

LOCAL SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



KONINKLIJKE WATERSPORTVERENIGING SNEEK

86th Sneekweek

In all recognized open classes

(excl. Windsurfer LT, Optimist and Valk G-sailing)

organized by


**Koninklijke Watersportvereniging Sneek
(Royal Yacht Club Sneek)**

5 - 10 August 2023

Location: Sneekmeer,
Zoutepoel and Goïngarypster Poelen

Local Sailing Instructions (SI)

Warning to all sailors

When flag Y  (RRS 40) is displayed ashore, wearing a personal flotation device is mandatory for all classes on the water during the entire day. When flag Y is displayed on the water, before or during the warning signal, this applies to the race in question. The KWS intends to display this flag during the spring and autumn regattas *and* at a wind speed of more than 15 knots.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-2024*.
- 1.2 Appendix B applies to the Windfoiler class.
- 1.3 The following rules have been changed:
 - SI 5.2 changes RRS Race signals AP.
 - SI 6.3 changes RRS 26.
 - SI 6.4 changes RRS 29.2 and Race Signals First Substitute.
 - SI 9.2 changes RRS 27.1.
 - SI 12.4 changes RRS 27.2.
 - SI 12.5 changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
 - SI 14 changes RRS Definition *Finish*.
- 1.4 If the entry list (SI Addendum A) displays a fleet sign for any particular class, boats in such classes shall, while racing, display a conspicuous green or blue fleet sticker in the manner designated in Addendum A. Classes that sail qualification races shall carry a coloured ribbon as described in SI Addendum K.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be announced before 09:00 on the day it takes effect, except that any change to the race schedule will be announced before 20:00 on the day before it takes effect.

3. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices and results will be published on the official notice board located on the shore side of the Race Office. If possible, notices and results will also be published on the web site www.sneekweek.nl.
- 3.2 Information about the progress of races will be posted via Twitter account @kwssneek, if possible.
- 3.3 Whether or not information is published on the internet, by phone, Twitter and/or Facebook cannot be considered an improper action or omission and will not be grounds for redress.
- 3.4 The Race Office is located in the KWS Racing Centrum on the "Starteiland" in the Sneekermeer.
- 3.5 During opening hours the Race Office can be reached by phone at +31 515 415 140.
- 3.6 Opening hours: on Saturday from 8.30 am onwards, and on all other days from 9 am onwards until at least one hour after the finish of the last boat.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

N/A.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located on the Race Office tower.
Please note: for the classes Windersurfer LT, Optimist and Valk G-sailing that sail on the Gossepalen course, the signals are hoisted in the flagpole located in front of the "Roerkoning" training centre.
- 5.2 When flag "AP" is displayed ashore, "1" minute is replaced by "no less than 45 minutes" for race signal AP.
- 5.3 When flag "AP" over "C" is displayed ashore, all races not yet started in Flits C fleet are postponed and "1 minute" is replaced with "no less than 45 minutes".
- 5.4 When flag "AP" over "B" is displayed ashore, all races not yet started in Flits B and C fleets are postponed and "1 minute" is replaced with "no less than 45 minutes".
- 5.5 When flag "AP" over "E" is displayed ashore, all races not yet started in the Lark class are postponed and "1 minute" is replaced with "no less than 45 minutes".
- 5.6 When flag "N" over "C" is displayed ashore, all races not yet started Flits C fleet will not be sailed that day.
- 5.7 When flag "N" over "B" is displayed ashore, all races not yet started in Flits B and Flits C fleets will not be sailed that day.
- 5.8 When flag "N" over "E" is displayed ashore, all races not yet started in the Lark fleet will not be sailed that day.
- 5.9 When flag "D" is displayed ashore, no boats shall leave the harbour until this flag has been removed. The warning signal will not be made within 45 minutes after this signal has been removed.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 The races are scheduled as follows.

The starting schedule (the following are the scheduled starting times and not the times of the warning signals)

Class number	Class	Starting time	Starting time Wednesday 9 August	Class number	Class	Starting time	Starting time Wednesday 9 August
1	Windfoil	10.00	09.00	15	Tirion21	11.35	10.35
		10.05	09.05	16	Spanker	11.40	10.40
2	Olympiajool	10.10	09.10	17	Sailhorse	11.45	10.45
		10.15	09.15			11.50	10.50
3	12-voetsjool	10.20	09.20	18	Valk A	11.55	10.55
4	Flits A	10.25	09.25	19	Valk B	12.00	11.00
5	Flits B/C	10.30	09.30	20	Randmeer	12.05	11.05
6	2.4mR	10.35	09.35	21	16m2	12.10	11.10
7	Lark	10.40	09.40			12.15	11.15
		10.45	09.45	22	G2	12.20	11.20
8	ILCA 7	10.50	09.50	23	30m2	12.25	11.25
9	Schakel	10.55	09.55	24	Regenboog	12.30	11.30
10	ILCA 6	11.00	10.00	25	Pampus 1/ Gold	12.35	11.35
11	Solo	11.05	10.05			12.40	11.40
		11.10	10.10	26	Pampus 2/ Silver	12.45	11.45
12	Efsix	11.15	10.15			12.50	
13	Vaurien	11.20	10.20	27	Friese jachten,	12.55	
14	Vrijheid	11.25	10.25		Boeiers en Tjotter		
		11.30	10.30				

Note: the Frisian yachts, Boeiers and Tjotters start only on Tuesday 10 minutes after the Pampus class.

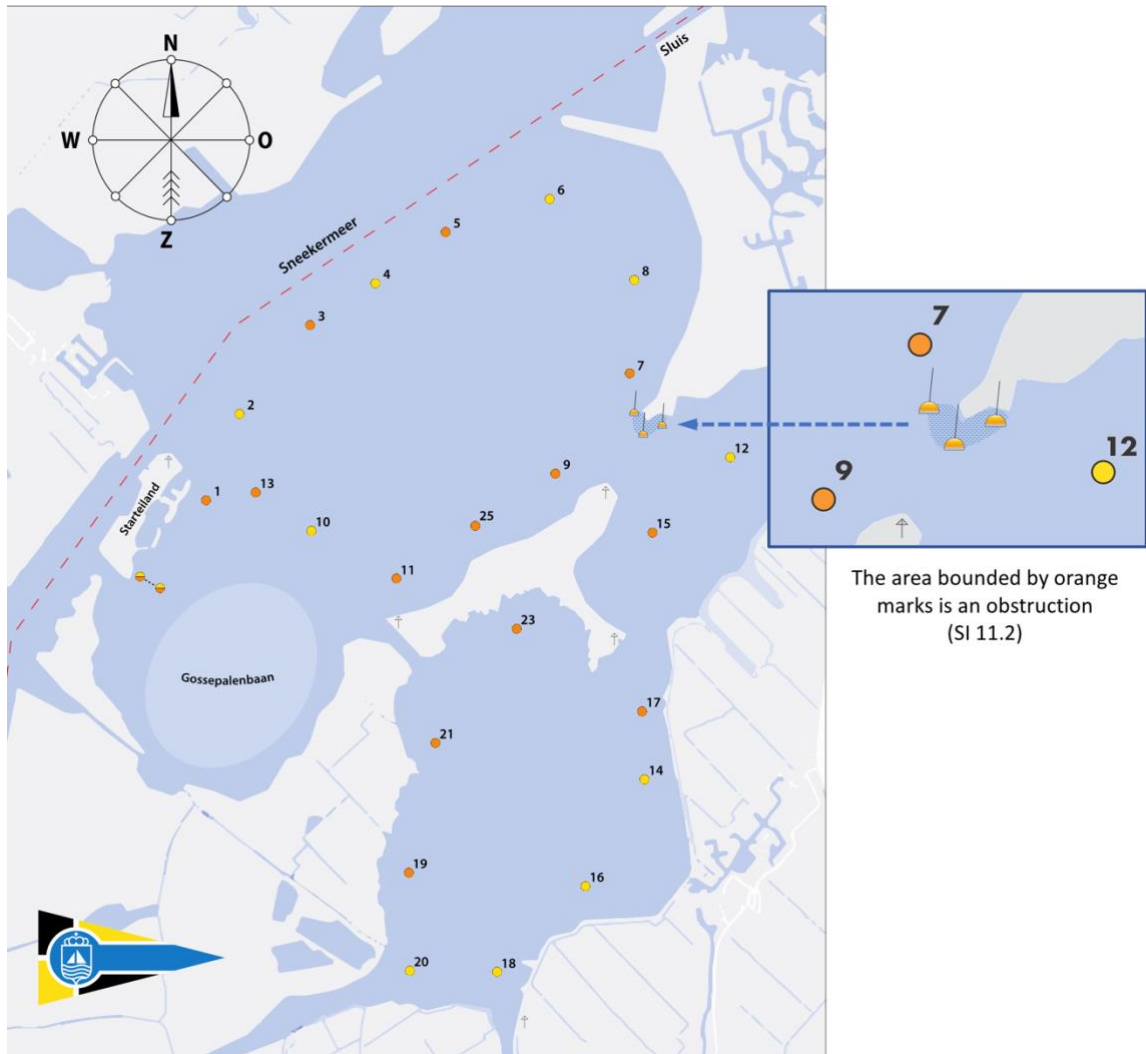
- 6.2 In order to warn boats that a race or series of races will start soon, the orange flag of the starting line will be displayed with one sound signal at least five minutes before the warning signal is displayed.
- 6.3 In alteration of RRS 26 the warning signal will consist of the class sign and flag "W". For each class the class sign will equal the class number designated in the Starting Schedule. When the warning signal of a class coincides with the start of a preceding class, the lowering of flag "W" will be the visual sign for both classes.
- 6.4 After a general recall the new starting time will be 5 minutes after the recalled start. The starting order as designated in the Starting Schedule will always govern. The lowering of flag "W" for the recalled start will be the new visual warning signal. The First Substitute will be lowered, at the new 1-minute signal. This changes RRS 29.2 and Race Signals First Substitute.
- 6.5 Races for which the warning signal has not been displayed by 19.55 hrs will not be sailed that day.
On the last race day, no warning signal will be made after 14:55 hrs.

7. CLASS FLAGS

N/A.

8. RACING AREA

The racing area is formed by the Sneekermeer south east of the Prinses Margrietkanaal, the Zoutepoel and the Goïngarypster Poelen: see illustration.



9. COURSES

9.1 Races will be sailed on the Sneekweek courses (“Sneekweekbanen”) (2023 edition).

9.2 The course sign will be a yellow board with a black letter. Next to this board for each class a white board will be displayed with a black rectangle for the long course; with a red dot for the medium course; or with a green triangle for the short course. In alteration of RRS 27.1 this sign will be displayed no later than the preparatory signal.

10 MARKS

- 10.1 The 1st mark of the course is an unnumbered buoy in a variable colour: green or red. See 12.2 START.
The other marks of the course will be odd-numbered orange marks and even-numbered yellow marks.
- 10.2 Any replacement marks in accordance with RRS 34(a) will be marks of the same colour with a different number or no number at all.
- 10.3 The starting marks are an orange flag on the starting vessel and an orange buoy on the port side.
- 10.4 The finishing marks are unnumbered orange marks with yellow tops.

11. OBSTRUCTIONS

- 11.1 While racing, boats must enter neither the buoyed off shipping lane through the Sneekermeer nor the Joustervaart. The shipping lane, designated by a line formed by consecutive buoys, as well as the Joustervaart are obstructions in the sense of the RRS Definitions.
In addition, while not racing, boats are not permitted to travel inside the buoyed off shipping lane through the Sneekermeer under sail, except when crossing the canal in its entirety and at a right angle.
- 11.2 In the passage of the Heerengat, the shallow depth along the bank (north side) on the corner is marked with orange shackles/stakes. This area is an obstacle: see detailed drawing at SI 8.
- 11.3 Committee boats are recognizable by the KWS club flag and standby boats by the orange standby flag. Boats must keep clear of these boats at all times and must not hinder them.

12. THE START

- 12.1 The starting line is between the dipstick with an orange flag on the starting vessel and the course side of the orange buoy on the port side.
- 12.2 If a green flag is displayed from the starting vessel before or at the preparatory signal of a class, the first variable mark is a green buoy without a number. If a red flag is displayed from the starting vessel before or at the preparatory signal of a class, the first variable mark is a red buoy without a number.
- 12.3 Boats for which the warning signal has not yet been displayed must avoid the starting area during the starting procedure for other classes.
The starting area is defined as the area 50 meters windward and leeward of the starting line and 10 meters on either side of the starting line.
- 12.4 No later than 3 minutes before the starting signal the Race Committee may move a starting mark. This changes RRS 27.2.
- 12.5 A boat that starts later than 4 minutes after its starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RvW A5.1 and A5.2.

13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

N/A.

14. THE FINISH

The finishing marks are two unnumbered orange marks with yellow tops. In alteration of RRS Race Signals no blue flag will be displayed.

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

The right to appeal protest committee decisions with regard to the qualification races is denied with the prior approval of the Watersportverbond in accordance with RRS 70.5(a).

16. TIME LIMITS [AND TARGET TIMES]

Boats that fail to reach the finish within 60 minutes after the first boat of their class has finished shall be scored "DNF" (Did not Finish).

17. HEARING REQUESTS

- 17.1 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished [in that class] in the last race of the day, or the Race Committee signals that there will be no more racing today, whichever is later. The protest time limit will be published on the official notice board.
- 17.2 Protests and requests for redress are preferably lodged digitally through the Jury Management System Manage2sail. Protests shall meet the requirements of RRS 61.2.
- 17.3 It is the competitor's responsibility to check within 15 minutes after the protest time limit whether the protest has been received and scheduled. If it is not, the competitor shall notify the Protest Committee straightaway, providing the message sent including the date and time of sending. If the protest has not been received, and the submitter cannot show in a timely manner that it has been lodged within the time limit, the protest committee may decide that the protest does not meet the requirements of RRS 61.3 (Protest Time Limit).
- 17.4 Hearing request forms are available at the Race Office desk.
- 17.5 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. Hearings will be held in the protest room in the Racing centre.
- 17.6 A list of boats that are scored OCS, UFD or BFD by the Race Committee will be published at the Race Office desk as soon as possible after the start. If such list is published *before* the finish of the last boat of a class, requests for redress for OCS, UFD or BFD scores shall be lodged within that day's protest time limit for that class; if such list is published *after* the finish of the last boat of that class, requests for redress for OCS, UFD or BFD scores shall be lodged within two hours after publication of said list.
- 17.7 If a boat disagrees with her finishing position, or if she wants to substitute equipment or change crew, she shall lodge a request with the Race Committee. Relevant forms will be available at the Race Office desk. The time limit for lodging requests for redress following publication or notification of the Race Committee's response shall be one hour.

18. PRIZES

18.1 In each class there will be prizes per race, as follows:

In the youth classes (Flits, Splash Blue and RS-Feva) up to 7 prizes per race are available: 7-8 entries: 1 prize 9-10 entries: 2 prizes 11-12 entries: 3 prizes 13-15 entries: 4 prizes 16-19 entries: 5 prizes 20-24 entries: 6 prizes 25 and more entries: 7 prizes	For all other classes, up to 5 prizes per race are available: 7-8 entries: 1 prize 9-11 entries: 2 prizes 12-15 entries: 3 prizes 16-20 entries: 4 prizes 21 and more entries: 5 prizes
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- 18.2 The number of prizes per class is determined by the number of entries registered. There are prizes for both helmsman and crew, with a maximum of 4 per boat. For the Valk class there will be 2 prizes per boat.
- 18.3 In each class there will be one main prize for the overall series.
Main prize winners are asked to report to the KWS Race Office immediately after their last race on Thursday.
- 18.4 The prize-giving ceremony will take place on Thursday from 20:00 in the party tent, prior to the closing party. Admission to the award ceremony is free. Tickets for the closing party are for sale on the website when entering, during registration and at the Race Office desk.
- 18.5 Each day the first boat that finished in each class will be awarded a daily prize per race and a special sponsor prize, unless that boat is being protested. Prizes, except on Thursday, will be awarded in front of the "Roerkoning" training centre. **This prize giving ceremony** will start at 5 pm. Any changes to this schedule will be published on the web site.
- 18.6 Daily prizes of day winners not collected during the prize giving ceremony may be collected from the Race Office desk the following day.
- 18.7 Other daily prizes for each class may be collected from the Race Office desk daily after the end of protest time for that class, unless there are protests in that class.
- 18.8 Prizes cannot be claimed after the Sneekweek has ended.

ADDENDUM A: fleet signs

Class	Location of fleet sign
Flits B	Luff of the mainsail, 1 meter above the boom
Flits C	Luff of the jib, 1 meter above the deck
Valk B	Luff of the mainsail, 1 meter above the boom

ADDENDUM K: qualification races

- a. In classes that sail qualification races boats will be divided in four groups (subgroups A, B, C and D).
- b. The subgroups will race in accordance with the schedule below:

Race	Group I	Group II
Race 1	Subgroups A and B	Subgroups C and D
Race 2	Subgroups A and C	Subgroups B and D
Race 3	Subgroups A and D	Subgroups B and C

- c. Boats sailing qualifications will carry following ribbons: A = Red, B = Blue, C = Green, D = Yellow.
- d. After a series of three qualification races in subgroups A, B, C and D, fleets will be split into two classes, based on the results in the series with a temporary discard of the worst result, with each class sailing the remaining races.
- e. In the case of an even number of entries, the top half of the boats in the overall standings after three qualification races will go to Gold fleet, while the bottom half will go into Silver fleet. The split between Gold and Silver fleet, as well as the starting times and the requirement (if any) to display a fleet sticker will be published on the Noticeboard.
- f. In the case of an odd number of entries, the top half + 1 of the boats in the overall standings after three qualification races will go to Gold fleet, while the bottom half will go into Silver fleet.
- g. The scores achieved in the qualification races will count for the series score, unless a score is discardable.