

Notice of Race

RYA Olympic Classes Spring Series 2016

Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy (WPNSA)

Event 1: 12th&13th March

Event 2: 9th&10th April

[RYA Racing Events Website](#)

The Organising Authority shall be the RYA and WPNSA.

1. Rules

1.1. The races will be governed by the rules as defined in the RYA Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

2. Advertising

2.1. Boats may be required to display bow numbers and advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

3. Classes

3.1. Racing at all or some of the nominated events in the RYA Spring Series 2016 will be in the following classes: 2.4mR, 470 men, 470 women, 470 mixed, Finn, 49er, 49er FX, Nacra 17, RSX 8.5, RSX 9.5.

Information regarding which classes will be competing and any other events that will be used for a classes RYA Spring Series 2016 can be found in the RYA Olympic Classes Fixture Booklet, which is updated on the [British Sailing Team Website](#).

3.2. NOR 4 only applies to RYA Event 1 and Event 2.

4. Eligibility and Entry

4.1. Entries for the event should be made online via the [Racing Events Website](#) no later than the date listed under Fees (5.2). Entry for non RYA run events will be as per the class association's discretion.

4.2. Late entries will incur an increased entry fee.

4.3. Three class entries are required for racing to take place for that class.

4.4. All sailors under 18 years of age must produce a completed parent/guardian consent form available on the RYA Events website. Without a completed form, sailors under the age of 18 will not be allowed to register.

5. Fees

5.1. The entry fees are as follows:

	Entry Fee	Late Entry Fee
Single Hander	£37.50	£55
Double Hander	£42.50	£60

5.2. The Late Entry fee will apply for those entries received after the following date for each event:

5.2.1. Event 1: Entries received after 12pm on 8th March 2016.

5.2.2. Event 2: Entries received after 12pm on 5th April 2016.

5.3. If the class is cancelled by the Organising Authority, a full refund will be offered.

5.4. If an entry is cancelled by the competitor, the entry fee will be refunded as follows:

Event 1		Event 2	
Cancellation Date	Entry Fee Refunded	Cancellation Date	Entry Fee Refunded
Before 8 th March	80%	Before 5 th April	80%
After 8 th March	0%	After 5 th April	0%

6. Format

6.1. For all classes there will be a maximum of 5 races per day using a shorter race format. Addendum Q will apply at nominated events as outlined in the Sailing Instruction.

7. Schedule

7.1. Registration for competitors will take place in the Race Office between 0930 and 1030 on the first day of racing.

- 7.2. The first Competitors Briefing will take place at 1030.
- 7.3. The warning for the first race is scheduled to be no earlier than 1200 on the first day of racing.
- 7.4. On the last day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1500.
- 7.5. The prize giving is scheduled to begin as soon as possible after racing.

8. Measurement

- 8.1. Each boat shall have a valid measurement certificate (if required by class rules). Boats shall use the approved National Code Letters on their sails as required by the RRS.
- 8.2. Equipment shall only be replaced with permission of the Jury.

9. Sailing Instructions

- 9.1. Sailing Instructions and Local Instructions will be available at Registration.

10. Venue

- 10.1. The regatta will be held at Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy.
- 10.2. The racing areas will be Portland Harbour.

11. The Courses

- 11.1. The courses will be Windward/Leeward or Trapezoid.

12. Penalty System

- 12.1. For the 49er, 49er FX and Nacra 17 classes the rule 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only one turn, including one tack and gybe, is required.

13. Scoring

- 13.1. The Low Points Scoring System will be used at all events.
- 13.2. The RYA Olympic Classes Spring Series winner will be scored on the total points of the final finishing position in all nominated class National Ranking events.

14. Support Boats

- 14.1. Support boats will need to register, if called upon support boats will be required to act as rescue boats.

15. Electronic Equipment

- 15.1. The organisers may require competitors to carry electronic recording equipment.

16. Prizes

- 16.1. Prizes for the RYA Olympic Classes Spring Series winners will be awarded at the end of racing on the 10th April at WPNSA.

17. Risk Statement

- 17.1. A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.
- 17.2. It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and her crew is competent to sail and compete in them.
- 17.3. Nothing done by the Organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the Organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The Organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the Organising authority, the race committee, the race officer, patrol boats and beach masters.
- 17.4. The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities
- 17.5. The fact that the race committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of the boat set out in this paragraph.

18. Insurance

- 18.1. The boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £3,000,000.