



British A Class Catamaran Association National Championship 2018 & Unicorn Open Meeting



8th – 10th June 2018
(Unicorn 9th & 10th June 2018)

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organising Authority is the Weymouth & Portland National Sailing Academy (WPNSA) in conjunction with the British A Class Catamaran Association (BACCA).

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 racing rules will be changed as follows:
 - RRS 40 changed so that RRS 40 applies at all times while afloat. Flag Y will not be displayed.
 - RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
 - RRS 63.7 is changed so that in the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will prevail.

2 ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority. [DP].

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the A Class Catamaran Class, both classic and foiling and for the Unicorn Class.
- 3.2 All competitors must be member of their appropriate class association; the BACCA, an International A Class Association or Unicorn Association. Evidence may be required to be shown at Registration.
- 3.3 Eligible boats may enter online at <http://www.wpnsa.org.uk/events/a-class-catamaran-national-championship>.
- 3.4 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 last day of the event and handed in at registration. Forms may be downloaded from <http://www.wpnsa.org.uk/events/a-class-catamaran-national-championship>.

4 FEES

- 4.1 The entry fee for A Class is £100 per boat and for the Unicorn Class is £62.50 per boat.
- 4.2 The entry fee includes one ticket to the curry night on Saturday evening. Tickets for additional guests will be available from WPNSA reception at £12.50 per person.

5 SCHEDULE

5.1

Day	Date	Event	Where	Time
Friday	8 th June	A Class registration	Room 4	09:00 – 10:00
		A Class competitors briefing	Spinnakers	10:30
		Warning signal for first race of the day		12:25
Saturday	9 th June	Unicorn registration	Room 4	09:00 – 10:00
		Unicorn competitors briefing	Spinnakers	10:30
		Warning signal for first race of the day		12:25
		Sailors supper	Spinnakers	
Sunday	10 th June	Warning signal for first race of the day		10:25
		Prize giving	Spinnakers	ASAP after racing

5.2 The A Class Nationals will consist of seven races and the Unicorn Open will consist of five races.

5.3 The race committee reserve the right to modify the programme for any reason. This may include bringing scheduled races forward, except the first race on the first scheduled day of racing for a class.

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

6 MEASUREMENT

Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate. In addition boats may be inspected at any time during the event.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on the event website.

8 VENUE

8.1 The venue is the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy (WPNSA). Further information on WPNSA is available online at www.wpnsa.org.uk.

8.2 Racing will be in Weymouth Bay or Portland Harbour.

9 THE COURSES

The course to be sailed will be windward/leeward.

10 SCORING

10.1 Three races are required to be completed by to constitute a series.

10.2 The total score of each A Class boat will be the sum of her scores as follows:

- (a) When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

10.3 The total score of each Unicorn Class boat will be the sum of her scores as follows:

- (a) When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) 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

- 11.1 Upon arrival Support Boats must report to the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy Reception and pay the appropriate fee. They must not launch before this requirement has been met.
- 11.2 Team leaders, coaches and other support persons shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. [DP].

13 BERTHING

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

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 awarded dependent on the number of entries but as a minimum, prizes will be presented for 1st to 3rd places.

16 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.

17 INSURANCE

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.

18 FURTHER INFORMATION

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