



## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

On behalf of 'Watersportvereniging Breskens', 'Royal Yacht Club of Belgium', 'Koninklijke Roei- & Zeilvereniging 'De Maas'', 'Koninklijke Nederlandse Roei- en Zeilvereniging Muiden', 'Koninklijke Antwerpse Watersportvereniging SRNA and under the auspices of the Royal Netherlands Yachting Union (RNYU) competitors are invited to participate

### DAMEN BRESKENS SAILING WEEKEND 2017 25-27 August

#### Open Dutch Championship IRC 1, Open Class Championship IRC 2 and IRC 3

#### J/111 One Design ORC classes 1, 2, 3 and 4 (FLEET A)

#### *Location: Westerschelde Estuary*

[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the International Jury

[NP] denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for a protest by a boat.

[SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing"

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2 For the IRC measured competitors sailing the Dutch Championship, the 'Rules for Championships Sailing, Windsurfing and Kite boarding ' will apply.
- 1.3 Racing Rules (RRS) will be changed as follows:
  - Flag AP by SI 4.2
  - RRS 26 by SI 11.9
  - RRS 27.1 by SI 8.3.1
  - RRS 28.1 by SI 12.2
  - RRS 31 by SI 9.2.3
  - RRS 32.2 by SI 8.6
  - RRS 35 by SI 15.1.3 and 15.2.2
  - RRS 44.1 by SI 14.2
  - RRS 44.1 and 44.3(c) by Attachment ARB
  - RRS 60.1(a) by SI 16.6,
  - RRS 62.1(a) by SI 15.1.2 and 17.4
  - RRS 62.2 by SI 16.8 and 16.10
  - RRS 63.1 by Attachment ARB
  - RRS 65.2 by SI 16.9
  - RRS 66 by SI 16.7
  - RRS 70.5 by SI 14.3, 16.11
  - RRS App A4 by SI 11.8, 15.1.3, 15.2.2 and 17.6
  - RRS App A5 by SI 11.8, 15.1.3 and 15.2.2
  - OSR category 4 by SI 1.5

## FLEET A



- 1.4** Under RRS 87 the following IRC Rules have been changed:
- a. IRC Rule Part C (advertising permitted) will apply.
  - b. Rule 21.1.5(d). It is not compulsory to carry the spare main sail on board at other days of the regatta.
  - c. Rule 21.1.5(e) A spare mainsail may be used as a racing replacement when the race committee notifies so on the official notice board.
  - d. Rule 22.4.2 is deleted and replaced by “The maximum number of crew that may sail aboard a boat shall be the Crew Number as printed on her certificate, without weight limit. This crew number may be exceeded as long as the total crew weight does not exceed 85 kg multiplied by the Crew Number printed on the boat’s certificate”.
- 1.5** If there is a conflict between languages the text in the English language will take precedence.
- 1.6** Every person on board who has his domicile in the Netherlands shall have the appropriate license.
- 1.7** Arbitration will be used for breaches of RRS part 2. RRS Appendix T applies.
- 1.8** The WORLD SAILING Offshore Special Regulations 2016 - 2017, Cat. 4, mono-hulls, plus propulsion and VHF, with the common 55 channels, will apply. A trysail and heavy-weather jib are not required to be on board. This changes OSR category 4.






### **2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located in the direct vicinity of the Regatta Office. Prior to sailing, a skipper- and weather briefing will be held by the Race Committee. See SI 5.3 for the daily schedule.

### **3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09:00 on the day it will take effect. Any change to the schedule of the races will be posted before 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

### **4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole of the Breskens Marina.
- 4.2** When flag AP  is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 60 minutes’ in RRS Race signals AP.
- 4.3** 2nd substitute  Starts offshore:  
The first race of today will be started in the starting area “RAAN”, to the west of the anchorage “Wielingen-Noord”. See attached chart.
- 4.4** 3rd substitute  : Starts inshore, only if conditions are unsuitable to start offshore:  
The first race of today will be started at the buoy VH4, 0.7 nm (nautical miles) SE of the Breskens breakwater. See attached chart.
- 4.5** When flag W  beneath the 2nd  or 3rd substitute is displayed, the IRC and ORC classes will sail the medium distance race, as required by the Rules for Championships A2.2 and A2.4 as are applicable to the Open Dutch and Class Championships IRC.

### **5 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 5.1** Dates of racing:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Class: IRC 1, IRC 2, IRC 3</i>	<i>Class: ORC 1, ORC 2, ORC 3 &amp; 4</i>	<i>Class: J/111</i>
<i>25 August</i>	<i>racing</i>	<i>racing</i>	<i>racing</i>
<i>26 August</i>	<i>racing</i>	<i>racing</i>	<i>racing</i>
<i>27 August</i>	<i>racing</i>	<i>racing</i>	<i>racing</i>

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- 5.2 Except on the day of the medium distance race, three races per day are scheduled. The first warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous race. A maximum of 7 races will be sailed overall.

When IRC and ORC classes sail their medium distance race, and if conditions permit the J/111 class will continue sailing Upwind Downwind Races (Course type 2)

- 5.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race

<i>Date</i>	<i>Inshore</i>	<i>Offshore</i>	<i>Skippers Briefing (tent)</i>
<i>Friday 25 August</i>	10:55	11:55	09:00
<i>Saturday 26 August</i>	09:25	10:25	08:00
<i>Sunday 27 August</i>	09:25	10:25	08:00

When the medium distance race will be sailed by the IRC and ORC classes, flag W  will be displayed before 08:00 on the day of the race at the flagpole of the Breskens Marina (see SI 4.5).

- 5.4 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange flag will be displayed with one sound for at least four minutes before a warning signal is displayed.
- 5.5 On the last day of the regatta no first warning signal will be made after 15:00.

## 6 [NP][DP] STARTING SEQUENCE AND CLASS FLAGS

<i>J/111</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>rose</i>
<i>IRC 1 &amp; ORC 1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>white</i>
<i>IRC 2 &amp; ORC 2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>yellow</i>
<i>IRC 3 &amp; ORC 3 &amp; 4</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>light blue</i>

The coloured class flags, as provided by the organisation at registration, shall be displayed on the backstay.

## 7 RACING AREAS

For **Fleet A** the race committee shall make a choice for the following courses, depending on the circumstances:

### 7.1 OFFSHORE: 2<sup>nd</sup> substitute

Depending on the sea state, sailing condition and wind direction the starting area will be up to a distance of 6 NM West of the Breskens harbour, approximately 1.5 hrs sailing. This area known as 'the shoals of Sluissche Hompels and Walvischstaart' West of the anchor area 'Wielingen Noord'. For the Open Dutch and Class Championships IRC 2017 the length of the medium distance coastal course will be at least 15 NM. Shorten the course is possible, however only after 3 hours of sailing. See Attachment Racing Areas.

### 7.2 INSHORE: 3<sup>rd</sup> substitute

If required, due to particular circumstances or conditions, an inshore course will be set around the shoals of the Westerschelde.

In this case the start will be near the entrance of Breskens harbour. See Attachment Racing Areas.

- 7.5 The starting areas offshore or inshore for fleet A and fleet B shall be announced as indicated in the Sailing Instructions by flag signals ashore on the flagpole of the Breskens Marina in the early morning and during the daily skippers briefing in the tent.

## 8 THE COURSES

### 8.1 Course type

- Course type 1, IRC 2, IRC 3 and ORC 2, ORC 3 and ORC 4 will sail a Windward Leeward race
- Course type 2, IRC 1, ORC 1 and OD J/111 will sail a Windward Leeward race
- Course type 3 is used to sail either a medium distance race a short distance race or an Inshore race(s) around the cans (hydrographical marks) for all classes.

**8.2 a. Windward Leeward Race** (See Attachment Course type 1 & Attachment Course type 2). The diagrams in Attachment shows the Windward Leeward 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.

**b. Coastal Race** (See Attachment Course type 3)




Mainly around the cans (Hydrographical marks) of the Westerschelde and the Southern North Sea.

A coastal race around the windward mark and existing navigational marks, will be announced by VHF 72

**c. Inshore Race** (See Attachment Course type 3)

Inshore race around existing navigational marks and the shoals of the Westerschelde

**8.2.1** The **medium distance race** can be started **inshore** as well as **offshore** on either the Friday, Saturday or Sunday, depending on the weather, tide and commercial shipping conditions.

This will be announced by hoisting **flag W**  beneath either the **2<sup>nd</sup>**  or **3<sup>rd</sup>**  **substitute** on the flagpole of the Breskens Marina. See SI 4.5

### 8.3 Displayed Course Information

**8.3.1** Not later than the preparatory signal and until the starting signal, the starting vessel will display: for course type 1 & 2 the number of legs to sail. Indicated by a red number on a black board. (This changes rule 27.1 RRS)


**8.3.2** No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg (black numbers on yellow boards).


The approximate distance from the starting vessel to weather mark: Mark #1 (black letters on yellow boards):

- Letter	A:	1.0 nm
-	B:	1.2 nm
-	C:	1.5 nm
-	D:	1.8 nm
-	E:	2.0 nm


**8.3.3** Sailing course type 3 is announced on VHF channel 72, this announcement is held 20 and 10 minutes before the orange flag is displayed and is finally repeated after the display of the orange flag.

**8.4** Mark #2 is positioned approximate 0.2 to 0.3 nm windward of Mark #1.



**8.5** Flag R , is displayed to finish off Breskens is provided. (See ATTACHMENTS COURSE TYPE 1 AND 2)

**8.6** Shortening with code **flag T** 

When a RC boat stationed near a mark to be rounded displaying flag “T” the mark shall be rounded at the side indicated in the SI continued by, “**sail directly to the finish line and finish**”. This changes rule 32.2 RRS.

If **flag T**  is displayed above one or more class flags, the above applies to the indicated class only.

**8.7** Starting inshore


If conditions are unsuitable to start offshore the race committee may decide to start inshore off Breskens (hoisting flag 3<sup>rd</sup> substitute  and flag W .

**8.7.1** Applicable for course type 3 with start and finish at Breskens, as announced on VHF channel 72.



## 9 MARKS



### 9.1 Course types 1 and 2 (Windward Leeward Race)

- 9.1.1 Marks, other than the starting- and finishing vessel, are coloured inflatable buoys.
- 9.1.2 Mark 1 and the spreader mark for mark 1, if laid, are yellow inflatable buoys.
- 9.1.3 For course type 1, the new mark as provided in SI 12 will be a black inflatable buoy.
- 9.1.4 Mark 2 and the spreader mark for mark 2, if laid, are orange inflatable buoys.
- 9.1.5 For course type 2, the new mark as provided in SI 12 will be a white inflatable buoy.
- 9.1.6 Mark 3, or the gate marks, are orange inflatable buoys
- 9.1.7 The starting and finishing marks will be respectively: the starting vessel, finishing vessel and a yellow inflatable buoy. Or if flag R  is displayed at the starting vessel, depending on wind direction and strength hydrographical mark VH4 or VH6 and the finishing vessel.

### 9.2 Course type 3 (Course around Navigational Marks)

- 9.2.1 Marks, other than the starting and finishing vessel, are hydrographical buoys, except mark 1, which may be laid and which is an inflatable yellow buoy.  
See ATTACHMENT COURSE TYPE 3.
- 9.2.2 The starting marks of course type 3 will be the starting vessel and either a yellow inflatable buoy (Start offshore) or the red can VH4 (Start inshore).
- 9.2.3 In the vicinity of a shoal as a mark of course type 3, rule 31 RRS is not applicable.
- 9.2.4 The finishing marks are the finishing vessel and the hydrographical mark as announced in the course description.

### 9.3 All course types.

- 9.3.1 A race committee boat signalling a change of a leg of the course, either by code flag C  or flag T , is a mark as provided in SI 12.2.

## 10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

Ferry Harbour of Breskens. Competitors shall stay out of the line between the light structures on the breakwaters and shall be aware that the Western breakwater extends 25 meters further seawards than the position of the light structure.

## 11 THE START

- 11.1 Races will start using RRS 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal and the sequence as written in SI 6.
- 11.2 The warning signal of each succeeding class shall normally be displayed at the starting signal of the previous class. However, this can also be postponed if the starting line has to be re-arranged
- 11.3 **[NP][DP]** Boats whose warning signal has not been displayed shall avoid the starting area.
- 11.4 The starting line.  
**Offshore** -The starting line will be between the mast with an orange flag on the starting vessel at the starboard end and the course side of a yellow inflatable buoy at the port end.  
**Inshore** – The starting line will be between the mast with an orange flag on the starting vessel and the course side of the hydrographical mark nearby: VH4 or VH6.
- 11.5 The starting vessel can be recognised by the white square fleet flag with black letter “A”.
- 11.6 In addition to RRS 29.1, the Race Committee **may** also announce individual recalls on VHF, using the words “X-Ray”. Individual recall details such as “sail numbers” and/or “boat names” may subsequently be given, but not necessarily immediately after the start. It always remains the individual responsibility of a boat to start correctly under RRS 29.1 and RRS 30.1.
- 11.7 In addition to RRS 29.2, the Race Committee **may** also announce general recalls on VHF, using the words “General Recall”.
- 11.8 **[SP]** A boat which has not started 15 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This changes rules RRS A4 and A5.




**11.9 [NP][DP]** Before the first warning signal of the first race of the day, each boat shall pass the starboard end extension of the starting line within 2 boat lengths of the starting vessel. Each boat shall have her sail number recognized by the Race Committee.

**12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 12.1** To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark, if possible, as soon as practicable. The change will be displayed before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not yet be in position. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by the original mark.
- 12.2** Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the Race Committee boat displaying the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the Race Committee boat to starboard. This changes rule 28.1 RRS.

**13 THE FINISH**

- 13.1** For **course type 1 and 2** the finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing vessel at the starboard end and at the port end, the course side of the yellow inflatable buoy  
 If flag R  is displayed at the starting vessel, the finishing line will be between the course side of the hydrographical mark VH4 or VH6 off Breskens and a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing vessel.
- 13.2** For course type 3 the finishing line will be between the blue flag on the finishing vessel and the course side of the hydrographical mark as announced in the course description.
- 13.3 [NP][DP]** A race declaration, fully completed and signed, must be presented to the Regatta Office within 2 (two) hours after finishing the last race of that day in the RAAN area and within 1 (one) hour after finishing the last race that day off BRESKENS.

**14 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 14.1** Spare.
- 14.2** Rule 44.1 RRS is changed so that only one turn is required, including one tack and one gybe.
- 14.3** It is a Fundamental Rule to recover any person who fell overboard or vessel in danger (rule 1.1 RRS), the rule 42.3 (f) RRS (propulsion) permits the use of the engine or other means of propulsion.  
Such an incident shall be reported on the race declaration.
- 14.4 [DP]** In case a boat is in a position whereby she is bound to use the engine or other means of propulsion, so as not to infringe the Westerschelde Navigational Rules, RRS 42.3(h) applies. Such an incident shall be reported on the race declaration. The Jury may impose a penalty when they consider the involved boat has gained a significant advantage.

**15 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

- 15.1 Course type 1 and 2** (windward-leeward courses) **and type 3** (short distance course).
- 15.1.1** Time limits are as follows:

<i>Time limit Mark 1</i>	<i>Target time first boat to finish</i>	<i>Time limit first boat to finish</i>
<b>45 minutes</b>	<b>90 minutes</b>	<b>120 minutes</b>

- If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned.
- 15.1.2** Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a) RRS.
- 15.1.3** Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat of her class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, RRS A4 and RRS A5.
- 15.2 Course type 3** coastal race (medium distance race only).



**15.2.1** Time limits are as follows:

		Time limit
Friday	25 August	18:30
Saturday	26 August	18:30
Sunday	27 August	17:00

**15.2.2** Boats failing to finish within the time limit will be scored DNF without a hearing. However, if the first boat of their class finishes within the time limit, all boats in this class, which finish after the time limit but within one (1) hour after this first boat, will be scored. This changes RRS A4 and RRS A5.

**15.3** The Race Officer may extend the time limit by means of a verbal message on VHF channel 72.

**16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

**16.1** Protest forms are available at the Race Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit. The end of the protest time will be posted on the official notice board.

**16.2** For each class, the protest time limit is two (2) hrs after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the Race Committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later, in the "RAAN" area and one (1) hour when finishing off "BRESKENS" after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

**16.3** Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Jury room, located at the Office of GT Yacht Brokers, Oosthavendam 2, opposite the Regatta Office.

**16.4** Notices of protests by the race committee or International Jury will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

**16.5** The International Jury will hear a protest as soon as practicable, approximately in the order they were received. Parties involved in protests (including witnesses) shall remain in the vicinity of the Jury room until the protest has been heard.

After the final race on the last day of the regatta, protests, that may affect the awarding of a prize, will be dealt with as soon as possible after they are lodged. Protests, which do not affect the awarding of a prize, may be heard after the prize giving ceremony, such at the discretion of the Jury.

**16.6** Breaches of instructions marked with [DP] will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the International Jury so decides.

**16.7** On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered

(a) Within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;

(b) No later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes RRS 66.

**16.8** On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress from a [protest committee] [jury] decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

**16.9** A request for a decision in writing has to be delivered within one hour after the decision is given verbally. This changes RRS 65.2.

**16.10** A request for correction of an error in the published results has to be delivered within the protest time limit of the last scheduled day of racing or within 60 minutes after posting of the results, if this is later. When the request is not granted, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the boat is informed that the request is not granted. This changes RRS 62.2.

**16.11** An international jury is appointed. Decisions of the international jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.



## 17 SCORING

- 17.1** Four races, including if applicable, the medium distance race, are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.2** (a) When fewer than five (5) races have been completed; a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.  
 (b) When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. The score of the medium distance race cannot be discarded.
- 17.3** For the calculation of the IRC race results of the DAMEN Breskens Sailing Weekend and the Open Dutch and Class Championships IRC 2017, the "time on time" correction factor (TCC) of the IRC handicap system will be applied, as shown on the entry list. Corrected time = elapsed time multiplied by TCC.
- 17.4** The corrected time for the ORC results of the DAMEN Breskens Sailing Weekend will be calculated according to the Time on Time Triple Number System. The applicable handicap will be shown on the starting vessel at the warning signal:  
 L means time on time light wind  
 M means time on time middle wind  
 H means time on time strong wind  
 If due to severe change in wind speed the given handicap will not represent the situation of the race, the race officer may decide to change the handicap and will show this at the finish. Any decision by the race committee in connection with the application of the Triple Number System will be no ground for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a) RRS. The ORC Windward/Leeward races will be scored using the inshore handicap, the medium and short distance races using the offshore handicap.
- 17.5** Boats having valid measurement certificates for both IRC and ORC with the same boat configuration will be scored in both classes.
- 17.6** The number of points scored in the medium distance race will be multiplied with 1.5. (This changes RRS A4)
- 17.7** The J/111 boats will be scored in their finishing order. Their series score will be calculated as per the above-mentioned SI 17.1.

## 18 [NP][DP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1** A boat that does not start must immediately show her national ensign and shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- 18.2** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible and **shows her National Ensign** as well.
- 18.3** In situations with shipping traffic either before, during or after the race, directions given to competitors by a Race Committee boat shall be followed and immediately executed.

## 19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1** Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee. Replacement of the responsible person is not allowed.
- 19.2** Substitution of damaged or lost checked and hallmarked equipment by not-checked 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.

## 20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 20.1** A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a Race Committee measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.
- 20.2** Verification of the measurement will be executed in case of any doubt. When a measurer concludes that a boat does not comply with her measurement certificate, the fees for a new measurement to ensure compliance with her certificate are to be paid by her owner. The measurer will report to the Race Committee. The Jury will decide on the penalty.





- 20.3** Use of different sail number.  
A request to use a different sail number while racing shall be lodged with the Regatta Office in writing not later than 2 ½ hours before the start of the first race. The RC will only consider such request(s) if it is convinced that the original number cannot be applied to the sail concerned and only if the replacement sail number is not used by another competing boat.
- 21 [NP][DP] EVENT ADVERTISING**  
Boats shall display advertising supplied by the organizing authority.
- 22 OFFICIAL BOATS**
- 22.1** Official boats will display an orange flag, except the starting vessel which will display the white fleet flag with black letter "A".
- 22.2** Jury boats will display a flag or pennant with the letter "J", the letters "IJ" or the word "JURY".
- 22.3** Boats shall keep clear of officials vessels and actions of these officials vessels shall not be ground for redress.
- 23 [NP][DP] SUPPORT BOATS**
- 23.1** Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 24 [NP][DP] TRASH DISPOSAL**  
Trash may be placed aboard Official boats.
- 25 [NP][DP] HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**  
Keelboats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.
- 26 [NP][DP] DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**  
Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.
- 27 [NP][DP] RADIO COMMUNICATION**
- 27.1** While racing, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions nor receive radio communications not available to all boats.
- 27.2** The starting vessel and the Race Committee boats are using **VHF channel 72** for race information to the participants.
- 27.3** In case of a start to the west of anchorage Wielingen-Noord, starting area **RAAN**, the starting vessel may give her position on VHF 72 at 60 and 30 minutes before the starting signal.
- 27.4** In case of course type 3 the course description will be announced on VHF 72 at 30 and 20 minutes before the first starting signal.
- 27.5** Boats are not allowed to transmit on this channel 72 except in case of an emergency and to report retirement.
- 27.6** When sailing and crossing the shipping lanes of the Westerschelde, either before, during or after the race, a continuous listening watch shall be kept on the appropriate traffic channel, depending on the sailing area, VHF channel 14 (Traffic Centre Flushing), 64 (Traffic Centre Steenbank), 65 (Traffic Centre Wandelaar) or 69 (Traffic Centre Zeebrugge).
- 28 PRIZES**  
Helmsman and crew of the winning boat of the championship in IRC 1 acquire the title "Dutch Champion" and receive the accompanying medal(s) of the RNYU.  
The responsible person of the winning boat acquires the Blue Pennant of the RNYU.  
Helmsman and crew of the boats that are places second and third acquire also medal(s) of the RNYU.  
Helmsman and crew of the winning boat of the championship in IRC 2 & 3 acquire the title "Class Champion".  
The responsible person of the winning boat acquires the Red Pennant of the RNYU.



Other prizes will be given as follows:

## **DAMEN BRESKENS SAILING WEEKEND Challenges:**

- Prof. Jelle Gerritsma Trophy: best boat in IRC Class 1
- Ricus v.d. Stadt Trophy: best boat in IRC Class 2
- Challenge Tonnerre de Breskens: best boat in IRC Class 3
- De Maas Trophy: best boat in ORC Class 1
- Breskens Week Trophy: best boat in ORC Class 2
- Challenge Hestia: best boat in ORC Class 3 & 4
- John Brown Trophy: best IRC boat of the weekend
- Benelux Trophy: best boat in the J/111 Class

### **DAY PRIZES,**

On Friday 25 August and Saturday 26 August after dinner there will be a prize giving only for the Day Cups. On Sunday 27 August Prize giving will take place as soon as reasonable possible and will be announced by a sound signal and hoisting flag P at the flagpole of the Breskens Marina. The Damen Breskens Sailing committee friendly requests all participants to join the prize giving.

### **29 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

### **30 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS**

By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

### **31 INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of Euro 2.000.000 per event or the equivalent.

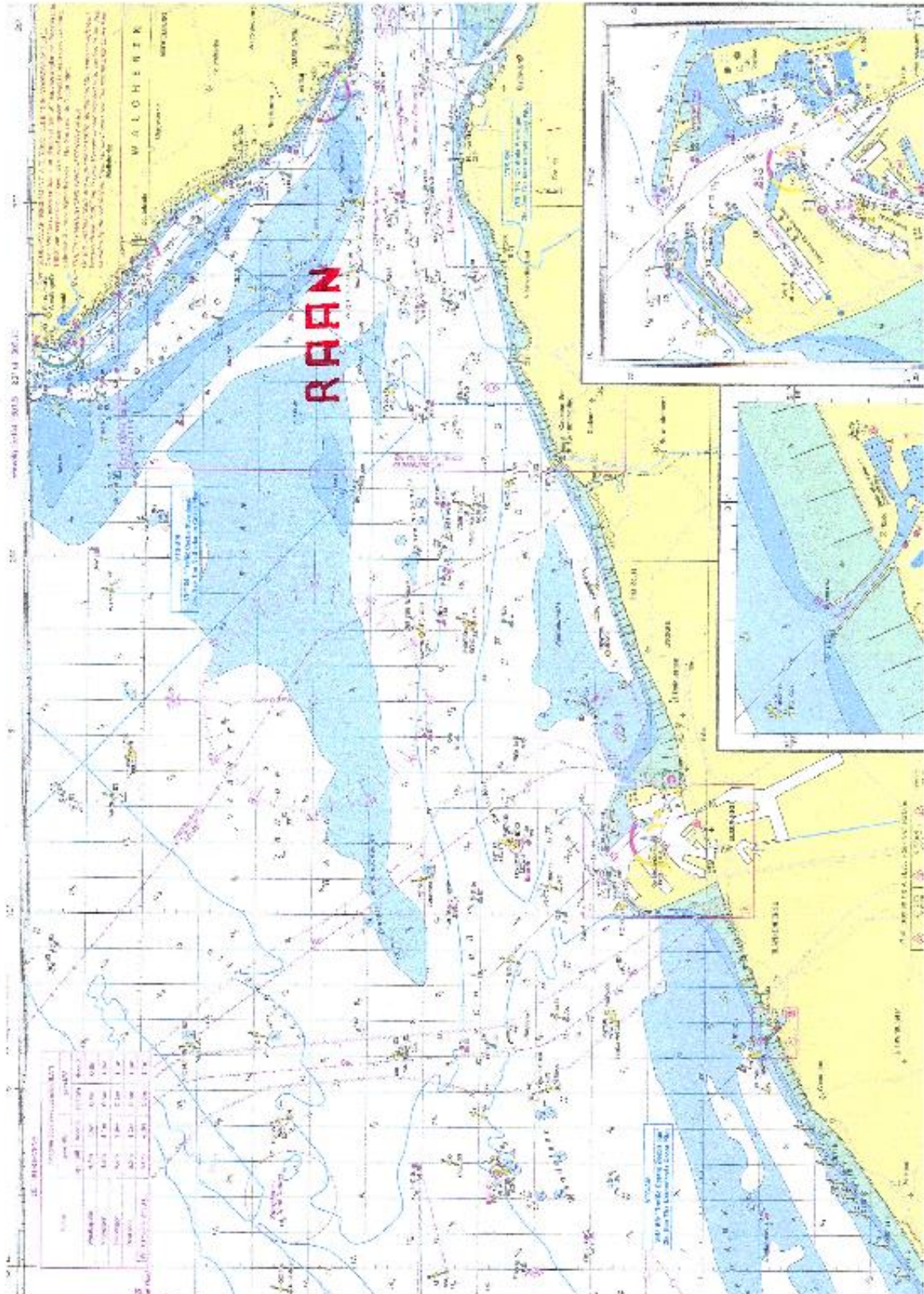
### **32 ORGANISATION**

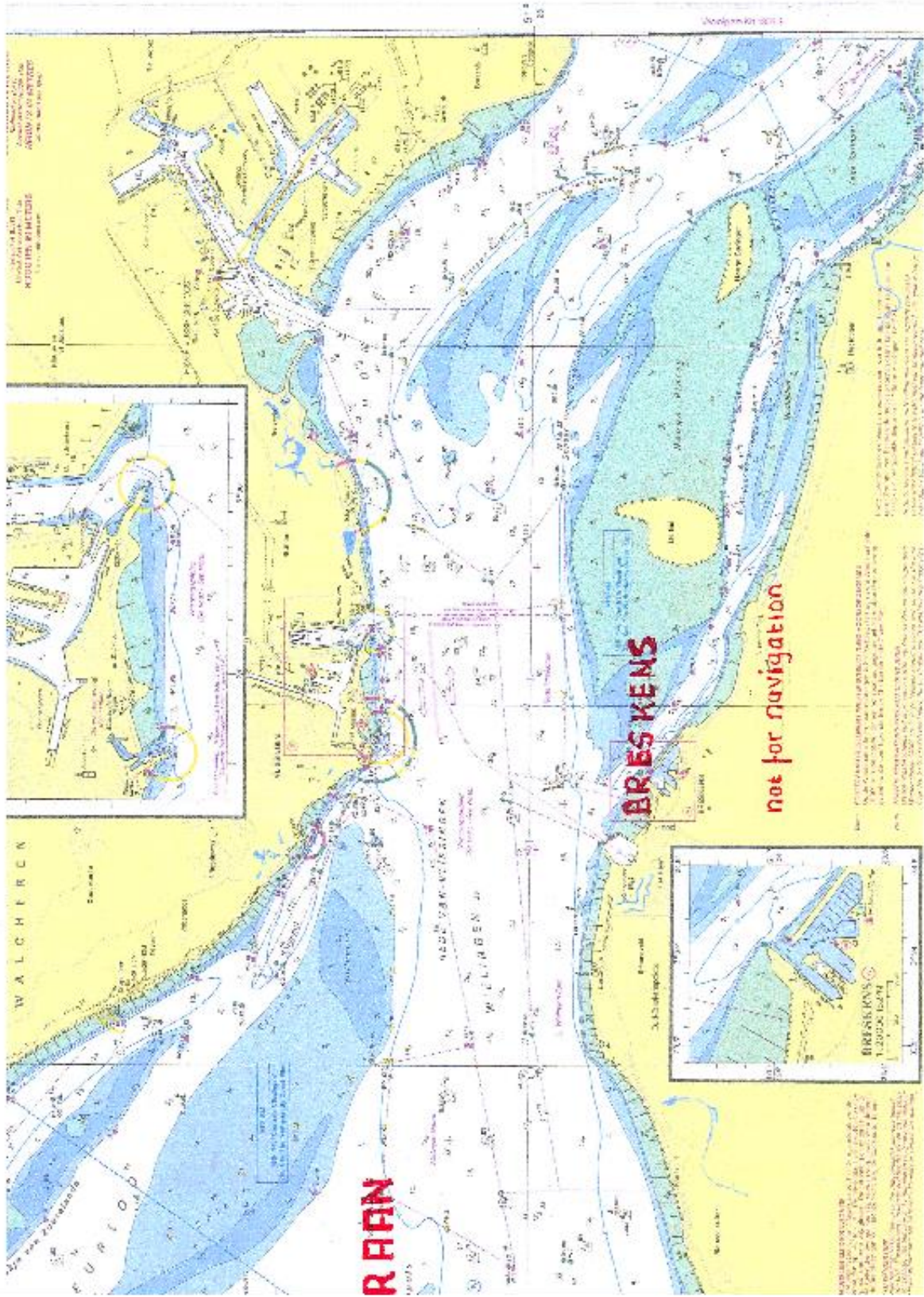
The Race Officer of Fleet A is Walther de Block (NED).

The chairman of the International Jury is Guido Piessens (BEL).

The IRC measurer appointed by the "Watersportverbond" and the Noordzee Club is Jacco Hekhuis (NED).

Attachment Racing Area





## FLEET A

### ATTACHMENT COURSE TYPE 1

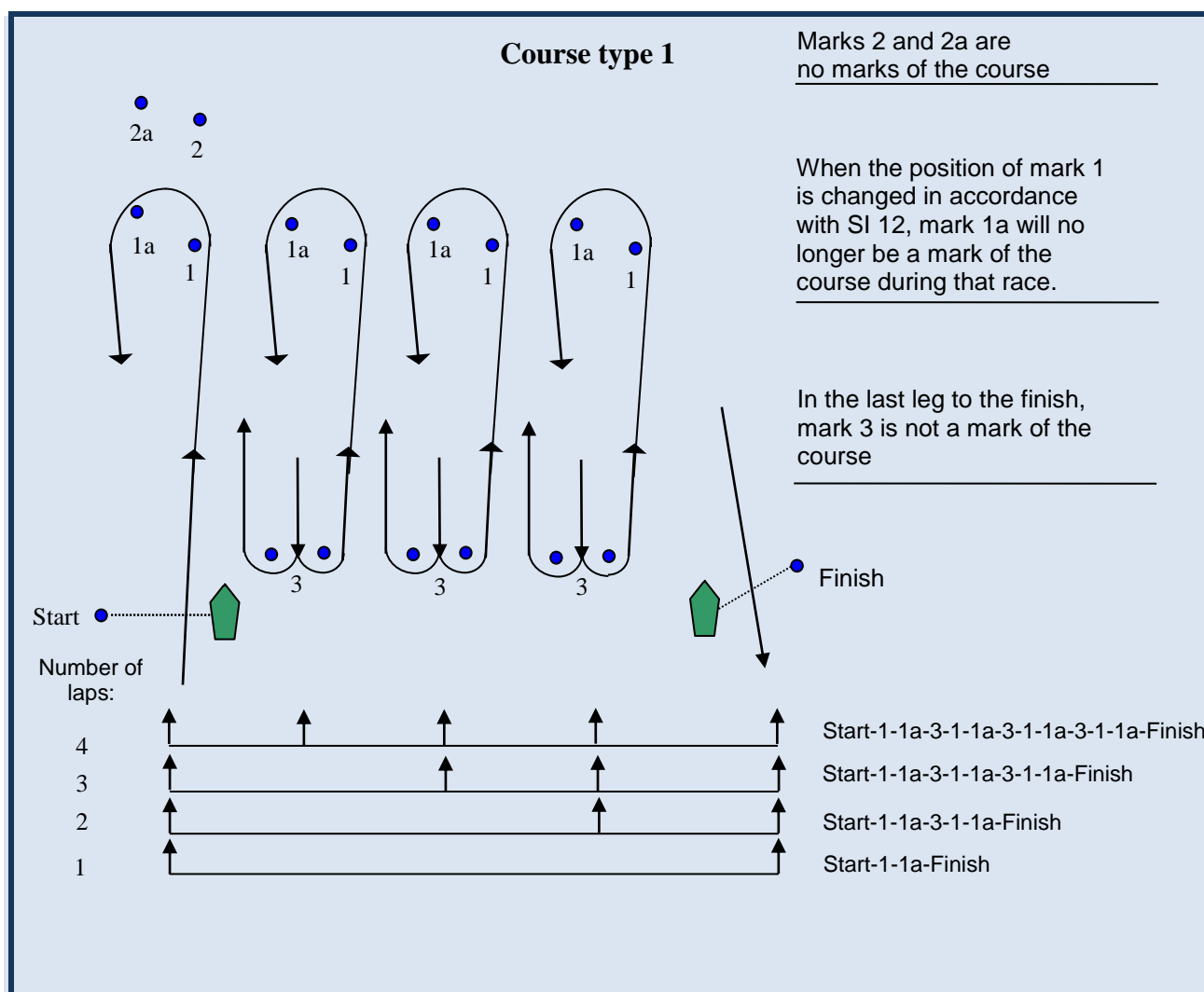
**Course type 1** (see SI 8) for the following classes: **IRC 2, IRC 3 and ORC 2, ORC 3, ORC 4.**

#### Course diagram.

Windward and to port of mark 1, a spreader mark (1a) may be laid on a distance of approx. 125 meters.

Marks shall be rounded to port, except where a gate is used instead of mark 3.

Where a gate is used boats shall sail between the 2 marks of the gate from the direction of the previous mark and round either of them. The gate at mark 3 may be laid after the start.



#### When flag R is displayed at the starting vessel:

After crossing the finishing line as indicated in the above diagram, racing will be continued until the finishing line off Breskens, while keeping the red buoy W8 to SB and the red can VH2 to P.

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing vessel to SB and the red can VH4 to Port.

FLEET A

ATTACHMENT COURSE TYPE 2

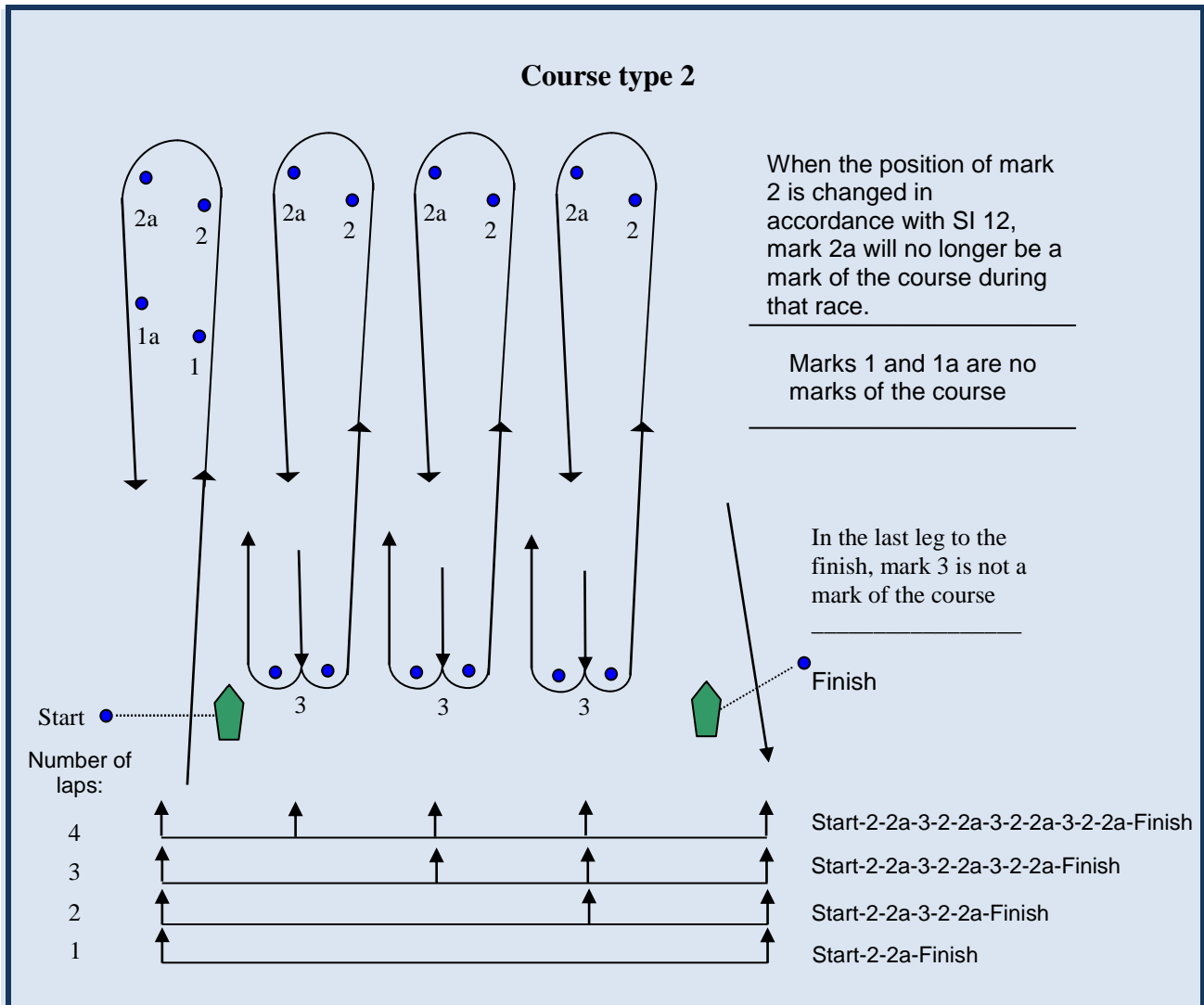
Course type 2 (See SI 8) for the following classes **J/111, IRC 1 and ORC 1.**

**Course diagram.**

Windward and to port of mark 2, a spreader mark (2a) may be laid on a distance of approx. 125 meters.

Marks shall be rounded to port, except where a gate is used instead of mark 3.

Where a gate is used boats shall sail between the 2 marks of the gate from the direction of the previous mark and round either of them. The gate at mark 3 may be laid after the start.



When flag R is displayed at the starting vessel:  
 After crossing the finishing line as indicated in the above diagram, racing will be continued until the finishing line off Breskens, while keeping the red buoy W8 to SB and the red can VH2 to P  
 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing vessel to SB and the red can VH4 to Port.

## FLEET A

### ATTACHMENT COURSE TYPE 3

**Course type 3** (See SI 8.1, 8.2 c and 9.2) are courses around hydrographical buoys, except mark 1, if indicated, courses will only be used for the middle distance race and or short distance races. Below hydrographical buoys, as indicated on the Dutch nautical charts, the BA charts and the Belgium charts can be used as racing marks.

Mark 1, if indicated in the course description, is a yellow inflatable mark that will be laid windward of the starting line as shown in SI 9.2.1.

As a guide to the course description announced on VHF channel 72 the abbreviations as indicated on the charts and as mentioned in the course description mean the following:

- 'VH' are the lateral buoys in Vaarwater langs Hoofdplaat, East of Breskens.
- 'PP' are the lateral buoys in Pas van de Paulinapolder further to the East.
- 'TG' are the lateral buoys in the Thomaesgeul even further to the East.
- 'A' are the yellow buoys of the anchorage area Springergeul.
- '15A' is the North cardinal buoy in the main shipping fairway Southeast of the Hooge Springer as listed in the table below.
- 'SS' are the lateral buoys in the Schaar van de Spijkerplaat, North of the shoal Hooge Platen.
- 'ARV' are the yellow buoys of Ankergebied rede Vlissingen (Achorage area Flushing Roads). Het 'Veer' is the North cardinal buoy just W of the Ferry Harbour of Breskens as listed below
- 'W' are the lateral buoys in the main shipping fairway Wielingen, West of Breskens.
- 'S' are the lateral bouys of the main shipping fairway West of the Wielingen
- 'NP' are the yellow buoys of the shoal Nolleplaat, West of Flushing.
- 'SP' are the yellow buoys in the Spleet, Northeast of the Nolleplaat.
- 'WN' are the yellow buoys of the anchorage area Wielingen Noord.
- 'Trawl' is the South cardinal buoy at the NW limit of the anchorage area Wielingen Noord as listed in the table below. This also is a main mark to designate the starting area.
- 'GvW' are the lateral red buoys in the Geul van de Walvischstaart, going NW from the Trawl buoy.
- 'Segre' is the South cardinal buoy South of the shoal Walvischstaart as listed in the table below.

#### Off laying buoys and their approximate coordinates are as follows:

Name	colour	Latitude North	Longitude East
Botkil N	BY	51-34.20	03-20.70
Botkil W	YBY	51-32.45	03-19.10
Grauw	YBY	51-33.10	03-17.35
Het Veer	BY	51-24.58	03-32.15
MOW 4	pillar	51-25.10	03-17.80
NE Akkaert	BYB	51-27.30	02-59.35
OG 1	G	51-36.15	03-19.90
Rabsbank	RW	51-38.25	03-09.92
Samselbu	YBY	51-24.85	03-11.10
Segre	YB	51-26.15	03-22.15
Trawl	YB	51-26.25	03-28.20
VR	pillar	51-30.20	03-14.55
Westpit	RW	51-33.65	03-09.95
WK 9	YBY	51-27.30	03-04.25
WK 11	YBY	51-25.25	03-06.15
WK 27	YBY	51-30.55	03-19.05
ZSB	YBY	51-36.60	03-15.65
15A	BY	51-22.85	03-42.90