



Byte Class UK National Championship

Sponsored by Hartley Boats

21st – 23rd July 2017

WEYMOUTH & PORTLAND NATIONAL SAILING ACADEMY

The Organising Authority (OA) is The Weymouth & Portland National Sailing Academy (WPNSA), in conjunction with The UK Byte Class Association (BCA).

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 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 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'.

2. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display sponsors advertising for the duration of the event in accordance to World Sailing Regulation 20. If required, these items will be supplied by the Organising Authority at registration.

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 UK Byte Class Association.
- 3.3 Eligible boats may enter online <http://www.wpnsa.org.uk/events/byte-class-uk-national-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 Friday 21st July 2017 or handed in at registration.

4. FEES

- 4.1 The entry fee is £80. Hartley Boats have kindly agreed to pay 50% of this fee if there are 50 entries. Sailors are required to pay an initial deposit of £40 per boat upon entry up to midnight on Saturday 28th April 2017. If we achieve 50 entries, there is no further payment required. If we do not achieve 50 entries, sailors will be required to pay the balance to the Class Association by 30th June 2017.
- 4.2 The entry fee discount period will close on 28th April 2017 and after this time sailors wishing to enter will be required to pay the full entry fee of £80.
- 4.3 The entry fee includes a pasta snack and tea after racing each day.
- 4.4 Tickets for the barbecue may be purchased separately at £12 per person.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1

Day	Date	Event	Where	Time
Friday	21 st July	Registration	Room 4	10:00 – 11:30
		Competitors Briefing	Rooms 5 & 6	11:30
		Warning signal for race one		12:55
		Warning signal for race two		ASAP after race one
Saturday	22 nd 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	23 rd July	Warning signal for race six		09:55
		Warning signal for race seven		ASAP after race six
		Prize giving	Spinnakers	ASAP after racing

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

5.3 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.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available on the event website prior to the regatta and some printed copies will be available at registration.

7. VENUE

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

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

8. THE COURSES

The course to be sailed will be either a trapezoid outer-loop or a reverse P.

9. SCORING

9.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A4 will apply.

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

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

9.4 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.

9.5 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.

10. SUPPORT BOATS

10.1 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.

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

11. BERTHING

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

12. 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.

13. PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows (all the ages are as of 21st July 2017):

- 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

14. RISK STATEMENT

Rule 4 of the RRS 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 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.

15. INSURANCE

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

16. MEDIA RIGHTS

Competitors give absolute right and permission for video footage or photographs of themselves or their boat to be published in any media for press, editorial or advertising purposes.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION AND KEY CONTACTS

The WPNSA Cafeteria is open daily during the event from 08:00 serving breakfast, lunch, snacks, hot and cold drinks. Packed lunches or baguettes/sandwiches may be ordered from the cafeteria to take on the water. The closing time will depend on the days racing.

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

The nearest accommodation is at RYA Portland House: <http://www.rya.org.uk/contact-us/rya-portland-house/Pages/hub.aspx>.

Information on accommodation and tourist attractions in Weymouth and Portland may be found at <http://www.wpnsa.org.uk/accommodation-useful-links-for-visitors>

For further information about the event please contact:

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