



# **NATIONAL SOLO CLASS ASSOCIATION** **NIGEL PUSINELLI TROPHY 2015**

**20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> June 2015**

**Weymouth & Portland National Sailing Academy (WPNSA)**

The Organising Authority (OA) is WPNSA sailed under the burgee of WPNSA Sailing Club, (Organising Authority - OA) in co-operation with The National Solo Class Association.

## **NOTICE OF RACE**

### **1. RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013 - 2016*.
- 1.2 Competitors should note that the National Solo Class Association (NSCA) implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter.
- 1.3 The Equipment Rules of Sailing will apply.
- 1.4 Part 5, Section B of *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, as well as rules 44.1 and 63.1 will be changed in the Sailing Instructions to permit Protest Arbitration.
- 1.5 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 rules 40.1 and Race Signals 'Y'.
- 1.6 Rule 43.1(b) will be amended such that a competitor's clothing and equipment shall not weigh more than 10 kg including footwear and clothing worn below the knee.

### **2. ADVERTISING**

- 2.1 Advertising will conform to the current ISAF Regulation 20 and the Class Rules.
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display identification numbers and sponsors advertising for the duration of the event in accordance with ISAF regulation 20. These items will be supplied free of charge by the Organising Authority (OA) at registration.

### **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 Eligible boats may enter online at <http://enter.sailracer.org/events/event-v2.asp?eventid=200441>.
- 3.4 Completed entries will be shown on the official website.

### **4. CLASSIFICATION AND CREW**

- 4.1 There are no ISAF Sailor Classification Code requirements.
- 4.2 The name of one designated helmsman shall be declared at the time of registration.

## 5. FEES

- 5.1 The Entry Fee will be £45.00.
- 5.2 Entry fees are paid online when completing the entry. A boat starting without being able to prove that the entry fee has been paid will not be scored.

## 6. SCHEDULE

### 6.1

Day	Date	Event	Time
Saturday	20 <sup>th</sup> June 2015	Registration & Inspection	09:00 – 10:30
		Competitor Briefing	10:30
		Race 1 – start	12:00
		Race 2	asap after race 1
		Race 3	asap after race 2
Sunday	21 <sup>st</sup> June 2015	Race 4	11:00
		Race 5	asap after race 4
		Race 6	asap after race 5
		Prize giving	asap after racing

- 6.2 There will be no warning signal after 15:00 on the last scheduled day.
- 6.3 Six (6) Races are scheduled for the event.
- 6.4 The O.A. and/or the R.C. reserve the right to modify the programme due to weather conditions or other causes.

## 7. MEASUREMENT AND EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 7.1 Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate before the close of registration on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2015.
- 7.2 The Organisers may weigh measure or inspect any boat and or her equipment and sails before, during or after the races to ensure conformity with the Class Rules.
- 7.3 A maximum of two (2) measured Plan A mainsails and one (1) measured Plan B mainsails may be declared for registration and use during the regatta.
- 7.4 Sails shall be measured and stamped by an approved measurer before arrival at the Regatta. **THERE WILL BE NO FACILITIES FOR INITIAL MEASUREMENT.**
- 7.5 All boats shall sail under their registered class sail number.

## 8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available during registration.

## 9. VENUE

- 9.1 Will be at Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy. The racecourses will either be in Portland Harbour or Weymouth Bay.
- 9.2 For further information on the venue and local accommodation, please see the venue website: <http://www.wpnsa.org.uk>.

## 10. THE COURSES

- 10.1 The course to be sailed will be a combination of windward-leeward and/or triangles
- 10.2 Spreader/offset marks and leeward gates may be used.

## 11. SCORING

- 11.1 Two (2) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.2 When four (4) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

**12. SUPPORT BOATS**

12.1 Support boats shall be marked as decided by the OA.

**13. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

13.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

**14. PRIZES**

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

**15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

15.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

**16. RISK STATEMENT**

Rule 4 of the RRS states “the responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race 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;

**17. INSURANCE**

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

**18. TELEVISION & PHOTOGRAPHERS' RIGHTS**

18.1 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.

**19. CHANGES TO THE NOTICE OF RACE**

19.1 The Organising Authority may change the Notice of Race; see rule 89.2(a). Any such changes will be posted on the regatta web site, <http://enter.sailracer.org/events/event-v2.asp?eventid=200441>.

**20. FURTHER INFORMATION**

20.1 For further information please see the event website.