



Byte National & Open Championship 2018

20th – 22nd July 2018

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organising Authority is the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy (WPNSA) in conjunction with the International Byte Class Association

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NoR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

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. The International Byte Class Rules will apply.
- 1.3. Boats participating in this regatta shall conform to the *World Sailing Equipment Rules of Sailing 2017 – 2020 (ERS)*.
- 1.4. The RRS will be changed as follows:
Competitors will be required to wear adequate personal buoyancy at all times whilst afloat, except for a short period whilst changing clothing. Flag 'Y' will not be displayed; this changes RRS 40 and Race Signals 'Y'. 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. 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 Byte class.
- 3.2. All competitors must be a member of the UK Byte Class Association or the applicable national Byte Class Association. Evidence of this may be required at registration.
- 3.3. Eligible boats may enter online at <http://www.wpnsa.org.uk/events/byte-uk-national-open-championship>.
- 3.4. A WPNSA 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 last day of the event and emailed to sally.reynoldson@wpnsa.org.uk before Wednesday 18th July 2018 or handed in at registration.

4. FEES

- 4.1. The entry fee is £75 up to 23:59 on 1st July 2018.
- 4.2. The late entry fee of £100 will apply to entries received from 2nd July 2018.
- 4.3. The entry fee includes pre-event coaching on Thursday 19th July, please contact John Banbrook for further details, and the afternoon tea at prize giving.
- 4.4. Tickets for the event barbecue will be available at Registration for £12.50 per person. The menu is shown on the event website.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1. The schedule:

Day	Date	Event	Where	Time
Thursday	19 th July	Pre-event Coaching		10:00 – 15:00
Friday	20 th July	Registration	Room 4	09:00 – 11:00
		Competitors Briefing	Spinnakers	11:30
		Warning signal for race one		12:55
		Warning signal for race two		ASAP after race one
		Welcome Reception	Spinnakers	After racing
Saturday	21 st July	Warning signal for race three		10:25
		Warning signal for race four		ASAP after race three
		Warning signal for race five		ASAP after race four
		Barbecue	Spinnakers	19:00 onwards
Sunday	22 nd July	Warning signal for race six		09:55
		Warning signal for race seven		ASAP after race six
		Prize giving & afternoon tea	Spinnakers	ASAP after racing

5.2. The Race Committee reserve the right to modify the programme due to extreme weather conditions or other causes. This may include bringing scheduled races forward.

5.3. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15:00.

6. MEASUREMENT

No formal measurement process is required for this event; however, the race committee reserves the right to inspect any competing boat during the course of the event.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available on the event website prior to the regatta.

8. VENUE

8.1. The venue is the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy, Osprey Quay, Portland, Dorset, DT5 1SA, UK.

8.2. The race area will be in either Portland Harbour and Weymouth Bay.

9. THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be either a windward/leeward and or triangle.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

11. SCORING

11.1. The Low Point System of Appendix A4 will apply.

11.2. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

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

11.4. When from four to six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

11.5. When seven or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

12. SUPPORT BOATS

12.1. Upon arrival Support Boats must report to the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy reception and pay appropriate charges. They must not launch before this requirement has been met. [DP].

12.2. Support boats will comply with the Support Boat regulations as defined in the Sailing Instructions.

13. BERTHING

Boats shall be kept in their assigned spaces while they are in the dinghy park. [DP].

14. 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. [DP].

15. PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows (all the ages are as of 20th July 2018):

1st, 2nd and 3rd places overall

1st under 16 year old

1st Junior girl (under 21 years)

1st Youth (between ages 16 to 21 inclusive)

1st Lady

1st over 50 year old

Spot prizes - various

16. RISK STATEMENT

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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 while taking part in the event;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss 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.

17. INSURANCE

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

18. FURTHER INFORMATION AND KEY CONTACTS

Further information is available from the event website: <http://www.wpsa.org.uk/events/byte-world-championship>

WPNSA has pitches available onsite for campervans and caravans. For more information and to book please visit: <http://www.wpsa.org.uk/campervans-and-caravans>.

For further information about the event please contact:

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