

Notice of Race

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Weymouth & Portland National Sailing Academy

27th to 30th August 2016

The organising authority is the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy (WPNSA) in association with the International Moth Class UK (IMCA UK)

1 Rules

- 1.1 The championships will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing 2013 – 2016* (RRS).
- 1.2 Competitors shall sail in accordance with the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Racing Charter.

2. Entries and Eligibility

- 2.1. Entries will be accepted via the UK IMCA online entry system. Current IMCA UK members will receive a personalised entry link via e-mail. Overseas competitors and non-current members of IMCA UK, or those experiencing difficulties entering, please contact IMCA@blueteq.com to receive an entry link.
- 2.2. Those competitors under the age of 18 years at the time of the event shall be required to complete and lodge the parental/guardian's consent form at registration prior to the start of racing.
- 2.3 All competing helms shall be members of IMCA UK or in the case of overseas competitors they shall be members of their local Moth Class Association or IMCA.

3 Entry fees

- 3.1 Entry fees per boat are as follows:

| Number of boats | Entry Fee |
|------------------------|------------------|
| 1- 40 (paid entries) | £125 |
| 41+ (paid entries) | £135 |

- 3.2 Entries will be accepted at the discretion of the organizing authority after 26th August 2016 and will be subject to a late fee surcharge of £25
- 3.3 The entry fee includes the following:
 - Dinner at WPNSA on Saturday night
 - BBQ at WPNSA on Sunday night
 - Pasta snack and drink after racing each day

4. Schedule of Races

- 4.1 A competitor briefing will be held on Saturday 27th August at 11:00

| Day | Number of Races | 1 st Warning signal |
|---------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Saturday 27 th | 3 Races - back to back | 12:55 |
| Sunday 28 th | 3 Races - back to back | 11:25 |
| Monday 29 th | 3 Races - back to back | 11:25 |
| Tuesday 30 th | 3 Races - back to back | 10:25 |

5. Racing Area and Courses

- 5.1 Racing will be held in Portland Harbour.
- 5.2 Courses will be windward leeward. Course formats and rounds will be outlined in the sailing instructions.

6. Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be available at registration.

7. Scoring System

- 7.1 The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 7.2 Three Races will constitute a series.
- 7.3 When fewer than 4 races are completed, a boats score will be the total of her race scores.
- 7.4 When 4 to 8 races are completed, a boats score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 7.5 When 9 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

8. Prizes

- 8.1 Overall prizes will be given based on the number of entries.
- 8.2 Additional prizes include:
 - UK National Champion
 - Ladies National Champion
 - British Open Champion
 - Best 1st Nationals
 - 1st Junior Master for Caws Sails Trophy - Aged 40 or over but less than 45 on 1st day of the event
 - 1st Master for Wings of Time - Aged 45 or over but less than 55 on 1st day of the event
 - 1st Grand Master - Best sailor over 55 years old on 1st day of the event
 - 1st Under 21 on 1st day of the event

9. Support Boats

Support boats shall register at the Race Office during the registration period.

10. Media Rights, Cameras and Electronic Equipment

- 10.1 By participating in the regatta, competitors grant to IMCA UK, the organizing authority and its sponsors the right in perpetuity to make, use, and show at their discretion any motion or still pictures, audio recordings, or similar media. This provision shall be interpreted as broadly as possible.
- 10.2 Competitors may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment, positioning equipment, or other electronic devices as provided by the organizing authority.
- 10.3 Competitors may be required to be interviewed during the regatta.

10. Risk Statement

- 10.1 Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states; "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."
- 10.2 The Organising Authority accept no responsibility or liability for loss of life or injury to skipper or crew or others, or for the loss of, or damage to, any vessel or property.

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

11. Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

12. Additional Information

The cafeteria is open every day 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.

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