



ROYAL VARUNA YACHT CLUB

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

DART 18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2019
16th – 22nd February 2019
Royal Varuna Yacht Club, Pattaya, Thailand

ABBREVIATIONS:

- SP** Rules for which a standard penalty may be applied by the Race Committee without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.
- NP** Rules that are not grounds for protest by another boat. This changes RRS 60.1 (a).
- DP** Rules for which penalties are at the discretion of the International Jury.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The Championship will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. The Championship will be governed by the IDA Championship Rules (see <https://dart18class.files.wordpress.com/2018/01/11-05-19-international-dart-association-championship-rules-version-may-2011.pdf>), if not superseded by the Notice of Race (NOR) or the Sailing Instructions (SI).
- 1.3. No National prescriptions will apply.
- 1.4. Boats shall carry their full sail numbers and their National Identification Letters on the mainsail. The National Identification Numbers are to be affixed to the panel under the sail numbers. This modifies RRS 77 and Appendix G. [DP]
- 1.5. RRS G3 on chartered or loan boats may apply. Any request to deviate from the class rules must be made in writing to, and approved by, the Organising Authority. [DP] [NP]
- 1.6. While afloat, all boats shall carry a towline of minimum length 10 meters and of minimum diameter 6mm. [DP] [NP]
- 1.7. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located upstairs at the RVYC clubhouse on the glass wall outside the Race Office facing the beach.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. 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.



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4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole at the RVYC Beach Bar.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. Dates of Racing:

Saturday 16 th February	Practice race – warning signal at 13:00
Sunday 17 th February 2019	Races – first warning signal at 12:00
Monday 18 th February 2019	Races – first warning signal at 12:00
Tuesday 19 th February 2019	Races – first warning signal at 12:00
Wednesday 20 th February 2019	Reserve day
Thursday 21 st February 2019	Races – first warning signal at 12:00
Friday 22 nd February 2019	Races – first warning signal at 12:00
- 5.2. Each day, succeeding races will be started as soon as practical after the finish of the previous race.
- 5.3. 2 races are scheduled each day. A third race may be sailed in accordance with Rule 6(e) of the IDA Championship Rules.
- 5.4. 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.
- 5.5. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15:00.
- 5.6. The Race Committee, where necessary, may reschedule the race program at its sole discretion.

6. CLASS FLAG

- 6.1. Class flag will be a white flag with the Dart class emblem on it.

7. RACING AREA

- 7.1. Attachment 1 shows the location of the race area.

8. THE COURSES

- 8.1. The diagram in Attachment 2 shows the courses, 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. This modifies IDA Championship Rule 7b.
- 8.2. No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the course number on the side of the committee boat.
- 8.3. Courses may be shortened in accordance with RRS 32.2.



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9. MARKS

- 9.1. Marks 1, 3S, and 3P will be inflatable red cylindrical buoys.
- 9.2. Mark 2 will be a pink teardrop buoy.
- 9.3. New marks, as provided in SI 11.1, will be black cylindrical buoys.
- 9.4. The starting marks will be Race Committee vessels.
- 9.5. The finishing marks will be a Race Committee vessel at one end and a pink teardrop buoy at the other end.
- 9.6. A race committee vessel signalling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in SI 11.2.

10. THE START

- 10.1. Races will be started by using RRS 26.
- 10.2. The starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the starting marks.
- 10.3. A boat which does not start within 4 minutes after the starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee may lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. In addition, any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 11.2. 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. This changes RRS 28.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1. The finish line will be between staffs displaying blue flags on the finishing marks.

13. SHORTENING COURSE

- 13.1. The course may be shortened at marks 1 or 2 according to RRS 32.
- 13.2. If the course is shortened at the leeward end, flag 'F' will be displayed from a Race Committee vessel near marks 3S and 3P with repeated sound signals. Boats should then pass through the gate (3S and 3P) and proceed directly to the finish line as SI 9.5 and 12. This changes RRS 32.



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14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

15. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 15.1. A race shall be abandoned if no boat has finished within 2 hours.
- 15.2. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course correctly and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1. Protest forms are available at the Race Office located upstairs at the RVYC clubhouse. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.2. The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is the later.
- 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. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located upstairs at the RVYC clubhouse.
- 16.4. Notices of protests by the Race Committee, Technical Committee, or International Jury will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1 (b).
- 16.5. On the last scheduled day of racing request for redress based on a Jury decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 16.6. Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

17. SCORING

- 17.1. 4 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.2. (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
(b) When from 5 to 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
(c) When 9 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst two scores.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1. Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices at all times when afloat, except briefly, while changing or adjusting clothing. This changes RRS 40 and preamble part 4.
- 18.2. Before leaving shore to race on each scheduled racing day, a crew member shall personally sign out on the required form. [NP] [SP]



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- 18.3. Within the protest time limit, a crew member shall personally sign in after returning to shore on the required form. [NP] [SP]
- 18.4. A standard penalty of three points in the first race of the day shall be imposed without a hearing on competitors for failing to comply with SI 18.2.
- 18.5. A standard penalty of three points in the last race of the day shall be imposed without a hearing on competitors for failing to comply with SI 18.3.
- 18.6. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible. [NP] [DP]

19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1. Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee. [DP]
- 19.2. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the Race Committee or Technical Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity. [DP]

20. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 20.1. Boats must pass measurement equipment inspection before sailing in the event.
- 20.2. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a member of the Race Committee or the Technical Committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.
- 20.3. Ashore, equipment may be inspected or measured at any time.

21. IDENTIFICATION

- 21.1. Boats shall display bow numbers provided by the Organising Authority (NoR 2). The stickers shall be fixed on the outside of both hulls as illustrated on the separate instruction provided at registration. [DP]

22. EVENT ADVERTISING

- 22.1. Boats shall display event advertising supplied by the organising authority. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies. [DP]

23. OFFICIAL VESSELS

- 23.1. Official boats will be marked as follows:

Race Committee Signals Vessel	White flag with black 'RC'
Other Race Committee Vessels	Yellow flag with black 'RC'
Jury Vessels	Black flag with white 'J'
Rescue Vessels	Yellow flag with black 'RC'



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24. SUPPORT VESSELS

- 24.1. Team leaders, coaches and other support persons shall stay 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. [DP] [NP]
- 24.2. Support vessels shall be identified as per NOR 13. [DP] [NP]

25. TRASH DISPOSAL [DP]

- 25.1. Trash must not be disposed of into the sea. Trash may be placed aboard support or official vessels.

26. RADIO AND MOBILE PHONE COMMUNICATION

- 26.1. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. [DP]

27. PRIZES

- 27.1. See NOR 17.

28. RISK STATEMENT

- 28.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race.
- 28.2. Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
 - (a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
 - (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;
 - (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
 - (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
 - (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
 - (g) It is their responsibility to familiarize themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

29. INSURANCE

- 29.1. See NOR 19.



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Attachment 1





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Attachment 2

Course 2: Start – 1 – 2 – 3S/3P – 1 – 2 – 3P – Finish

Course 3: Start – 1 – 2 – 3S/3P – 1 – 2 – 3S/3P – 1 – 2 – 3P - Finish

