

NATIONAL SOLO CLASS ASSOCIATION

NIGEL PUSINELLI TROPHY 2018

16th & 17th June 2018

Weymouth & Portland National Sailing Academy

The Organising Authority (OA) is the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy (WPNSA) in association with The National Solo Class Association (NSCA).

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 – 2020 (RRS)*.
- 1.2 Competitors shall sail in accordance with the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Racing Charter.
- 1.3 Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Exoneration Penalty and Arbitration will be available.
- 1.4 Part 5, Section B of *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, as well as RRS 44.1 and 63.1 will be changed in the Sailing Instructions to permit Protest Arbitration.
- 1.5 The Racing Rules will be changed as follows:
 - RRS 40 is changed so that competitors shall wear a personal flotation device at all times while afloat, except briefly while adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Flag Y will not be displayed. [DP]
 - RRS 43.1(b) is changed so that a competitor's clothing and equipment shall not weigh more than 10 kg including footwear and clothing worn below the knee.
 - 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.The changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.

2. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies. [DP].

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the National Solo class that hold a current measurement certificate and meet with the obligations of the Class Rules and their National Authority.
- 3.2 The helm of the boat shall be a member of the National Solo Class Association.
- 3.3 A Parent/Guardian Consent and Supervision Form must be completed and signed by the Parent or Guardian of any competitor under the age of 18 on the first day of the event and handed in at registration. Forms may be downloaded from <http://www.wpnsa.org.uk/events/national-solo-class-association-nigel-pusinelli-trophy-0>.
- 3.4 Eligible boats may enter online at <http://www.wpnsa.org.uk/events/national-solo-class-association-nigel-pusinelli-trophy-0>.

4. FEES

The entry fee is £47 per boat.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1 The schedule will be:

Day	Date	Event	Where	Time
Saturday	16 th June 2018	Registration	Room 4	09:00 – 10:30
		Competitor Briefing		10:30
		Warning Signal for Race 1		11:55
		Warning Signal for Race 2		asap after race 1
		Warning Signal for Race 3		asap after race 2
Sunday	17 th June 2018	Warning Signal for Race 4		10:55
		Warning Signal for Race 5		asap after race 4
		Warning Signal for Race 6		asap after race 5
		Prize giving		asap after racing

5.2 There will be no warning signal after 15:00 on the last scheduled day.

5.3 The race committee reserve the right to modify the programme due to weather conditions or other causes.

6. MEASUREMENT AND EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

6.1 Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate before the close of registration on Saturday 16th June 2018.

6.2 The race committee may inspect, weigh or measure any boat and or her equipment and sails before, during or after the races to ensure conformity with the Class Rules.

6.3 A maximum of two measured Plan A mainsails and one measured Plan B mainsails may be declared for registration and use during the regatta.

6.4 Sails shall be measured and stamped by an approved measurer before arrival at the Regatta. **THERE WILL BE NO FACILITIES FOR INITIAL MEASUREMENT.**

6.5 All boats will sail under their registered class sail number.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available to download from the event website at least three days prior to the event.

8. VENUE

8.1 Will be at Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy.

8.2 The racecourses will be in either Portland Harbour or Weymouth Bay.

9. THE COURSES

The course to be sailed will be a combination of windward-leeward and/or triangles.

10. SCORING

10.1 Low Points System of Appendix A will apply.

10.2 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

10.3 Series scores:

10.3.1 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

10.3.2 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.

11. SUPPORT BOATS

Upon arrival, support boats must report to the WPNSA Reception, pay the appropriate berthing fee and receive directions on where to launch and berth.

12. BERTHING

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the boat park.

13. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

14. PRIZES

Prizes will be at the discretion of the Race Committee having regard to the number of boats entered.

4. RISK STATEMENT

Rule 4 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.

15. INSPECTIONS

The fact that the race committee may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

16. INSURANCE

16.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

17.1 For further information on the venue and local accommodation, please see the venue website:
<http://www.wpnsa.org.uk>.