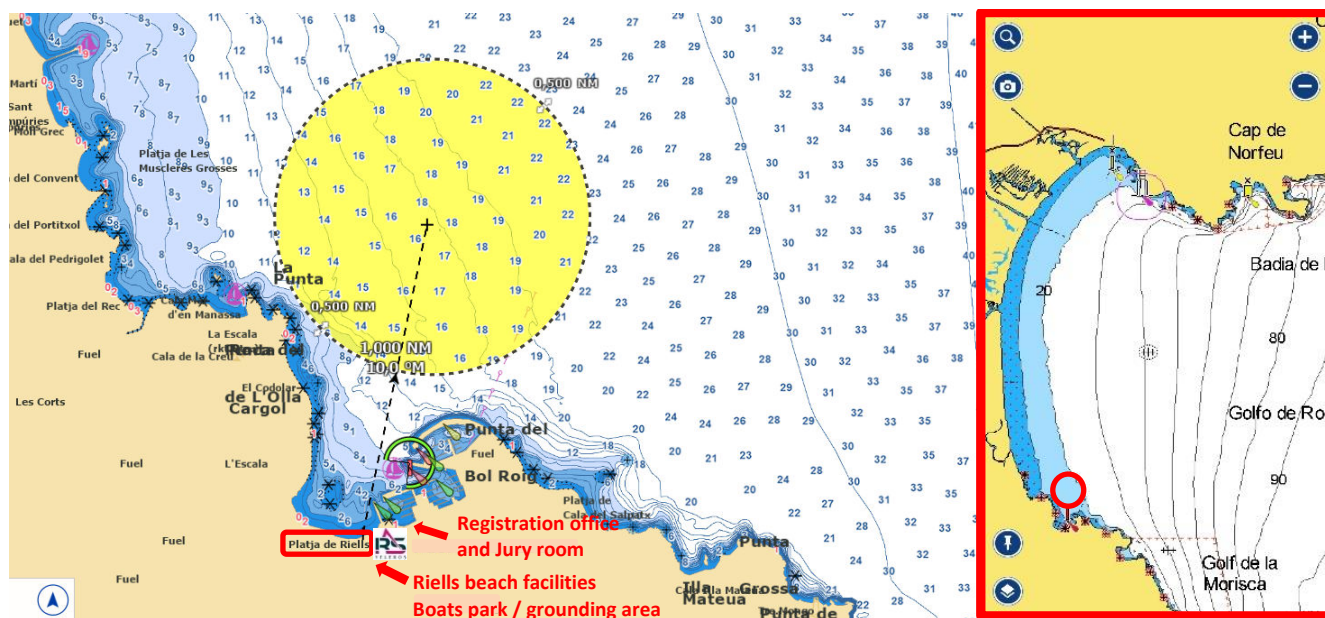
- 9.1 The course area is located in front of l'Escala harbour.



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11. THE COURSES

Courses to be sailed each day will be announced during the skipper's meeting.
See appendix A

12. MARKS

12.1 Marks features

Course marks:	Inflatable ref cylindrical buoys
Changing mark:	Inflatable yellow cylindrical buoy
Starting marks:	Race Committee boat and inflatable yellow buoy
Finishing marks:	Race Committee boat and a buoy with staff displaying a blue flag or inflatable yellow buoy

13. THE START

12.1 Starts will be made in accordance with RRS 26, except for Sprint Races that the minutes before the starting signal are modified as following (that changes RRS 26)

3 minutes	Warning Signal
2 minutes	Preparatory Signal
1 minutes	One minute
0	Starting signal

12.2 Class flags described in SI 9 will be used as a warning signal flag.

12.3 A boat that starts more than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes Appendix A4 and Appendix A5.

14. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

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13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new mark. Only Mark 1 can be replaced on windward-leeward courses.

13.2 The new marks will be as shown in SI 12.

15. THE FINISH

14.1 The finishing line will be between the mast showing a blue flag at the Race Committee boat at the port-end and the finish mark at the starboard-end.

16. TIME LIMIT AND TARGET TIMES

15.1 Boats failing to finish within the "finish window" time (time after the first boat "**sail the course**" and finishes) will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS Rule 35, Appendix A.4 and Appendix A.5.

15.2 Time limits and target times for the first boat are as follows:

	Mark 1 time limit	Course target time	Race time limit	Finish window
Windward – Leeward:	15 min.	30 min.	50 min.	10 min.
Sprints:	5 min.	15 min.	30 min.	10 min.
Raid:			3 h.	40 min.

15.3 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit, the race shall be abandoned. Noncompliance of the target time shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1 (a)

17. PROTESTS

16.1 Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be written on forms available at Riells beach facilities and must be delivered within the appropriate time limit.

16.2 The protest time limit is 60 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. The protest time limit will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

16.3 The schedule of hearings will be posted not later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit. Hearings will be held in the protest room located at Club Nàutic l'Escala sailing school.

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

18. PRIZES

17.1 Prizes will be awarded for the three first double-handed boats and the three first single-handed boats ranked on the overall results.

19. SAFETY (NP, DP)

18.1 Except if in an emergency, boats shall only come ashore at Riells beach facilities.

18.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee or the Race Office as soon as possible.

18.3 Boats arriving for any reason at a point ashore other than Riells beach shall report immediately by telephone to the Regatta Coordinator (+34) 618 771 544.

18.4 Boats failing to obey this Sailing Instruction can be required to pay the expenses of search and rescue operations and should be reported to the Spanish Maritime Authorities.

20. TRASH DISPOSAL (NP, DP)

19.1 Trash may be placed aboard the Race Committee boats or any other organization boats.



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22 DISCLAIMER

- 20.1 All those taking part in the event do so at their own risk and responsibility as it is written in the Notice of Race.
- 20.2 The Organizing Committee or any part involved with the organization of the event disclaim any and every responsibility whatsoever for loss, damage, injury or inconvenience that might occur to persons and goods, both ashore and at sea as a consequence of participation in the races covered by the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.
- 20.3 Attention is drawn to the RRS Fundamental Rule 3 – Decision to Race, which states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone”.

23. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (NOT PART OF THIS SAILING INSTRUCTIONS)

EMERGENCY PHONES: Regatta Coordinator: (+34) 618 771 544



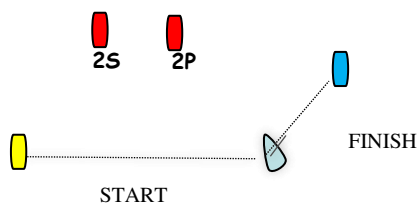
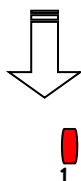
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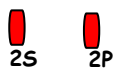
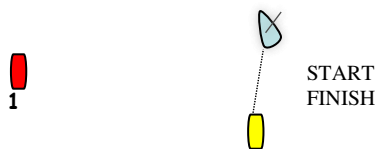
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Appendix A

Windward – Leeward: Start – mark 1 (PORT) – 2S/2P – mark 1 (PORT) – 2S/2P – Finish



Sprints: Start – mark 1 (PORT) – 2S/2P – mark 1 (STARBOARD) – Finish





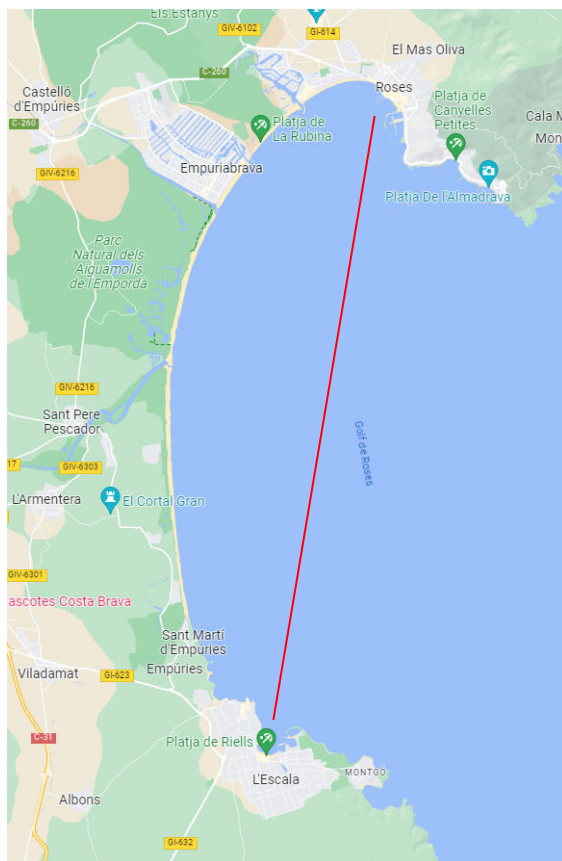
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If one of the gate marks is missing, the remaining mark shall be left on port side.
Races will not be shortened. This changes RRS 32.

Raid: (SEE MAPS)

Race 1- Start (l'Escalà) – Finish (Roses)

Race 2 – Start (Roses) – Finish (Escalà)



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ROSES

