

RS700 and RS Vareo European Championship 2023

Saturday 27th to Tuesday 30th May 2023

Sailing Instructions (SIs)

The Organising Authority is KSJ JmK, z.s. in cooperation with Yacht Club Dyje Břeclav, z.s. & Yacht Club LODNÍ SPORTY BRNO, p.s..

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

1.1 The racing will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than 45 minutes before it takes effect, except for changes to the schedule of races will be posted before 19:00 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, which is at

<https://www.sailing.cz/en/noticeboard/232101>.

3.2 Protest committee will use online protest committee system located at <http://1url.cz/@memlyny>. There will be posted hearing schedule, on-the-water penalties and hearing decisions.

3.3 The race office is located in nearby the flagpole.

3.4 While racing from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. [DP].

3.5 There will be a competitor briefing by the flagpole at 10:30 on Saturday 27th May 2023 and on following days 90 minutes before the scheduled warning signal of the day.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT [DP]

4.1 Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct.

4.2 Competitors and support persons shall place advertising provided by the Organising 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 on the flagpole nearby the race office.

5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in the race signal AP.

6 FORMAT OF RACING

6.1 The regatta will consist of a single series for the RS 700 and RS Vareo classes respectively.

7 SCHEDULE OF RACES

7.1

Date	First Warning Signal	No. of Races
Sat 27 th May	12:00	3
Sun 28 th May	11:00	4
Mon 29 th May	11:00	4
Tue 30 th May	11:00	3

- 7.2 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 two minutes before the first warning signal is made.
- 7.3 Each day succeeding races will be started as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous race
- 7.4 On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 15:00.

8 CLASS FLAGS

8.1 Class flags will be as follows:

Class	Flag	Starting sequence
RS 700	Black flag with class insignia	Classes may be started in any order
RS Vareo	Flag W	Classes may be started in any order

9 RACING AREAS

9.1 The racing area will be in Nové Mlýny Lake.

10 COURSES

- 10.1 The diagrams in SI Appendix A show the course options to be sailed with the order in which the marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 10.2 The course and number of laps to be sailed will be displayed on the committee boat.
- 10.3 The approximate bearing of mark one may be displayed on the committee boat.
- 10.4 If a gate is replaced by a single mark, it is to be left to port.

11 MARKS

- 11.1 See Appendix A.
- 11.2 One starting mark will be the Race Committee signal vessel displaying an orange flag. The other will be either an official boat displaying an orange flag, or a yellow inflatable ball.
- 11.3 One finishing mark will be an official boat displaying a blue flag. The other will be either an official boat displaying a blue flag, or a blue inflatable ball.

13 THE START

- 13.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made five minutes before the starting signal.
- 13.2 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 35, A5.1 and A5.2.
- 13.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. [DP].

14 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 14.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark to its new position.
- 14.2 Minor mark moves, up to approximately 100m in any direction, may be made without signalling the change. This changes RRS 33.

15 THE FINISH

- 15.1 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, penalised, 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.
- 15.2 A boat may choose whether to sail Full Course or Limited Course. When LR2 is displayed, this is the Full Course and LR1 is the Limited Course. When LR3 is displayed, this is the Full Course and LR2 is the Limited Course. When LR4 is displayed, this is the Full Course and LR3 is the Limited Course. These courses are defined in Appendix A.
- 15.3 When a boat chooses to sail the Limited Course, she shall inform the Race Committee after she finishes. The boats that have finished the Limited Course will be scored worse than the boats that have finished the Full

Course. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

16 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 16.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced with by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 16.2 Jury members may blow a whistle when they see what they believe to be a breach of a rule.

17 TIME LIMITS

- 17.1 The time limits and target times are as follows:

Time limit	Target time	Finishing Window
60 mins	30 mins	16 mins

- 17.2 Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

18 HEARING REQUESTS

- 18.1 Appendix T arbitration shall apply.
- 18.2 Hearing requests shall be lodged online via the online protest committee system located at <https://1url.cz/memlynv>. Hearing requests shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit using the online form available from protest form.
- 18.3 The protest time limit for each class is 60 minutes after the last boat of each class has finished the last race of the day or after Flag AP over A is displayed ashore.
- 18.4 A Hearing Schedule will be posted on the Official Notice Board as soon as possible after a protest has been lodged, but not later than 30 minutes after the end of Protest Time to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 18.5 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 18.6 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress based on a PC decision shall be delivered no later than 20 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

19 SCORING

- 19.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 19.2 The RS 700 and RS Vareo classes will be scored separately.
- 19.3 A boat's series score will be calculated as follows:
 - 19.3.1 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - 19.3.2 When from four to seven races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - 19.3.3 When eight or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

20 SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP]

- 20.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify an official boat if possible.
- 20.2 RRS 40.1 applies at all times whilst afloat.
- 20.3 Boats shall follow the instructions of the Official Boats.

21 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 21.1 Substitution of the helm of any boat is not allowed [DP].
- 21.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised in writing by the race committee. Requests for substitution of equipment shall be made to the committee in writing at the first reasonable opportunity [DP]

22 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS.

- 22.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water or ashore, a boat may be instructed by an equipment inspector to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection. A boat shall comply with any reasonable request made by an Equipment Inspector. [DP].

23 OFFICIAL VESSELS

- 23.1 Official vessels are defined as Signal Boat, Finish boat, Mark Layers, Safety Boats, Jury boats.
- 23.2 Safety boats may carry competitors drinks, snacks, or spares, at the discretion of the driver/crew of the safety boat. Competitors shall not leave any bags on the committee or finish boat. [DP]

24 SUPPORT BOATS [DP]

- 24.1 See NoR.

25 RUBBISH/TRASH DISPOSAL

- 25.1 Rubbish may be placed aboard support person vessels.

26 BERTHING [DP]

- 26.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places whilst in the boat park.

27 PRIZES

- 27.1 Prizes will be awarded as described in the NoR. The OA may also award other prizes.

28 RISK STATEMENT AND DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.'

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 property whether afloat or ashore;
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- (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 organiser 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 familiarise 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 competitors briefing held for the event.

Appendix A – COURSES & MARKS

LR	Course: windward/leeward with reaching finish	
Signal	Mark rounding order (Full)	Mark rounding order (Limited)
LR1	RS700: start – 1 – 2P – finish RS Vareo: start – 1V – 2P – finish	N/A
LR2	RS700: start – 1 – 2S/2P – 1 – 2P – finish RS Vareo: start – 1V – 2S/2P – 1V – 2P – finish	RS700: start – 1 – 2P – finish RS Vareo: start – 1V – 2P – finish
LR3	RS700: start – 1 – 2S/2P – 1 – 2S/2P – 1 – 2P – finish RS Vareo: start – 1V – 2S/2P – 1V – 2S/2P – 1V – 2P – finish	RS700: start – 1 – 2S/2P – 1 – 2P – finish RS Vareo: start – 1V – 2S/2P – 1V – 2P – finish
LR4	RS700: start – 1 – 2S/2P – 1 – 2S/2P – 1 – 2S/2P – 1 – 2P – finish RS Vareo: start – 1V – 2S/2P – 1V – 2S/2P – 1V – 2S/2P – 1V – 2P – finish	RS700: start – 1 – 2S/2P – 1 – 2S/2P – 1 – 2P – finish RS Vareo: start – 1V – 2S/2P – 1V – 2S/2P – 1V – 2P – finish

