



South & Southwest Regional Junior Championships

Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy

Saturday 22nd & Sunday 23rd June 2024

Notice of Race (NoR)

The Organising Authority is the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy (WPNSA) in conjunction with the UKLA, International Optimist (UK), RS Feva (UK), RS Tera (UK) and International Topper (GBR) Class Associations

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2. The Organising Authority implements the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Racing Charter. Competitors shall undertake to sail in accordance with the Charter.
- 1.3. The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.4. Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply.
- 1.5. RRS 40.1 applies at all times while afloat. [DP]
- 1.6. RRS 63.7 is changed so that in the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available on the online Official Notice Board at least three days prior to the event.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The official notice board is located at: <https://wpnsa.ourclubadmin.com/notice-board.php?event=34>.
- 3.2. [DP] 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 communication and shall not receive voice or data transmissions that is not available to all boats.
- 3.3. The race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors via the Telegram messaging system as outlined in Appendix A. This does not replace the official notice board.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The event is open to all boats of the Topper (4.2 & 5.3 rigs), Optimist, ILCA 4, RS Tera (Sport & Pro rigs) and RS Feva XL Classes.
- 4.2. There will be a main fleet and coached regatta fleet for all the classes in 4.1 for the Championship.
- 4.3. Entry is open to all competitors under the age of 18 on the 22nd June 2024.
- 4.4. Eligible boats may enter online at <https://wpnsa.ourclubadmin.com/event/34>.
- 4.5. To be considered an entry for the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.6. The closing date for entries is midnight on Sunday 16th June 2024. Entries after this date are at the discretion of the Organising Authority, contact sally.reynoldson@wpnsa.org.uk to request a late entry.
- 4.7. As part of the online entry the parent/guardian consent must be completed.
- 4.8. The Andrew Simpson Centre (ASC), Portland are organising and running a rookie fleet. ASC will take entries for the rookie fleet directly. For entry and more information see: <https://andrewsimpsoncentres.org/our-centres/portland/>.

5. FEES

- 5.1. The entry fee is £65 per boat for single handers and £75 per boat for double handers.
- 5.2. The fee includes after racing snack for each sailor when they come ashore.
- 5.3. If a competitor cancels their entry, before midnight on Sunday 16th June 2024, they will receive a refund of 50% of the entry fee. No refunds for cancellations after Sunday 16th June 2024.
- 5.4. Should the Organising Authority cancel the event, cancel a class due to lack of entries or reduce the number of competitors, a full refund of the entry fee will be made.

6. ADVERTISING

- 6.1. [DP] [NP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority. See World Sailing Advertising Code.

7. FORMAT OF RACING

- 7.1. All classes will race on the same course with a different start for each class. The Organising Authority reserve the right to adjust the format and starts depending on the number of entries for each class.

8. SCHEDULE

- 8.1. Registration will be in the Event Hall from 08:45 to 09:45 on Saturday 22nd June 2024.
- 8.2. The competitor briefing will be held in the Event Hall at 10:30 on Saturday 25th May 2024 for the main fleet and at 10:30 in Spinnakers for the coached regatta fleet.
- 8.3. The schedule is as follows:

Date	First Warning Signal	No. of Races
Sat 22 nd June	11:55	4
Sun 23 rd June	10:25	4

- 8.4. The event will consist of up to eight races for the main fleet and the number of races for the coached regatta fleet will be at the discretion of the coached regatta coaches. The intention is that there will be no more than five races a day. However, additional races may be sailed either in advance or arears in order to complete the programme if weather or other reasons dictate.
- 8.5. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15:30.

9. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 9.1. Boats may be inspected at anytime.

10. VENUE

- 10.1. The venue is the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy, Osprey Quay, Portland, Dorset, DT5 1SA.
- 10.2. The racing area will be in Portland Harbour.

11. COURSES

- 11.1. The courses to be sailed will be inner and out trapezoid for the main fleet. The courses for the coached regatta fleet will be determined by the coaches.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1. For the Coached Regatta Fleet the advisory hearing of the RYA Rules Disputes procedure is available. See Attachment B.

13. SCORING

- 13.1. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 13.2. All classes and rigs will be scored separately for both the main and coached regatta fleets.
- 13.3. A boat's series score will be calculated as follows:
 - 13.3.1. When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - 13.3.2. When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

14. SUPPORT PERSONS VESSELS [DP]

- 14.1. Although support person vessels are allowed at the event, we kindly request that they consider being part of the safety fleet. Please contact sally.reynoldson@wpnsa.org.uk for more information.
- 14.2. All support boats will register with the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy by completing an online Event Support Boat Registration Form at <https://www.wpnsa.org.uk/event/event-support-boat-registration-form/>. On arrival, please report to Reception to pay your fee of £12 per day by card. This shall be completed before launching your boat so the staff can advise you of any relevant information.
- 14.3. All support boats are required to display an identification flag which is available from Reception when registering. A **cash** deposit of £25 is required for the flag. This is returned at the end of the event when the flag is returned.
- 14.4. RRS 37 will be used. Except when responding to the signal in RRS 37, support boats, coaches and other support persons shall stay at least 100 metres outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start on that course until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 14.5. During the event, support boats shall not tow boats participating in the event unless the race committee have signalled that towing is allowed.
- 14.6. In order to prevent fuel spillage, refuelling of boats/tanks is not permitted on the pontoons at WPNSA. Boats may refuel at the Portland Marina fuel pontoon or removable tanks may be taken offsite to be refuelled at a service station.
- 14.7. Kill cords shall be worn at all times whilst engines are running. The Course Safety Leader will be looking out for compliance on this issue, there are no excuses and boats will be requested to leave the race area immediately if kill cords are not being used appropriately.
- 14.8. All Support Boat drivers shall attend the Safety Briefing. Detail will be emailed to the support person before the event.
- 14.9. Where possible support boats should agree to carry drinks and small bags for sailors without support boats.

15. BERTHING

- 15.1. Boats shall be kept in their assigned spaces whilst in the dinghy park. [DP].

16. DATA PROTECTION

- 16.1. The personal information you provide to the Organising Authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the Organising Authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

17. RIGHTS TO USE NAMES AND LIKENESS

- 17.1. Competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event.

18. RISK STATEMENT

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.

19. INSPECTIONS

- 19.1. The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this notice of race.

20. INSURANCE

- 20.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

21. PRIZES

21.1. Medals will be presented in the following categories as a minimum:

1st to 3rd male and female in each class

1st to 3rd mixed team for the RS Feva class

1st to 3rd in each class of the regatta fleet

21.2. The Organising Authority may give additional medals depending on the number of entries in each class.

22. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact

WPNSA reception@wpnsa.org.uk

or

Your area class rep.

Appendix A – Telegram QR Code

To join the Telegram channel for the event please scan the QR code below.



Appendix A – Post Race Advisory Meeting (Coached Regatta Fleet Only)

When there is an incident that will not result in the lodging of a protest or a request for redress, a boat may request an advisory meeting and notify any boat involved in the incident. An adviser will then call a meeting to learn what may have happened and, provided all parties are willing to attend, will state whether any rule appears to have been broken, and by which boat. A boat may as a result notify the race office that she accepts a Post-Race Penalty when it applies to the incident, or choose to retire, but is not required to do so.