



NSSA NATIONAL YOUTH REGATTA 2019



21st – 26th JULY 2019

The Organising Authority is
Weymouth & Portland National Sailing Academy (WPNSA)
on behalf of the
National School Sailing Association (NSSA)

Event Website: <https://wpnsa.org.uk/events/national-schools-sailing-association-regatta>

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 Competitors shall sail in accordance with the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Racing Charter.
- 1.3 Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Exoneration Penalty and Arbitration will be available.
- 1.4 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.
- 1.5 The Racing Rules will be changed as follows:
RRS 40 is changed so that competitors shall wear a personal flotation device at all times while afloat, except briefly while adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Flag Y will not be displayed. [DP]
RRS 63.7 is changed so that in the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.
The changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.6 Team Managers are responsible for the control and conduct of the members of their team at all times during the event, ensuring that this Notice of Race, together with the Sailing Instructions, are understood clearly by all competitors.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 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 any competitor who is aged under 19 years on the 31st of August 2019 and is a member of the National School Sailing Association individually and a member of an affiliated organisation. For overseas entrants the same eligibility applies.
- 3.2 Entries must be as part of a team of a minimum of three boats. Teams must be an affiliated organisation of the NSSA.
- 3.3 The Regatta is open to dinghies included in the RYA Portsmouth Number List 2019. Other boats may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 3.4 Entry to the Rookie fleet is only open to competitors in their first year of racing and who have not raced at a national series event. Classes in this fleet will be restricted to a PY of 1240 or higher and spinnakers (including asymmetric) shall not be used. Boats which would normally carry a spinnaker will have their PY adjusted at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 3.5 Entries for a limited number of catamarans will be considered at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority. Note that they will race with the fast handicap fleet and be scored with the fast handicap using PY numbers. The courses may be shorter than expected for catamaran racing.
- 3.6 Entries for the Rookie fleet may be restricted if the number and range of boats exceed the safe control of racing areas and resources available and competitors may be moved to the main fleets by mutual agreement.

4 SPECIAL RACES

- 4.1 NSSA member organisations with six or more eligible boats may submit entries for the Mount Haes Trophy races or Single Handed Trophy race. Eligible boats are boats crewed by competitors who are bona fide members of that organisation.
- 4.2 **THE MOUNT HAES TROPHY RACES**
These races will be sailed in boats provided by the Organising Authority. The format will be short course racing in a qualification and final series. Details of the event format and the class of boats to be used will be published in the Sailing Instructions.
Entry to the Mount Haes trophy races will be limited to 36 teams. The number entries each team receives will be explained in the Sailing Instructions
- 4.3 **THE SINGLE HANDED TROPHY RACE**
This race will be sailed in Toppers provided by the teams for their competitors and all eligible teams will be entitled to at least two entries. The format will be a single race. The number of entries each team receives will be explained in the Sailing Instructions
- 4.4 **THE ALL COMERS RACE**
This race will be open to all competitors other than those competing in the Mount Haes or Single Handed Trophy races. It will also be open to Team and regatta supporters. The format will be a handicap race.

5 ENTRY AND FEES

- 5.1 Entry fees for the Regatta are:

	Early Payment	Late Payment
Single-handed boats (incl. packed lunches)	£135	£145
Double-handed boats (incl. packed lunches)	£220	£230
Camping and Meals (incl. dinner and breakfast)	£160	£170

- 5.2 Early payment applies before midnight on 9th June 2019 payment after this time will be at the late payment rate.
- 5.3 Camping and Meals includes breakfast and dinner, from Sunday dinner until Saturday breakfast.
- 5.4 No entries will be accepted after 5th July 2019,
- 5.5 Team Managers are responsible for submitting an entry on behalf of their Team. The Team Entry form can be downloaded from the event website. Confirmation of entries will be sent on receipt of payment.

6 RACE FLEETS

6.1 Racing is expected to take place in the following fleets:

- Single class racing:
 - Topper 5.3
 - Laser Radial
 - Laser 4.7
- Handicap racing:
 - Fast fleet (including Laser Standard)
 - Slow fleet (including Topper 4.2)
 - Rookie Fleet

6.2 The fleet divisions may be modified at the discretion of the Organising Authority depending on entries.

7 SCHEDULE

7.1 The schedule is as follows:

	Sun 21 st	Mon 22 nd	Tue 23 th	Wed 24 th	Thu 25 th	Fri 26 th
Registration	14:00					
Competitors' Briefing	19:30	09:30	09:30	09:30	09:30	09:30
Team Managers' Briefing	20:30					
1 st Warning Signal for 1 or 2 Regatta Races		10:30	10:30		10:30	10:30
Special Races (See NoR 0)				From 10:30		
1 st Warning Signal for 1 or 2 Regatta Races		TBA	TBA		TBA	
Last Allowable Warning Signal						14:00
Prize Giving						19:00

7.2 The regatta series will consist of up to 14 races for each fleet.

7.3 One extra race per day may be sailed in each fleet, provided that no class becomes more than one race ahead of schedule and that a maximum of three races are sailed back to back.

7.4 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 14:00.

7.5 The schedule of races for the Rookie Fleet will be decided each day and announced at the Rookie competitors' briefing each morning.

8 MEASUREMENT [DP]

8.1 Measurement Certificates will not be required but all boats must conform to class rules. Boats gaining an advantage from non-compliance may be penalised by the Protest Committee.

8.2 All boats are required to carry an adequate painter (of at least three metres, for towing) at all times when afloat.

9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

9.1 The sailing instructions will be available on the event website approximately 1 week prior to the event.

9.2 The sailing instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board but printed copies will NOT be available at registration. Please use an electronic copy or print your own to bring with you.

10 VENUE

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

10.2 Racing will be in Portland Harbour or Weymouth Bay.

11 THE COURSES

11.1 The courses are expected to be as follows:

	Fleet(s)	Course Type
Course A	Laser Radial, Laser 4.7, Topper 5.3	Trapezoid with Inner / outer Loops
Course B	Fast Handicap, Slow Handicap	Trapezoid without loops
Course C	Rookie	Trapezoid without loops or Triangular

12 PENALTIES

- 12.1 NSSA implements the RYA Racing Charter and competitors will be expected to sail in compliance with the Charter.
- 12.2 The Exoneration penalty and Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedure will be available. Decisions from RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee but cannot be reopened or appealed.

13 SCORING

13.1 For the Regatta race series:

13.1.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series

13.1.2 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst scores as listed below:

Races Completed	Scores Excluded
1 - 4	0
5 - 8	1
9 - 14	2

- 13.2 Results for the handicap fleets will be based on average lap times and RYA Portsmouth Number List 2019.
- 13.3 Rookie Fleet or new classes may be given a 'trial' handicap and may be subject to revision during the event.
- 13.4 For the Special Races the scoring systems will be defined in the Sailing Instructions for those races.

14 SUPPORT BOATS [DP]

14.1 Coach and support boats will not be permitted.

15 BERTHING

15.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the boat park. All teams are responsible for ensuring that their boats are safely launched and recovered. [DP].

16 NOT USED

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18 RADIO COMMUNICATION

18.1 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].

19 PRIZES

- 19.1 The Team Trophy will be awarded to the team with the best six regatta results from eligible boats. Teams will be entered for the team trophy automatically.
- 19.2 There will be trophies and prizes for each fleet in the overall fleet racing regatta. Classes with ten or more entries in the handicap and Rookie fleets will be awarded Class prizes

20 RISK STATEMENT

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."

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore 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 other 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 vessels, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol vessel 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 at the venue.

Team Managers shall ensure that skippers, their crews and their parents or guardians are fully aware and conscious of this risk statement and the actual and potential risks including drowning, hypothermia and other physical injuries including head injuries.

21 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.

22 RIGHTS AND COPYRIGHT

By participating in this event, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority the right in perpetuity to make, use and show at their discretion any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him/her during the championship, and of all of his/her material related to the championship, without compensation.

23 DATA PROTECTION

In order to manage the events, information provided by competitors will be held on a database. The management of personal information and images (as in NoR 22) will comply with the General Data Protection Regulations.

24 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact us via the event website.