

**Sailing Instructions**  
for the  
**Open clubwedstrijden**  
organised by  
**R.R. & Z.V. "Maas en Roer", Roermond**  
in 2025

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The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

**1 RULES**

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 If there is a conflict between languages in the sailing instructions, the text in the Dutch version of the sailing instructions will take precedence.
- 1.3 The rules below are changed:
  - Instruction 6.4 changes RRS 26.
  - Instruction 12.3 changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
  - Instruction 12.6 changes RRS 63.1.
  - Instruction 14.3 changes RRS 63.1.
  - Instruction 26.1 changes RRS A2.1.

**2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09:30 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 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS**

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the entrance to the race office.

**4 CODE OF CONDUCT**

- 4.1 [NP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- 4.2 [NP] Competitors and support persons shall handle any equipment provided by the organizing authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

**5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**


- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole in front of the clubhouse of the R.R.& Z.V. "Maas en Roer".
- 5.2 When pennant AP  is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 5.3 [NP] Flag D  means: 'Boats may not leave the harbour while this flag is displayed'. The warning signal will not be made before the planned time or less than 45 minutes after flag D was removed.

## 6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 The class grouping and starting sequence will be posted no later than 10:00 on the first race day on the notice board.
- 6.2 The number of planned races is five (5) and the maximum number of races is seven (7) for all classes.

6.3 Planned times of the warning signals:

	First race day	Second race day
First warning signal	11:30 o'clock	11:00 o'clock
Last warning signal		before 15:00 o'clock

- 6.4 The warning signal will be given using flag W . This changes RRS 26. Hoisting flag W counts as warning signal. Removing flag W counts as start signal. For consecutive classes, flag W is removed and immediately hoisted again. Here, the removal of flag W counts not only as start signal, but also as the warning signal for the next class. The class signal will be displayed no later than 4 minutes before the start and removed no later than 1 minute after the start.
- 6.5 If there is a general recall, the new start time will be 5 minutes after the recalled start. The removing of flag W counts as the new warning signal for the class in question. This will delay the next classes by 5 minutes and the starting sequence will not change.
- 6.6 When flag L is shown on the finishing vessel, another race will be sailed on the same race day. Competitors are requested to go to the starting area immediately.

## 7 CLASS SIGNALS

- 7.1 For the class signals, yellow boards with a black print of the class sign will be used.

## 8 RACING AREA

- 8.1 The racing area is shown in attachment "Racing area and courses 2024".

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- 9.1 How the courses are displayed is shown in attachment "Racing area and courses 2024".

## 10 MARKS

- 10.1 Marks of the course will be inflatable orange buoys, numbered one to 7 and an orange rigid buoy numbered 2A.
- 10.2 The marks of the starting will be an orange flag on a red buoy and an orange flag on the starting vessel. The starting vessel will display the club flag of Maas en Roer.
- 10.3 The marks of the finish will be a blue flag on a red buoy and a blue flag on the finish vessel. The finish vessel will display the club flag of Maas en Roer.

## 11 OBSTRUCTIONS

- 11.1 The racing area is shown in attachment "Race area and obstructions 2024". All areas outside of the racing area are obstructions.

## 12 THE START

- 12.1 The starting line is between a red buoy with an orange flag and an orange flag on the starting vessel and may be either on the port or starboard side of the starting vessel.
- 12.2 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 20 meter around all sides of the starting line.
- 12.3 A boat which starts later than 4 minutes after its starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
- 12.4 Even during the race, when there is no orange flag displayed on the starting vessel, there is no starting line.
- 12.5 After a general recall, the original starting sequence will be followed.
- 12.6 After a regular start, the starting line may only be crossed to start the race. If a boat, during the race, after a regular start, breaks this rule, this boat will be scored DSQ, without protest or hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.

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

- 13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will either move the original mark to a new position or replace the mark. If a new mark is used, a yellow board with a black print will be used to communicate its number.

**14 THE FINISH**

- 14.1 The finishing line is between a red buoy with a blue flag and a blue flag on the starting vessel and may be either on the port or starboard side of the starting vessel.
- 14.2 A horn may be sounded when passing the finishing line. The first competitor of a class may expect a longer signal than the rest of the competitors.
- 14.3 The finishing line may only be crossed in order to finish. If a boat, during the race, after a regular start, breaks this rule, this boat will be scored DSQ, without protest of hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.

**15 PENALTY SYSTEM**

N/A

**16 TIME LIMIT**

- 16.1 The finishing window is 20 minutes, even in a handicap class. This is the time limit for boats to finish after the first boat in their class has finished. Boats which have not finished within the finishing window and do not retire, are not penalised and do not get a redress, will be scored DNF without hearing.

**17 HEARING REQUESTS**

- 17.1 For each class, the protest time limit is: 60 minutes after the last boat in that class finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 17.2 There will be a protest box near the notice board. There will be hearing request forms available by the protest box and filled out forms are to be posted in the protest box.
- 17.3 Within 30 minutes after the protest time limit, a list of competitors will be posted on the notice board to inform them of hearings in which they are noted as a party or witness.

**18 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

N/A

**19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

N/A

**20 EQUIPMENT CHECKS AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

N/A

**21 SUPPLIED BOATS**

N/A

**22 OFFICIAL VESSELS**

N/A

**23 SUPPORT TEAMS**

N/A

**24 TRASH DISPOSAL**

- 24.1 Trash may be placed aboard official or support persons boats.

**25 ORGANISATION**

N/A

**26 SCORING**

- 26.1 a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.  
b) When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.  
This changes RRS A2.1.

**27 PRIZES**

- 27.1 The number of prizes will be determined as follows:  
For every 3 competitors in a class 1 prize, with a maximum of 3 prizes.