



## RS Aero National Championships and

## International Open 2015

### Notice of Race

Organising Authority – Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy and RS Aero UK  
Class Association

#### 1. PROGRAMME

- 1.1 The 2015 National Championships will be held between Saturday 29 August and Monday 31 August 2015 at the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy (WPNSA).

#### 2. RULES

- 2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 2.2 Championship Sailing Instructions (SIs) and an Event Appendix will be available at registration setting out amendments specific to the event.
- 2.3 The RRS will be changed as follows:
  - Rule 31 is changed so that marks other than the starting and finishing marks may be touched (but not manhandled) without a penalty.
  - Rule 32 is changed to allow the race to be shortened at the Committee Boat on station at the finish.
  - Rule 35 is changed so that boats finishing outside the time limit will be scored with their observed position on the course.
  - Rule 40 is changed so that personal flotation devices must be worn at all times when afloat.
  - Rule 63.1 is changed so that for certain rules, boats may be disqualified without a hearing.

#### 3. ADVERTISING

- 3.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

#### 4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 To compete, the helm shall be a current member of the RS Aero UK Class Association.
- 4.2 Competitors may enter before registration on line (if available) or by obtaining an entry form by e-mail from [manager@rsaerosailing.org](mailto:manager@rsaerosailing.org) . Entries will be accepted up to midnight on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2015.
- 4.3 Registration will take place in the Race Office between 17:30 to 19:30 on Friday 28 August and between 10:00 and 12:00 on Saturday 29 August 2015.
- 4.4 Required fees per boat are as follows and include the Sunday BBQ (with vegetarian option) after racing:  
Discounted fee for early entries on or before 9 August 2015 will be £99  
Entries taken after 9 August 2015 will be £120.  
For competitors not wishing to compete over all three days of the championship, a day entry fee will be available at £50 if taken on or before 9 August. Day entry rate if taken after 9 August is £60.
- 4.5 Should a competitor wish to change rigs during the championship, they may do so within their original entry fee, but all races completed using the changed rig will be scored as a separate entry. Requests for permission to change rigs must be submitted in writing to the race office.
- 4.6 Any competitors who are aged under 18 on the first day of the event shall complete an under 18s consent form. These can be downloaded from the RS Aero UK Class Association website and should be completed and handed in during registration for the event.

#### 5. CLASSIFICATION

- 5.1 Entries will be divided into separate fleets; RS Aero 9, RS Aero 7 and RS Aero 5.
- 5.2 Dependant on the number of entries, the fleets may start separately, may be grouped or a combination of both. Where fleets are grouped for a mass start, their results may be scored according to their PY rating, in addition to separate fleet results. The overall championship will be based on the separate fleet results and the PY results will be in addition to the championship results.

#### 6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Saturday 29 August 2015, 4 races scheduled, first warning not before 13:00.  
Sunday 30 August 2015, 5 races scheduled, first warning not before 11:00.  
Monday 31 August 2015, 4 races scheduled, first warning not before 11:00.
- 6.2 No more than 5 races will be sailed in one day.
- 6.3 The race committee may change the schedule during the event. Any change to the intended time of the first warning signal will be posted on the Official Notice Board by 20:00 on the day before the change takes effect.
- 6.4 No warning signal will be made after 15:00 on the last day.

## 7. THE VENUE

- 7.1 Sailing will take place either in Portland Harbour or in Weymouth Bay.
- 7.2 Details of the venue, facilities and local accommodation are available at <http://www.wpnsa.org.uk/>

## 8. COURSES

- 8.1 A combination of two course types is planned, a trapezium course and a triangle sausage course. Details of the courses will be provided in the SIs available at registration.

## 9. SCORING

- 9.1 A minimum of 1 race will be required to constitute a Championship.
- 9.2 Scoring will be in accordance with RRS Appendix A4, the Low Points Scoring System.
- 9.3 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.  
When between four and seven races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.  
When between eight and eleven races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.  
When twelve or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her three worst scores.
- 9.4 Points will accrue to the registered helm and not the entered boat.

## 10. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 10.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

## 11. PRIZES

- 11.1 The overall winners of each Championship fleet will be awarded the first place trophy and the title of National Champion.
- 11.2 Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 helms in each fleet, the first lady helm, the first masters helm and the first youth helm.

## 12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 12.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk, see rule 4 of the RRS, 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 or during or after the regatta.

## 13. INSURANCE

- 13.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance providing cover of at least £2 million for any single incident.

#### 14. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 14.1 For further information, please refer to the RS Aero UK Class Association website events page [www.rsaerosailing.org/index.asp?p=events](http://www.rsaerosailing.org/index.asp?p=events) or contact [manager@rsaerosailing.org](mailto:manager@rsaerosailing.org)