



# Sailing Instructions (SI)

## Swedish Championship 2026 & 505 SWE-Cup 3

**Dates:** August 7th to 9th 2026

**Location:** Vänersborg

**Class:** 505, open

**Organizing authority:** Vänersborgs segelsällskap

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of these Sailing Instructions means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1 The notation '[GP]' means that if a boat breaks such a rule and is identified, she will be disqualified without a hearing, even if the race is restarted or resailed. This changes RRS 36.

### 1. Rules

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 RRS 44.1 and P2.1 are changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

### 2. Changes to the sailing instructions

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board at [SM 505 och KLM Snipe - Sailarena](#) before 08:00 on the day it will take effect.
- 2.2 Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

### 3. Signals made ashore

- 3.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole outside the regatta office.
- 3.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in RRS Race Signals.



#### 4. The start

- 4.1 First warning signal of the day will be at 10:55 on Saturday and at 09:55 on Sunday. 505 are planned to start first. On the last day of racing no warning signal will be made after 14:55.
- 4.2 The class flag will be flag F.
- 4.3 Gate starts will be used. SI 9.2 of Appendix S is invalid and replaced by SI 4.6.
- 4.4 To alert boats that a race will begin soon, the race committee signal vessel will display an orange flag and flag G with one sound signal at least five minutes before the warning signal is displayed.
- 4.5 Prior to the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the time between the starting signal and the time at which the gate launch will stop at the starboard end of the starting line.
- 4.6 The starting line, except for the pathfinder, will be between the port limit mark and the centre of the stern of the gate launch. The port limit mark displays a red flag. The gate launch is a RIB following the pathfinder.
- 4.7 [NP] All boats, except for the pathfinder, shall start by crossing the starting line on starboard tack after the starting signal and before the gate closes. A boat failing to do so will be scored DNS without a hearing even if the race is restarted or resailed. This changes RRS 36, A5.1 and A5.2.
- 4.8 [GP] A boat that has not already started correctly shall not cross the starting line from the course side while the gate is open.
- 4.9 [GP] After the preparatory signal a boat shall not interfere with or try to pass between the pathfinder and the gate launch or cause another boat to interfere in these ways. If a boat breaks this rule, is identified and the race is abandoned after the starting signal, the race committee shall display her sail number before the next warning signal for that race, and if the race is restarted or resailed, she shall not sail in it. If she does so, her disqualification shall not be excluded in calculating her series score.
- 4.10 The race committee will appoint a pathfinder and a reserve pathfinder for the first race of the event based on the results of SWE 505 Cup 2 2026. Thereafter, the pathfinder will be the third boat in the preceding race. When she is unable to race, or has been the pathfinder previously in the event, the pathfinder will be the fourth boat in the preceding race and so on.

A boat may be appointed pathfinder or reserve more than once during the event. The pathfinder will be scored according to her actual finishing position in the race.

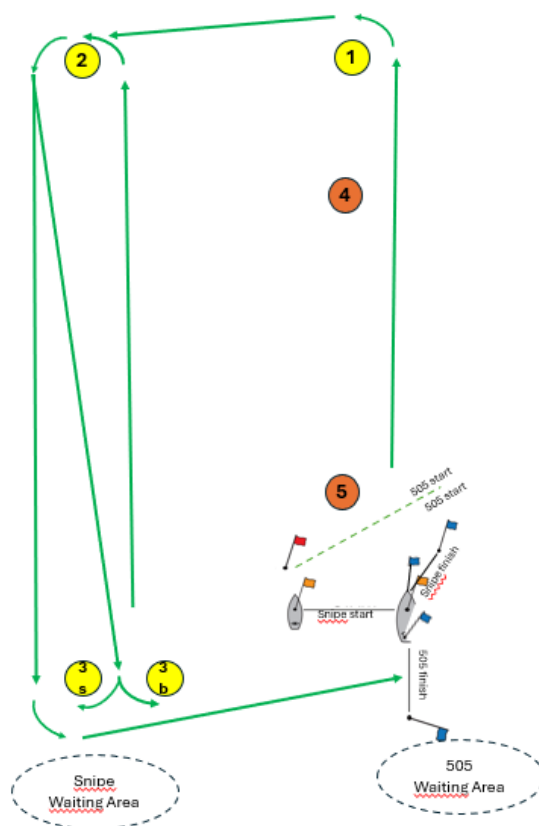


- 4.11 The sail numbers of the pathfinder and the reserve for the first race of the day will be posted on the official notice board.
- 4.12 The sail numbers of the pathfinder and the reserve in each race will be displayed on the race committee signal vessel before flag G is displayed. The pathfinder and the reserve shall report to the race committee signal vessel after their numbers are displayed and before the warning signal is displayed. A pathfinder or reserve failing to do so will be scored DNS without a hearing even if the race is restarted or resailed. This changes RRS 36, A5.1 and A5.2.
- 4.13 [NP] [GP] Prior to the preparatory signal being removed, the pathfinder shall report to the gate launch (displaying flag G and located near the race committee signal vessel) and follow the race committee's instructions.
- 4.14 [NP] Shortly before the starting signal the pathfinder shall position itself near the port limit mark. As near the starting signal as possible (not before and within ten seconds after) she shall sail as close as possible from the port limit mark on a close-hauled port tack. The gate launch will keep station close astern and slightly to leeward of the pathfinder.
- 4.15 [NP] The pathfinder shall sail a close-hauled port tack until released by a hail from the gate launch, after which the pathfinder may continue on port tack. When she tacks or when the gate has been open for the time described in SI 4.5, she ceases to be a starting mark.
- 4.16 The gate launch will continue its course and speed for the time described in SI 4.5. It will then stop, make a long sound signal, drift for two minutes, and signal the close of the gate by lowering its G flag with a short sound signal. After this the gate launch is no longer a starting mark.
- 4.17 A boat that cannot avoid touching the gate launch, but the contact doesn't result in the abandonment of the race, shall take a penalty as set out in RRS 44.1 (changed by SI 1.2).



## 5. The course

- 5.1 The port limit mark is a starting mark. The path finder and the gate launch are starting marks as described in SI 4.15 and SI 4.16.
- 5.2 The course is a modified trapeze course to be sailed Start – mark 1 – mark 2 – mark 3b/3s – mark 2 – mark 3s – finish. The rounding marks are yellow cylinders. The marks are to be left to port as shown in the diagram. Marks 3b and 3s form a gate. Boats shall pass between them from the direction of mark 2 and then round either mark except at the last rounding where mark 3s shall be rounded.



Please note that there will be other marks belonging to the course for the Snipe class in the area as shown in the diagram. Those are not marks of the course for the 505 class. For more information see the sailing instructions for the Snipe class on the notice board.

Boats are recommended to stay in the waiting area shown in the diagram until their starting procedure begins. This will keep classes apart for smooth and safe launch of the classes.



- 5.3 The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag in the stern of the race committee vessel and the course side of the finishing mark (blue buoy flag).
- 5.4 The race committee will try to set the course so that a race will take approximately 45 min for the first boat.
- 5.5 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course is 90 min.
- 5.6 A boat that does not finish within 20 min after the first boat has finished, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.

## **6. Protests and hearing requests**

- 6.1 The protest time limit is 30 min after the last boat arrives at port after the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. This changes RRS App S 13.2.
- 6.2 A boat intending to protest shall notify the Race Committee vessel or judge at the finish that they intend to protest and against which boat the protest is directed.
- 6.3 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, including time and place for the hearing. Calls for hearings may also be sent as text messages (SMS) or e-mailed to the parties.

## **7. Safety**

- 7.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible, and in any case before the end of the protest time limit.
- 7.2 The area between Bastungen and Hallesnipen, marked 'Förbjudet område' on the map in the Notice of Race, shall not be entered. When sailing out to the racing area and back to the harbour, boats must follow the fairway — it is very shallow in places outside it.

**Date:** 2026-08-07 h 09.00 / Per Söderström