



WEYMOUTH SAILING CLUB

Craftinsure K6 UK National Championship

11th – 13th September 2026

Weymouth, Dorset, England

Organising Authority: Weymouth Sailing Club

Event website: www.k6class.org/event/k6-national-championships-2026/

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation [NP] in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule [changes RRS 60.1].

The notation [SP] in a rule of the sailing instructions means that the standard penalty for a breach of the rule may be applied by the race committee or technical committee without a hearing [changes RRS A5].

1 Rules

- 1.1 Refer to NoR 2.
- 1.2 Either the Helm or Crew shall be a full member of the K6 Class Association, as per class rule 3.3 [changes NoR 3].
- 1.3 All competitors will be deemed to be temporary members of Weymouth Sailing Club and as such they and their guests shall abide by the club's rules.
- 1.4 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 1.5 In RRS 44.2 insert after the first sentence: 'However if mark 1a is set, a boat may delay taking a penalty for an incident in the zone around mark 1, on the leg between mark 1 and mark 1a, or in the zone around mark 1a, until she has passed and left the zone around mark 1a [changes RRS 44.2].
- 1.6 Change to RRS31. If a boat touches a start or a finish mark they shall complete a one-turn penalty as described in RRS 44.2. Touching other rounding or passing marks is permitted.
- 1.7 A boat shall not manhandle a mark when it results in an advantage, if a boat does so she shall promptly retire. A boat that infringes this Sailing Instruction will be scored DSQ in the race she has just finished; this changes RRS 63.1 & A5.

2 Changes to sailing instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted no later than two hours before the first scheduled race 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 Communication with competitors, official notice board, race office

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the Longshed on the ground floor of Weymouth Sailing Club.
- 3.2 The race office will be located in the Longshed on the ground floor of Weymouth Sailing Club.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee may broadcast information available to all competitors on VHF radio channel 09, including starting and safety information. Failure to make broadcasts will not be grounds for redress [changes RRS 61.1(a)].
- 3.4 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones and smart watches.

4 Code of conduct

[DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5 Signals made ashore

- 5.1 Except for the display of flag 'D', signals made ashore will be displayed on the WSC clubhouse flagstaff.
- 5.2 [DP][NP] Boats shall not leave their berths until flag 'D' is displayed at the Beachmaster's office adjacent to the WSC slipway, with one sound signal. The warning signal will not be made before the scheduled time or less than 45 minutes after flag 'D' is displayed.
- 5.3 When flag AP is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in the race signal 'AP' [changes RRS race signals AP].
- 5.4 When flag 'L' is displayed ashore it will be flown only until the end of the protest time limit on the first day the relevant notice to competitors comes into effect [changes RRS race signals 'L'].

6 Schedule of races

Nine races are scheduled for the series. One additional race may be sailed on any day depending on prevailing and forecast weather conditions.

Date	Time	Event
Friday 11/09/26	11:30	Competitor's briefing
	12:55h	First warning signal - three races scheduled
Saturday 12/09/26	12:55h	First warning signal - three races scheduled
Sunday 13/09/26	10:25h	First warning signal - three races scheduled

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.

On Sunday 13/09/26 no warning signal will be made after 15:00.

7 Class flag

The class flag will be Orange with Black K6 lettering.

8 Racing area

Courses will be laid in Weymouth Bay.

9 Courses

- 9.1 The diagrams in SI Appendix 1 show the courses, including the approximate angle 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 signal vessel will display the course to be sailed.
- 9.3 The committee vessel may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

10 Marks

- 10.1 Marks are described in SI Appendix 2.
- 10.2 If a spreader mark is missing boats shall round the windward mark and proceed on the subsequent leg of the course.
- 10.3 If a gate mark is missing boats shall round the remaining mark to port.
- 10.4 In an emergency, or in adverse wind or current, a RC vessel that is a mark may hold station using engines. This action shall not be grounds for a request for redress provided the vessel remains close to her correct position.

11 Obstructions

- 11.1 Weymouth Bay Water Sports Zones. See SI Appendix 4.
- 11.2 In addition, there may be other exclusion zones as defined by the RC, to avoid conflict with the IQ Foiling World Championships. As much information as possible will be given in briefing, and published on the official notice board.

12 The start

- 12.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal vessel at the starboard end and a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel at the port end OR the course side of a dan buoy displaying an orange flag.
- 12.2 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing [changes RRS A5].
- 12.3 If a black flag has been displayed (RRS 30.4 applies) and a general recall is signalled or the race is abandoned after the starting signal, the sail numbers of boats identified as breaking this rule will be displayed on the race committee signal vessel with five short sound signals. The sail numbers will be displayed for not less than three minutes before the next warning signal for that race [changes RRS 30.4].

13 Change of the next leg of the course

- 13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark 1, move the finish line, or move the mark 2p/2s leeward gate. When a new mark is laid the original mark will be removed as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 13.2 If a change of course is signalled and mark 1 is replaced, mark 1a will not be replaced and will cease to be a mark of the course for subsequent legs.
- 13.3 Change of course direct to a shortened course at the finish ('F' flag procedure)
When a race committee vessel in the vicinity of a mark or gate displays flag 'C' with repetitive sounds and flag 'F' boats shall round the nearby mark or gate and sail direct to the finishing line from the direction of the course from the previous mark where the race committee will signal shortened course [changes RRS 33].
- 13.4 The RC may change the course axis by up to 10° and the length of a leg by up to 100m without signalling [changes RRS 33].
- 13.5 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.

14 The finish

The finishing line will be between the staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee signal vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.

[DP]After finishing, boats shall not re-cross the finishing line and shall keep clear of boats still racing.

15 Time limits, target times, "W" finish

Mark 1 time limit	Race time limit	Finishing window	Target time
15 mins	75 mins	20 mins	45 mins

- 15.1 The target time for the lead boat to finish will be 45 minutes.
- 15.2 The time limit for all boats will be 75 minutes
- 15.3 The 'finishing window' is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course. Unless finished in accordance with SI 15.4, boats failing to sail the course within the 'finishing window' will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing [changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2].
- 15.4 The race committee may award a finishing place to a boat by pointing flag 'W' at her while making a sound signal. The signalled boat shall then be deemed to have finished and will be scored according to the position she occupied at the time of the signal. If two or more boats receive a 'W' finish signal while overlapped they shall be scored as if they were tied. If another race is scheduled any boat receiving a 'W' flag finish shall immediately proceed to the starting area. [changes RRS 28.1, 35, A3, A4]
- 15.5 The Race Officer may extend the 20 minute finishing window at his discretion.
- 15.6 The end of the finishing window will be signalled by the lowering the blue flag with one sound signal.
- 15.7 Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress [changes to RRS 61].

16 Hearing requests, post-race penalties, scoring enquiries

- 16.1 The protest time limit will be not less than 30 minutes after the race committee signal boat 'Viking' has returned to its berth or not less than 30 minutes after the last boat competing in the last race of the day has returned to her berth, whichever is later, or the race committee signals AP/A ashore.
The protest time limit will be posted on the official noticeboard.
- 16.2 Hearing request forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there before the protest time limit.
- 16.3 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.
- 16.4 Hearings will be held in the protest room beginning at the time posted. The location of the protest room will be posted on the official notice board.
- 16.5 Provided that RRS 44.1(b) does not apply, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident may take a Post-Race Penalty at any time after the race until the beginning of a protest hearing involving the incident.
A Post-Race Penalty is a 30% Scoring Penalty calculated as stated in RRS 44.3(c). However, RRS 44.1(b) applies.
A boat may take a Post-Race Penalty by delivering to the protest committee a written statement that she accepts the penalty and that identifies the race number and where and when the incident occurred.
When a Post-Race Penalty has been accepted the boat (or protest committee) shall not then revoke or remove the penalty. The boat shall not be penalized further in a protest hearing when the protest committee decides that it was appropriate to the facts found and the applicable rules.
- 16.6 To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat shall promptly submit a scoring enquiry form available at the race office.
A request for redress based on an incident identified in a scoring enquiry will meet the time limit if the scoring enquiry was submitted within the time limit specified in RRS 61.2 or the request for redress was delivered as soon as reasonably possible after being notified of the race committee's response to the scoring enquiry [changes RRS 61.2].

17 Scoring

- 17.1 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a Championship.
- 17.2 When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 17.3 When from 4 and 7 races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 17.4 When 8 or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst score

18 [DP][NP] Safety

- 18.1 RRS 40.1 will apply at all times whilst afloat. Drysuits or wetsuits alone shall not constitute adequate personal buoyancy.
- 18.2 Boats that do not intend to leave harbour or participate further in the series shall promptly notify the race office.
- 18.3 A boat that retires from a race shall, if possible, notify a race committee vessel before leaving the racing area and on returning to shore, shall immediately tally-off in accordance with SI 18.4 and complete a retirement declaration.
- 18.4 A tally system will be used to ensure the safety of competitors.
 - a) Each competitor will be allocated a personal tally number.
 - b) A tally board will be located at the Beachmasters office, adjacent to the WSC slipway. Prior to going to sea, each crewmember shall collect their tally wristband from the tally board and place it around their wrist in a visible position.
 - c) If, on reaching the race area a competitor realises he/she has failed to collect their tally they shall advise the RC signal vessel accordingly before the preparatory signal and receive an acknowledgement. In those circumstances no penalty will be applied.
 - d) Immediately on returning from racing at the end of the day and no later than the protest time limit, each crew member shall personally return their tally wristband to the tally board.

19 [DP] Substitution of crew.

- 19.1 Substitution of competitors shall be made in accordance with Class Rule 7.3 and is not permitted without prior approval of the race committee.
- 19.2 Request for crew substitution will be available at the race office.

20 Sponsorship

- 20.1 Competitors may be required by the Organising Authority to carry the event sponsors advertising on their sails/boats and or bibs/vests.

21 Television and Media

- 21.1 In registering for the event, competitors automatically grant the organising authority the right, in perpetuity, to make, use and show from time to time, at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and any other reproduction of them taken during the event, for the said Championship as defined in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, in which he/she participates, without compensation.

22 [DP] Support boats

Support boats shall comply with the support boat regulations prescribed in SI Appendix 3.

23 [DP] Trash disposal

Trash may be placed aboard support or official vessels.

24 Disclaimer of liability

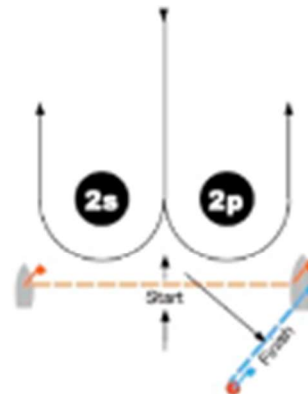
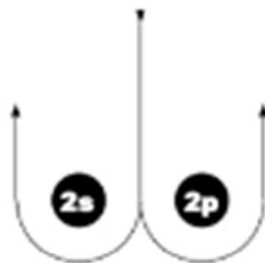
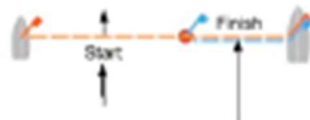
- 24.1 A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility..
- 24.2 Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during or after the event.
- 24.3 It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By launching, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions, and her crew is competent to sail and compete in them.
- 24.4 Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the Organising Authority, the Race Committee, the race officer, patrol boats and beach masters.
- 24.5 The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities.
- 24.6 Furthermore, parents or guardians of competitors under 18 yrs will be required to take full responsibility for their dependants throughout the event and to sign the parental declaration on the entry form. The person accepting this responsibility shall be present for the duration of the Championship.

APPENDIX 1 – COURSES

Course “W”



Course “L”



Order of Rounding

Course W1:
Start – 1 – 1a – 2p/2s – Finish

Course W2:
Start – 1 – 1a – 2p/2s – 1 – 1a – 2p/2s – Finish

Course W3:
Start – 1 – 1a – 2p/2s – 1 – 1a – 2p/2s – 1 – 1a – 2p/2s – Finish

All marks left to port except 2s

Order of Rounding

Course L1:
Start – 1 – 1a – 2p – Finish

Course L2:
Start – 1 – 1a – 2p/2s – 1 – 1a – 2p – Finish

Course L3:
Start – 1 – 1a – 2p/2s – 1 – 1a – 2p/2s – 1 – 1a – 2p – Finish

All marks left to port except 2s

APPENDIX 2 – MARKS

Starting marks:

- Starboard end starting mark.....Race committee signal vessel displaying an orange flag
Port end starting mark.....Race committee vessel displaying an orange flag OR a dan buoy displaying an orange flag

Course marks:

- Marks 1, 2p, 2s.....Black cylindrical inflatable buoys
Mark 1a (spreader mark).....Dan buoy displaying a pink flag
New marks as prescribed in SI 13.1.....Orange cylindrical inflatable buoy

Finishing marks:

- Finishing mark.....Race committee signal vessel displaying blue flag
Finishing mark.....Dan buoy displaying a blue flag
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APPENDIX 3 – SUPPORT BOAT REGULATIONS

All support boats shall register with the organising authority.

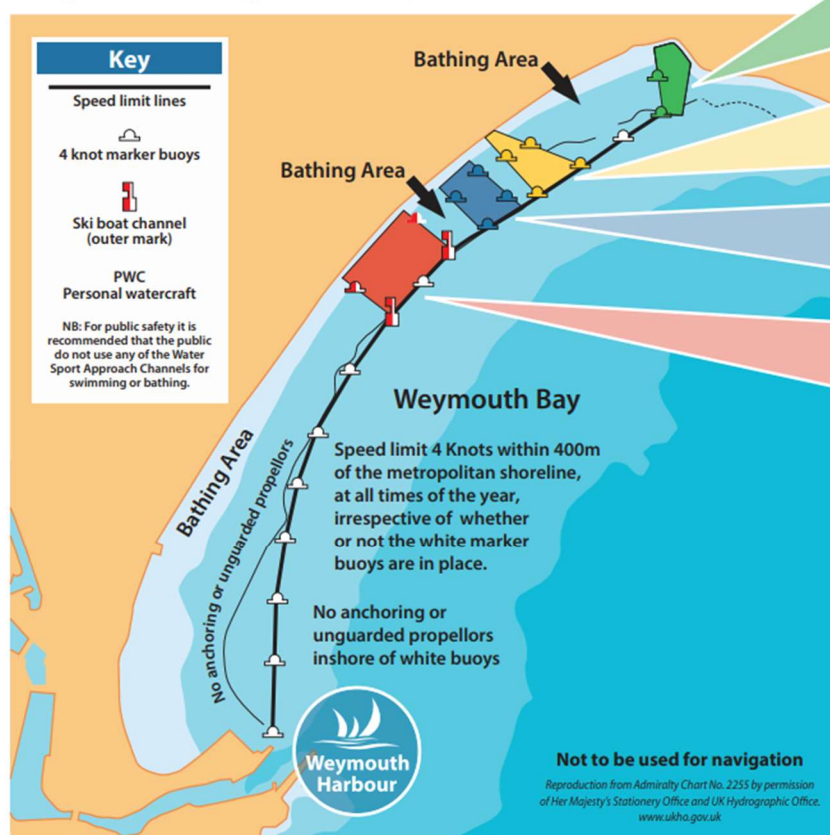
RRS 37 will be used. Except when responding to the signal prescribed in RRS 37, support boats, coaches and other support persons shall stay at least 100 metres outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

During the event, support boats shall not tow boats participating in the event unless the race committee has signalled that towing is allowed.

Kill cords shall be worn at all times whilst engines are running.

APPENDIX 4 – OBSTRUCTIONS

Weymouth Bay Water Sports Zones

**Non Motorised Vessel Area**

This area is designated for the use of non motorised vessels. No other vessels should enter this area at any time.

Sailboard or Kitesurf Approach

This channel is for sailboard only. No other vessels should enter this lane at any time.

Anchoring Zone

This zone is dedicated for anchoring vessels. When proceeding to this zone, please keep to the 4 knot limit.

Ski Boat and PWC Approach

This channel is only for vessels to gain access to the beach. Please keep to the 4 knot limit. Any powered aquaplaning or water ski activities should be kept seaward side of the white 4 knot buoys.

Weymouth Bay Safety Instructions

- All power driven vessels with unguarded propellers should keep to seaward of the white buoys across Weymouth Bay except in the above zones.
- Do not enter and/or attempt to anchor in the bathing areas shown on the map. Propellers and anchors could seriously injure bathers, therefore, common sense and good seamanship dictate that navigation and mooring in bathing areas should always be avoided.
- Harbour byelaws require water ski boats to have at least two people in the boat whilst engaged in skiing, thus allowing one person to act as lookout astern.
- A motorised water sports permit is required for any powered aquaplaning activity in Weymouth Bay. Permits can be obtained online at: www.weymouth-harbour.co.uk/PricesandOnlinePayment
- Launching of personal watercraft in Weymouth Harbour Statutory Area is restricted to Weymouth Harbour slipway. Launching of personal watercraft elsewhere is prohibited.