

LOCAL SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



KONINKLIJKE WATERSPORTVERENIGING SNEEK

89th Sneekweek

In all recognized open classes

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

organized by

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

1 - 6 August 2026

Location: Sneekermeer,
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) 2025-2028*.
- 1.2 Appendix B applies to the Windsurfer LT.
- 1.3 Appendix T, Arbitration applies.
- 1.4 The following rules have been changed:
 - SI 3.1 and 3.4 changes RRS 61.4(b)(1)
 - SI 5.2 changes RRS Race signals AP.
 - SI 6.4 changes RRS 26.
 - SI 6.5 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*.
- 1.5 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 will be published on the official notice board Manage2Sail, accessible via <https://www.sneekweek.nl> and if possible on an information board of the Race Office. Whether or not information is published on an information board will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).
Please note: only announcements starting with the abbreviation SWB are intended for participants sailing on the Sneekweekbaan.
- 3.2 Results will be published on <https://www.sneekweek.nl> and if possible on an information board of the Race Office.
- 3.3 If possible, information about the progress of races will be posted via the KWS WhatsApp Community Sneekweek Updates.
- 3.4 Messages that have not been sent or received in a timely manner via channels other than the official notice board will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).

- 3.5 The Race Office is located in the KWS Racing Centrum on the “Starteiland” in the Sneekerveer.
- 3.6 During opening hours the Race Office can be reached by phone at +31 515 415 140.
- 3.7 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. [DP] CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from the race officials.
- 4.2 Competitors and support persons shall handle any equipment of 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 ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located on the Race Office tower.
Please note: for the classes Windsurfer LT, Optimist B 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 1 August	Starting time 2 t/m 6 August	Class-number	Class	Starting time 1 August	Starting time 2 t/m 6 August
99	Windsurfer LT*		09.55	20	Sailhorse	13.00	12.00
1	29er	11.00	10.00	21	Randmeer	13.05	12.05
		11.05	10.05	22	Efsix	13.10	12.10
2	Spanker	11.10	10.10	23	Tirion 21	13.15	12.15
3	Regenboog	11.15	10.15			13.20	12.20
4	O-jol A	11.20	10.20	24	30m2	13.25	12.25
5	O-jol B	11.25	10.25	25	Valk	13.30	12.30
6	Solo	11.30	10.30			13.35	12.35
		11.35	10.35	26	G2	13.40	12.40
7	ILCA 6 (R/M)	11.40	10.40	27	Pirat	13.45	12.45
8	Schakel	11.45	10.45	28	16m2	13.50	12.50
9	12-voetsjol	11.50	10.50	29	Pampusgroep 1/Gold	13.55	12.55
		11.55	10.55	30	Pampusgroep 2/Silver	14.00	13.00
10	2.4mR	12.00	11.00				13.05
11	Lark	12.05	11.05	31	Friese jachten, Boeiers en Tjotters***		13.10
12	Flits A	12.10	11.10				
13	Flits B	12.15	11.15				
14	Flits C	12.20	11.20				
15	Hansa Liberty**	12.25	11.25				
16	Optimist A	12.30	11.30				
		12.35	11.35				
17	ILCA 7	12.40	11.40				
18	Vrijheid	12.45	11.45	2	Spanker	14.20	13.20
19	Top	12.50	11.50	3	Regenboog	14.25	13.25
		12.55	11.55	4	O-jol A	14.30	13.30
				5	O-jol B	14.35	13.35
				6	Solo	14.40	13.40

Note: * Class Windsurfer LT only starts on Wednesday at 09:55.

** Class Hansa Liberty starts on Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

*** The Frisian yachts, Boeiers and Tjotters only start on Wednesday 10 minutes after the Pampus class.

**** Classes Spanker, Regenboog, O-jol and Solo start a second race on Saturday, Monday and Tuesday 20 minutes after Class Pampus.

The Regenboog team matches are on Sundays and start at approx. 17:00.

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.

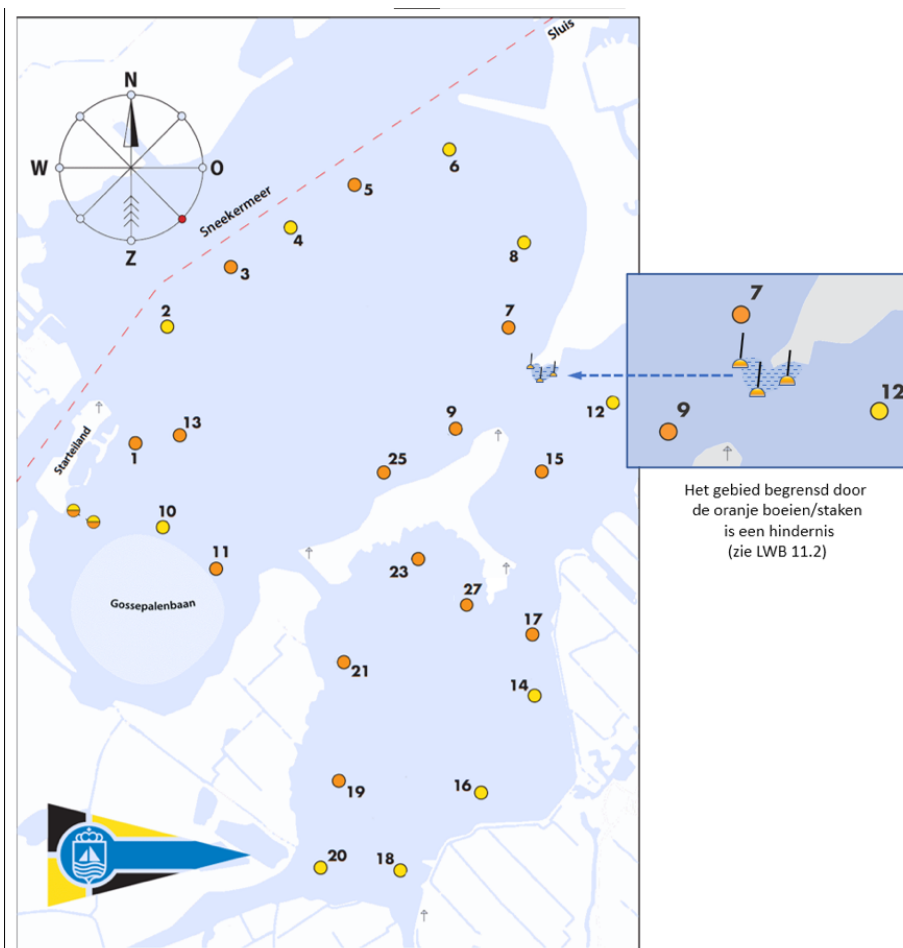
- 6.3 In order to warn boats that a race or series of races will start soon, the orange flag of the starting line will be displayed with one sound signal at least five minutes before the warning signal is displayed.
- 6.4 In alteration of RRS 26 the warning signal will consist of the class sign and flag "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.
- 6.5 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.
- 6.6 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") (2025 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 Participants are not permitted from sailing through the starting line and between the pin-end and the counter-boat at anchor during the race after they have started in accordance with the regulations. This prohibition applies until the orange flag is removed from the starting line. Both areas are considered obstacles.
- 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. Boats are prohibited from sailing in this area.
- 11.3 While racing, boats must enter neither the buoyed off shipping lane through the Sneekmeer 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 Sneekmeer under sail, except when crossing the canal in its entirety and at a right angle.
- 11.4 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 RRS 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 70.3(b).

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 Forms for hearing requests, scoring requests, crew or material substitutions can be submitted via the online jury management system (Manage2Sail).
- 17.3 Notices will be published not later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform boats of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room in the Racing centre.
- 17.4 A list of boats that are scored OCS, UFD or BFD by the Race Committee will be published as soon as possible. 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.

18. PRIZES

- 18.1 In each class there will be daily prizes. The starting point for determining the daily prizes to be awarded is the number of programmed races according to the starting schedule on a race day:

In the youth classes Flits, Optimist A and Optimist B 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. For each crew member admission to the closing party is also free on Thursday 6 August. Any additional tickets for the closing party are for sale during registration and from the Race Office desk.
- 18.5 On Monday in each class a special sponsor prize will be awarded to the first boat in the intermediate classification, unless there is a protest in the respective class. The award ceremony will take place nearby restaurant It Foarûnder. **This prize giving ceremony** will start at 5 pm. Any changes to this schedule will be published on the web site.
- 18.6 A not collected sponsor prize to the first boat in the intermediate classification may be collected from the Race Office desk the following day.
- 18.7 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
O-jol 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 official notice board.
- 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.