

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS Open Dutch Championship

Olympiajol class

Organised by Dutch Match & Team Racing Association
under the auspices of the Royal Netherlands Watersport Authority (RNWA)
from 23 September to 27 September (inclusive) 2026
location Port Zélande, Ouddorp, Grevelingermeer, the Netherlands

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** In addition to the Notice of Race the following *Rules* are changed: RRS A5.1 and A5.2 (see SI 12.2 and 16.3); RRS A10 (see SI 16.3); RRS 33 (see SI 13.1); RRS 35 (see SI 16.3); RRS 60.1 (see SI meaning notation [NP]); RRS 60.2 (see SI 17.1); RRS 61.4 (b)(1) (see SI 16.4).

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1** Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09:00 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 harbour office of Marina Port Zélande.
- 3.2** The race office is located at the harbour office of Marina Port Zélande, kabbelaarsbank 5.01, 3253 ME OUDDORP, tel +31 111 671920, email HAVEN@MPZ.NL, marifoon 31

4. [DP] CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1** Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- 4.2** 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 flagmast located in front of the harbour office of Marina Port Zélande.
- 5.2** When flag AP  is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1** Schedule:

Date	Olympiajol	First warning signal
Thu September 24	3 races	11.55 hr.
Fri September 25	4 races	09.55 hr.
Sat September 26	3 races	09.55 hr.
Sun September 27	<i>travel home</i>	

- 6.2 One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that no class becomes more than one race ahead of schedule and the change is made according to SI 2.1.
- 6.3 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.
- 6.4 N/A
- 6.5 The total number of races is 10.
- 6.6 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15:00 hr.

7 CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 The Class flag will be a white flag with red O: 

8 RACING AREA

- 8.1 SI Addendum B shows the location of the racing area.

9 COURSES

- 9.1 The diagram in SI Addendum A shows the course, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The approximate course length is 50 minutes.
- 9.2 All marks are to be left to port except for the gate. If one buoy of the gate is missing, the remaining buoy will be left to port.
- 9.3 No later than the warning signal, the race committee vessel will display the number of loops on a number board.

10 MARKS

- 10.1 Marks 1, 1a, 2s, 2p are yellow inflatable cylinder buoys.
- 10.2 The starting mark will be an orange inflatable cylinder buoy. The finishing mark will be a blue inflatable cylinder buoy.

11 OBSTRUCTIONS

- 11.1 The finishing line is an obstruction in the downwind leg from 1a to 2s/2p.

12 THE START

- 12.1 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark, an orange cylinder buoy.
- 12.2 A boat that does not start within 4 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 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark or the finishing line to a new position. Changes will not be displayed, this changes RRS 33.

14 THE FINISH

- 14.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the signal vessel at the port-end and the course side of the starboard finishing mark, a blue cylinder buoy.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

15.1 RRS Appendix P applies.

16 TIME LIMITS [AND TARGET TIMES]

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

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Target Time	Finishing Window
20 minutes	50 minutes	15 minutes

16.2 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 Time Limit the race will be abandoned.

16.3 The Finishing Window is the time 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, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (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 RRS 61.4 (b)(1)

17 HEARING REQUESTS

17.1 A boat intending to protest shall inform the RC Finishing Boat immediately after finishing. The protestor must wait for acknowledgement from the RC. This changes RRS 60.2.
The protest time limit is **75** minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
The protest time limit for the Technical Committee is 60 minutes after the completion of the checks following the last race of the day.

17.2 Hearing request forms are available from the race office at the harbour office of Marina Port Zélande.

17.3 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. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at the harbour office of Marina Port Zélande, beginning at the time posted.

18 [NP][DP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

19.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed.

19.2 Substitution of marked damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

20 EQUIPMENT CHECKS AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

20.1 Equipment inspection as specified in NoR art. 10

20.2 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.

20.3 [DP] When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

21 SUPPLIED BOATS

N/A

22 OFFICIAL VESSELS

22.1 Official vessels will be identified as follows: blue flag with white text "RC".

23 [DP] SUPPORT TEAMS

23.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support persons shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

24 TRASH DISPOSAL

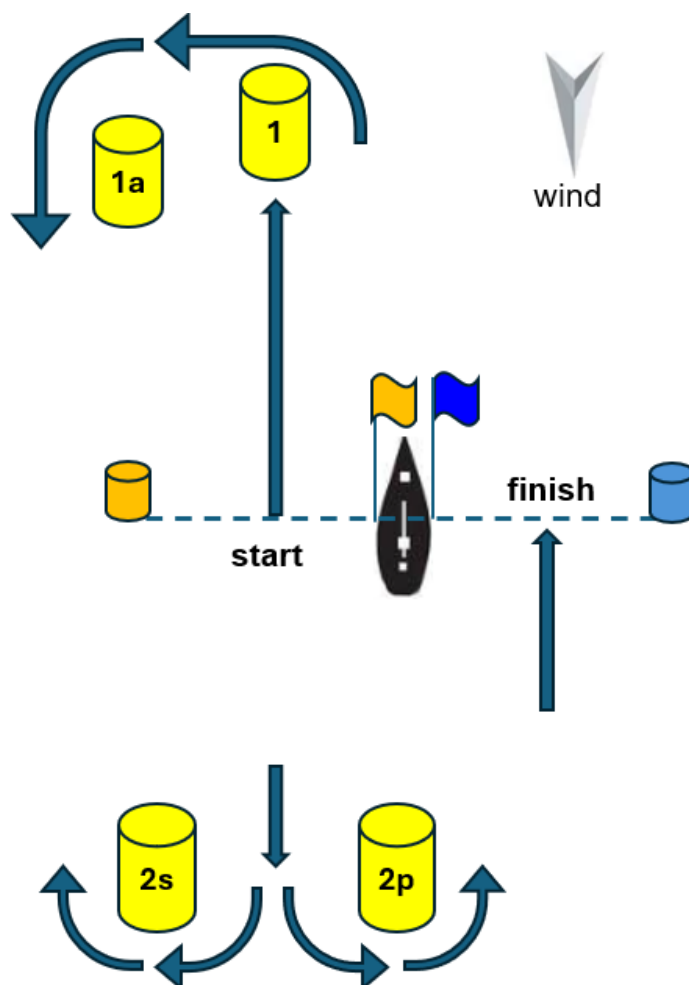
24.1 Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

25 ORGANISATION

The race officer is : Rob Beemster
The chairman of the protest committee is : JJ Korpershoek
The second member of the protest committee is: Gerard Op de Weegh
The chairman of the technical committee is : Joep ten Brink

Addendum A: the course

Windward - Leeward course



All marks are to be round over port except for the gate. If one buoy of the gate is missing, the remaining buoy will be round over port.

Number of loops on number board of race committee vessel	Course
2	Start – 1/1a – 2s/2p – 1/1a – 2s/2p – Finish
3	Start – 1/1a – 2s/2p – 1/1a – 2s/2p – 1/1a – 2s/2p – Finish
4	Start – 1/1a – 2s/2p – 1/1a – 2s/2p – 1/1a – 2s/2p – 1/1a – 2s/2p – Finish

Addendum B: the location of the racing area
Grevelingenmeer (above Den Osse)

