

## UK CAPE 31 RACE CIRCUIT ROUND 6 - SEASON FINALE 27-29 SEPTEMBER 2024

THE ORGANISING AUTHORITY IS THE  
ROYAL YACHT SQUADRON IN  
CONJUNCTION WITH THE UK CAPE 31  
CLASS ASSOCIATION AND 31 NORTH LTD

# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

## 1. RULES

1.1 See **Notice of Race 1**.

## 2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be posted by 0900 on the day it will take effect. Any intention to bring forward the time of first warning signal of races will be posted by 2000 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

<https://cms.cape31class.com/racing/regatta/41>

3.2 The race office is located at the Royal Yacht Squadron.

3.3 The Race Committee (RC) intends to broadcast race information and course information by VHF Ch 05 and repeated on the Event Telegram group. See Addendum B.

3.4 On each racing day, the RC will provide a morning briefing by VHF and Telegram at 0900.

3.5 Competitors wishing to communicate with the Race Committee should do so on VHF Ch 77.

## 4. [NP] CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 Competitors and support persons shall comply with all reasonable requests from race officials.

## 5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE AND AFLOAT

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the RYS Lodge Flagstaff and advised on the event Telegram group.

5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced by "not less than 45 minutes". This changes Race Signals AP.

## 6. SCHEDULE

6.1 See **Notice of Race 9**.

## 7. CLASS FLAGS

The class flag will be the Cape 31 logo on a black background.



## 8. RACING AREA

8.1 The location of the start line will be announced via the Event Messaging System and repeated on VHF during the morning briefing (SI 3.4).

## 9. COURSES

9.1 The courses to be sailed will be a windward / leeward configuration as described in Addendum A.

9.2 If only a single windward or leeward mark is present, boats shall leave that mark to port before proceeding to the next mark of the course.

9.3 Soon after the orange flag attention signal is displayed, and before the warning signal, the RC signal vessel will display the course, approximate bearing and distance to Mark 1. The course, approximate bearing and distance to Mark 1 will also be announced on VHF.

9.4 In cross-tide wind conditions, after the first leg, subsequent legs of the course may be 'walked' down tide to achieve reasonable leeward or windward legs.

(a) Flag W will be displayed at or before the warning signal for a race where the course will be 'walked' down tide.

(b) When flag W has been displayed, no course changes (using flag C) or new marks will be used except when the leg length is being increased or decreased or the course is changed for a wind shift. This changes RRS Race Signals and RRS 33.

## 10. MARKS

10.1 With reference to Addendum A, marks 1, 1a, 4s & 4p will be orange inflatable marks.

10.2 The starting and finishing marks will be a committee vessel and a blue inflatable mark with white vertical stripes.

10.3 When new marks have been laid to change the next leg of a course they will be black inflatable marks.

10.4 An RC vessel positioned near a mark may display a flag showing the colour of the next mark, except for the final leg to the finish line.

## 11. OBSTRUCTIONS

11.1 All yachts shall comply with [Associated British Ports Notice to Mariners No 06 of 2023](#) giving details of a Precautionary Area and Moving Prohibited Zone (MPZ). The MPZ shall rank as an obstruction for the purposes of RRS 19 and 20.

11.2 Any official boat in close attendance to a craft in difficulty is an obstruction.

## 12. THE START

12.1 The start line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the CV and the course side of the starting mark.

12.2 To alert boats that a race will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with multiple sounds not less than five minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

- 12.3 In addition to RRS 29.1, if any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the RC will attempt to broadcast her bow or sail number on VHF Ch 05. If multiple boats are OCS, this broadcast may be made up to 30 seconds or more after the start. Failure to make a broadcast or delay, failure to hear such a broadcast, or the order in which boats are broadcast will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 12.4 A boat that does not start within four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

### 13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 13.1 When a change of the next leg of the course has been signaled, the RC will lay new black inflatable marks (or move the finishing line) and remove the original orange inflatable marks as soon as practicable. In a subsequent change of the same leg, the black inflatable marks will be replaced by original orange marks.
- 13.2 The race committee will announce details of any change under SI 13.1 using VHF Ch 05. Failure of a boat to her such an announcement will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a)
- 13.3 The position of any mark(s) may be adjusted by up to plus or minus 10 degrees relative to previous location and up to approximately 100 metres to windward or leeward without a signal. This changes RRS 33 and Race Signals.

### 14. THE FINISH

- 14.1 The finish line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the CV and the course side of the finishing mark.

### 15. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1 See **Notice of Race 14**.

### 16. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 16.1 The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35) and the Target Time are shown in the table below.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window	Target Race Time
30 mins	90 mins	20 mins	45 mins

- 16.2 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 Time Limit, or if no boat has finished within the Race Time Limit, the race will be abandoned. This shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 16.3 The Finishing Window is the time limit for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, being penalized or given redress, will be scored TLE without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.
- 16.4 Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RR62.1(a).

### 17. HEARING REQUESTS

- 17.1 The protest limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the RC signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official notice board and repeated on the Event Messaging System.
- 17.2 Hearing request forms are available from the Race Office.

- 17.3 Contact mobile phone numbers should be included on the protest form.
- 17.4 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of the hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room located at the RYS. Notices of hearings will be repeated on the Event Messaging System.

### 18. SCORING

- 18.1 See **Notice of Race 15**.

### 19. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible on VHF Ch 77 or by hailing an official regatta support boat or rib.

### 20. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 20.1 Not used.

### 21. [NP] EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 21.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions between the first scheduled warning signal and the protest time limit on the final day.
- 21.2 Boats shall not transfer any equipment (Including but not limited to sails, safety equipment, rigging etc) on or off the boat until they have confirmed via the Event Messaging System that they have not been selected for post-race inspection. This confirmation will be via a message from the technical committee listing the boats that have been selected for inspection as per SI 21.4. Boats selected for post-race inspection shall continue to be in a 'quarantine' state and not transfer equipment on or off the boat until completion of the inspection which will be confirmed by the technical committee verbally when the inspection is complete.
- 21.3 If a boat's crew is selected for post-race weighing as per class rule C.2.2(b), the crew shall report to the location specified by the technical committee and meet class rule C.2.2 within 1 hour after being notified.
- 21.4 Boats and crew will be randomly selected using the Class Management System and notices of those boats and crew selected for post-race inspection and crew weighing shall be posted on the Event Messaging System shortly after the first boat finishes the last race of the day.
- 21.5 At least one member of the crew shall monitor the Event Messaging System before returning ashore to establish if their boat has been selected for post-race inspection or crew weighing, or both.
- 21.6 Boats selected for post-race inspection shall follow all reasonable requests of the technical committee, and present their equipment at the time and location specified by the technical committee.

### 22. SUPPLIED BOATS

- 22.1 Not used.

### 23. OFFICIAL VESSELS

- 23.1 Mark laying vessels will be RYS RIBs.
- 23.2 The CV will be a 10m blue hulled motor catamaran – Call Sign Castle Two.
- 23.3 Jury boats will display a flag showing 'J' or 'Jury'.

### 24. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

All correspondence should be directed to:

**The Royal Yacht Squadron**, The Castle, Cowes, UK, PO31 7QT. Tel: 01983 292191, Email: [mail@rys.org.uk](mailto:mail@rys.org.uk)

24.1 See **Notice of Race 16.**

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**25. TRASH DISPOSAL**

25.1 Trash may be placed aboard official vessels.

**26. BERTHING**

26.1 See **Notice of Race 18.**

**27. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS**

27.1 See **Notice of Race 19.**

**28. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

28.1 See **Notice of Race 20.**

**29. PRIZES**

29.1 See **Notice of Race 24.**

**30. RISK STATEMENT**

30.1 See **Notice of Race 22.**

**31. INSURANCE**

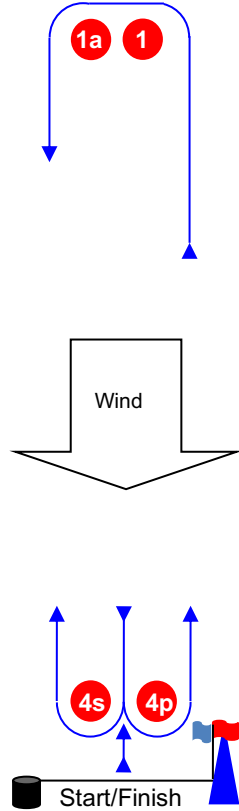
31.1 See **Notice of Race 23.**

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**ADDENDUM A – Course configuration.**

**Course Illustrations – Windward Leeward with spreader mark**

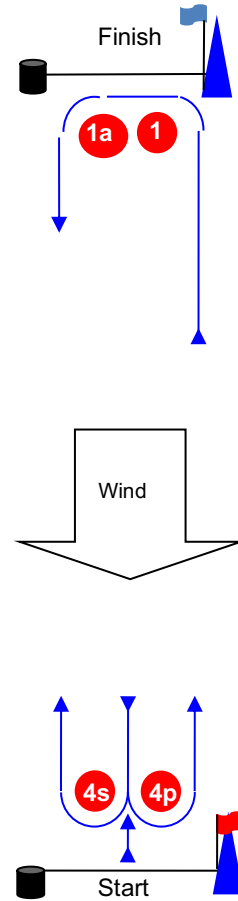
**LA**



**Course: Leeward finish**

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
<b>LA 2</b>	Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – Finish
<b>LA 3</b>	Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – Finish.

**WA**



**Course: Windward Finish**

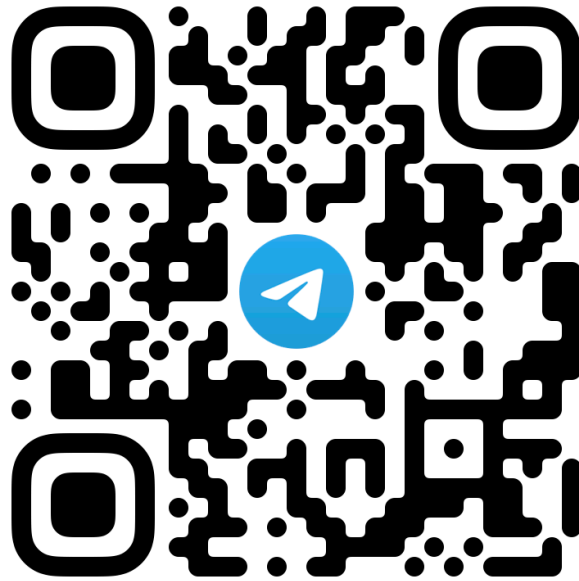
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
<b>WA 3</b>	Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – Finish.

**ADDENDUM B – Joining link for Event Messaging System**



Telegram

**LINK:** <https://t.me/+W3ZOUwGe5RExMjBk>



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