

2026 New Zealand Europe Dinghy National Championship

Qualifying event for the 2026 Europe World Championship

Presented by:



10th – 11th January 2026

Supplementary Sailing Instructions (SSI)



The Organising Authority is Nelson Yacht Club Inc. 322 Wakefield Quay, Nelson, 7010, NZ

The notation [NP] in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a). The notation [DP] is defined in the RRS introduction

SUPPLEMENTARY SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SSI)

This sheet and Addendum A are supplements to [Appendix S of the Racing Rules of Sailing \(RRS 2025-2028\)](#).

RULES (S1)

SSI 1 The [Nelson City Council Navigation Safety Bylaw 2019](#) shall apply.
When transiting the Cut, no boat shall pass between the 'Mole' breakwater and the Green Pile.

NOTICES TO COMPETITORS (SI 2)

SSI 2 The race office is located in the Nelson Yacht Club Control Room.
Telephone 03 548 7501,
Email info@nelsonyachtclub.org.nz
The official notice board is located at the Nelson Yacht Club Lower Lounge.

SIGNALS MADE ASHORE (SI 4)

SSI 3 Signals ashore will be displayed on the flagstaff located at Nelson Yacht Club.

SSI 4 [DP] Flag D will be used. Boats shall not leave the shore until Flag D is displayed with one sound signal.

For sailing **outside** the Boulder Bank, the warning signal will not be made before the scheduled time or less than 45 minutes after flag D is displayed.'

For sailing **inside** the Boulder Bank, the warning signal will not be made before the scheduled time or less than 15 minutes after flag D is displayed.'

SCHEDULE OF RACES AND CLASS FLAGS (SI 5 & 6)

SSI 5

Day/Date	Fleet/Class	Number of Races	Time of first warning signal	Class Flag
10/01/26	Europe	4	1300hrs	Class Insignia
11/01/26	Europe	3	1300hrs	Class Insignia

SSI 6 On 11th January 2026, no warning signal will be made after 1630hrs.

COURSES (SI 7)

SSI 7 The courses to be sailed, the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left are shown in Addendum A.

SSI 8 In the event that a gate mark is missing and has not been replaced with an object displaying flag M, the remaining mark shall be rounded to port.

MARKS (SI 8)

SSI 9 The description of the marks is in the table in Addendum A.

THE START (SI 9)

SSI 10 When a starting sequence is in progress, boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area. The starting area is defined as the area 50 metres from the starting line and marks in all directions.

SSI 11 A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and 5.2.

TIME LIMITS (SI 12)

SSI 12

Fleet/Class	Target time for first finisher	Finish Window	Race time limit
Europe	30	10	45

There is no prescribed time limit for the first boat to pass mark 1.

CHECK OUT AND CHECK IN

SSI 13 Boats shall comply with the following check out and check in procedure:

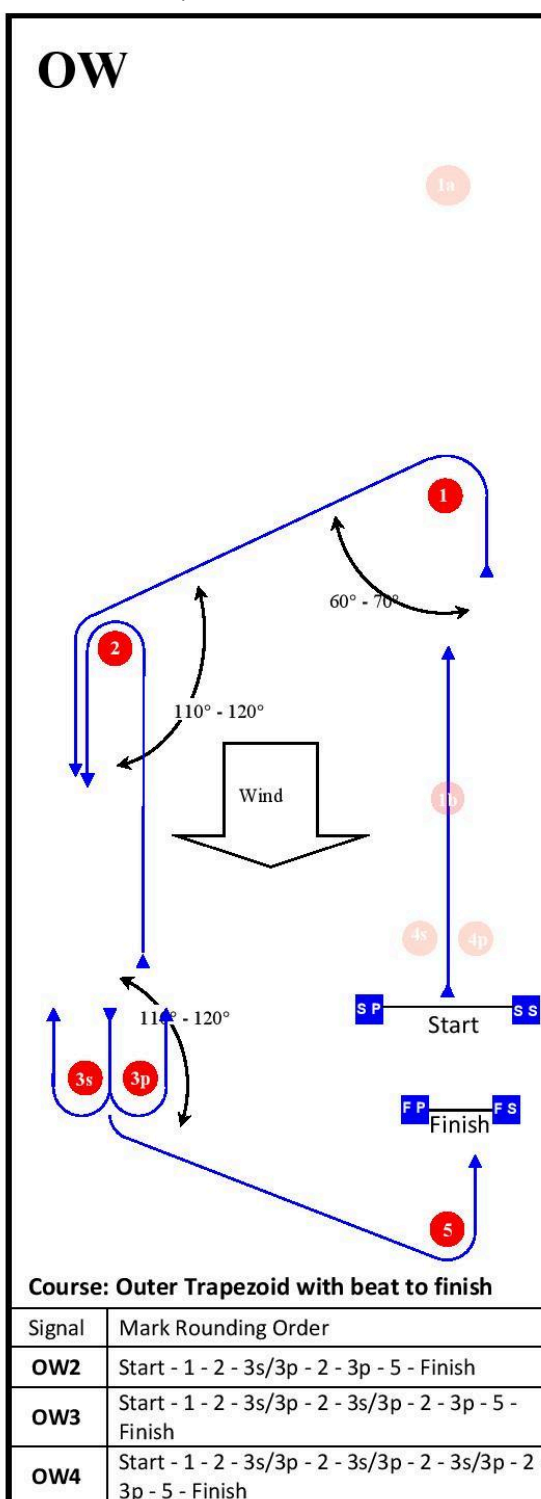
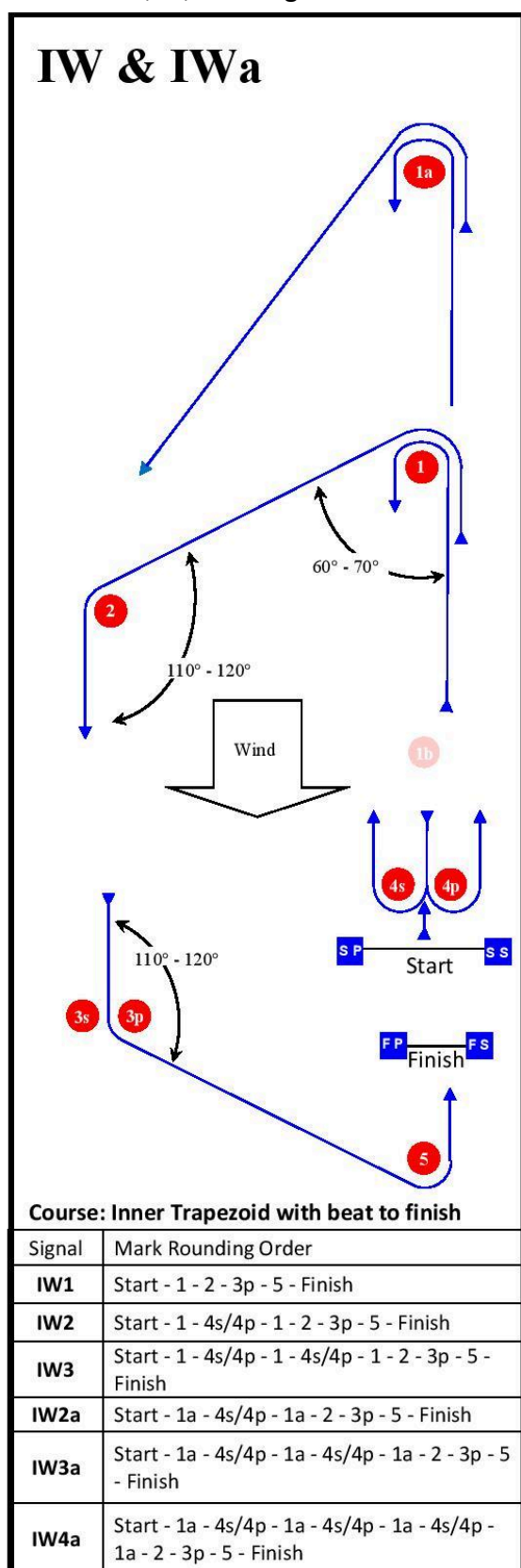
- a) [DP][NP] On each day of racing, competitors shall individually Check-Out using the NYC digital Check-Out/In system before launching.
- c) [DP][NP] Competitors shall individually Check-In immediately on returning to shore after racing, no later than the protest time limit, using the NYC digital Check-Out/In system.

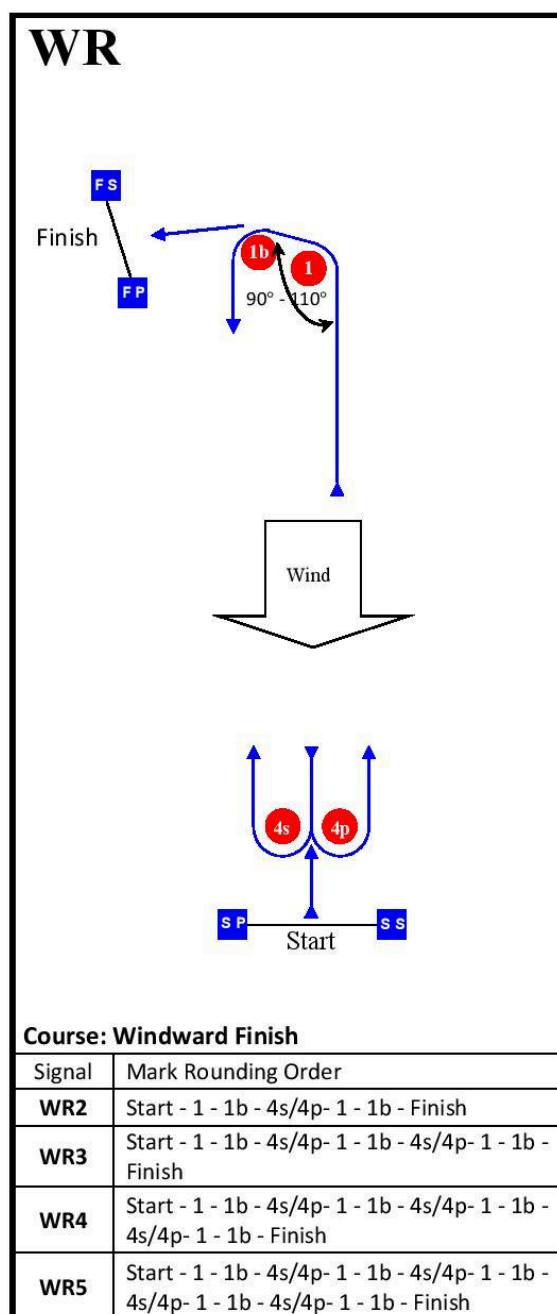
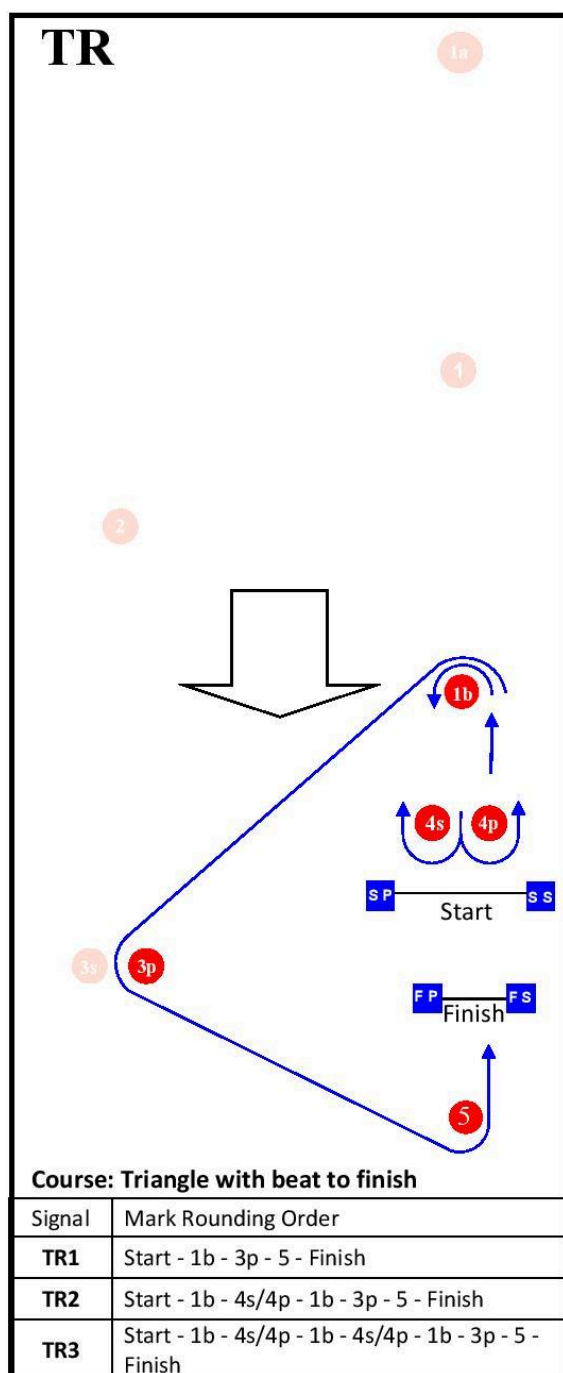
SUPPORT VESSELS

SSI 14 All official and support vessels shall always have an engine safety cut-out switch (kill cord) attached to the driver while the engine is running, unless prior written exemption has been provided by the Organising Authority.

Addendum A

The Europe Nationals will be sailed in conjunction with the multi-class NYC Whakatu Regatta. For clarity, all courses are shown below. The Race Committee will intend to sail the Europes on OW courses; or, if sailing is restricted to inside the harbour, WR courses.





Mark	Description
1 2 5	Orange truncated, self-inflating
3s 3p	Red cylindrical (tall) marked "Aflex"
4s 4p	Red cylindrical (short) marked "Extraordinary Nelson Tasman"
1a	Orange truncated with yellow band, self-inflating
1b	Yellow cylindrical, self-inflating
ss Starting mark starboard end	Race Committee Signal Boat
sp Starting mark port end	Orange/Pink buoy
fs Finishing mark starboard end	Race Committee boat
fp Finishing mark port end	Orange/Pink buoy