



# RS Feva National Championship

28<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May 2016

## Notice of Race

### Organising Authority

Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy (WPNSA) in association with the UK RS Feva Class Association

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013 – 2016*.
- 1.2 The International RS Feva Class Rules will apply.
- 1.3 Competitors shall sail in accordance with the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Racing Charter.
- 1.4 Racing rules will be changed as follows:  
Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.  
Rule A4.2 is changed so that the scores are based on the number of boats assigned to the largest fleet.

#### 2. ADVERTISING

Advertising is permitted in accordance with the class rules and ISAF Regulation 20.

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and/or supplied by the Organising Authority

*The following parts of the hulls and sails must be left clear for the possible display of supplied advertising without exception, please could all competitors ensure that this is carried out prior to arrival at the event:*

- i) Front 20% of the forward part of each side of the hull
- ii) Foremost 20% of the mainsail & jib
- iii) Lower part of the mainsail below the bottom batten, save that country letters and flags in their normal position shall be allowed

#### 3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the RS Feva XL class.
- 3.2 All competitors, helm and crew, shall be members of the UK RS Feva Class Association. Evidence of membership may be required at registration. International competitors shall be a member of their National Class Association or the International RS Feva Class Association, but are only eligible for the open title.
- 3.3 Entry is online at the UK RS Feva Website: <http://www.rsfeva.org.uk/champs/cindex.asp?eid=97>
- 3.4 Entry closes at midnight on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2016.
- 3.5 Late entries will only be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority. Boats wishing to enter after midnight on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2016 shall first obtain clearance from the UK RS Feva Class Secretary via [secretary@rsfeva.org.uk](mailto:secretary@rsfeva.org.uk)
- 3.6 All competitors must submit an Event Parent/Guardian Consent and Medical Form. These forms should be preprinted, completed and brought to registration by all entrants. This may be downloaded at: <http://www.rsfeva.org.uk/docs/Event%20Consent%202015.pdf>

#### 4. FEES

- 4.1 The entry fee is £140 before midnight on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016.
- 4.2 From midnight on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016 until midnight on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2016 the fee is £155.
- 4.3 Late entries, if accepted, will be subject to an additional £20 fee and must be paid online, no credit/debit card facilities will be available for late entries.
- 4.4 The entry fee includes a ticket for each helm and crew to attend the Competitors Meal on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May. Additional tickets may be purchased from the WPNSA Reception on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2016.
- 4.5 Refund conditions:
- 4.5.1 Any fully paid entry cancelled prior to midnight on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016 will be refunded in full.
- 4.5.2 Any fully paid entry cancelled after midnight on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016 and up to midnight on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016 will be refunded at 50% of the entry fee.
- 4.5.3 No refunds will be offered after midnight on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

#### 5. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

The regatta will consist of a qualifying series and a final series.

#### 6. SCHEDULE

##### 6.1

| Day/Date                      | Time              | What                                    | Where      |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|---|------------|
| Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May   | 17:00 – 19:00     | Registration                            | Room 4     |
| Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> May | 09:00 – 11:30     | Registration                            | Room 4     |
|                               | 11:30             | Competitors' Briefing                   | Event Hall |
|                               | 12:55             | Qualifying Series Race 1 Warning Signal |            |
|                               | ASAP after Race 1 | Qualifying Series Race 2 Warning Signal |            |
|                               | ASAP after Race 2 | Qualifying Series Race 3 Warning Signal |            |
|                               | 17:00             | Annual General Meeting                  | Room 5     |
| Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> May   | 10:55             | Qualifying Series Race 4 Warning Signal |            |
|                               | ASAP after Race 4 | Qualifying Series Race 5 Warning Signal |            |
|                               | ASAP after Race 5 | Qualifying Series Race 6 Warning Signal |            |
|                               | 18:00             | Competitor's Meal                       | Spinnakers |
| Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> May   | 10:55             | Final Series Race 1 Warning Signal      |            |
|                               | ASAP after Race 1 | Final Series Race 2 Warning Signal      |            |
|                               | ASAP after Race 2 | Final Series Race 3 Warning Signal      |            |
| Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> May  | 10:55             | Final Series Race 4 Warning Signal      |            |
|                               | ASAP after Race 4 | Final Series Race 5 Warning Signal      |            |
|                               | ASAP after Race 5 | Final Series Race 6 Warning Signal      |            |
|                               | ASAP After Racing | Prize Giving                            | Spinnakers |

- 6.2 The intention is that each day's races will be sailed back to back. Additional races may be sailed on any day in order to complete the programme if weather or other reasons dictate. No more than four races will be sailed on any one day.
- 6.3 On the last day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 15:00.

#### 7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available online at the event website at least three days prior to the event.

#### 8. VENUE

Racing will take place in either Portland Harbour or Weymouth Bay.

#### 9. COURSES

The course to be sailed will be a trapezoid and detailed in the sailing instructions.

## **10. PENALTY SYSTEM**

Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

## **11. SCORING**

11.1 Low Points System of Appendix A will apply.

11.2 One qualifying race is required to be completed by all fleets to constitute a regatta.

11.3 Three races are required to be completed by each fleet to constitute a qualifying series. If three races are not completed as scheduled, the qualifying series will be extended to complete them.

11.4 If at the end of the qualifying series some boats have more race scores than others, scores for the most recent races will be excluded so that all boats have the same number of race scores.

11.5 For the qualifying series, Rule A4.2 is changed so that the scores are based on the number of boats assigned to the largest fleet.

11.6 Except for race scores excluded under instruction 11.4 a boat's regatta score will be the total of her race scores from her final-series races plus points equal to her qualifying-series rank.

11.7 In the final series Gold and silver fleets will be scored separately and need not have completed the same number of final races. Boats in the Gold fleet will be ranked highest.

11.8 Series Scores (apply separately to qualifying and final series):

11.8.1 When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

11.8.2 When from 4 to 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

11.8.3 For the final series the points equal to her qualifying series are not discardable.

11.9 A tie between two or more boats shall be split in accordance with RRS Appendix A8.1. If there is still a tie this will be broken in favour of the boat with the best excluded result in the final series. If a tie still exists then the tie will be broken in accordance with RRS Appendix A8.2.

## **12. SUPPORT BOATS**

12.1 Support boats must register with the UK RS Feva Class Secretary via [secretary@rsfeva.org.uk](mailto:secretary@rsfeva.org.uk) before the event, identifying the competitor or competitors they are supporting. Any support boat that has not registered will not be permitted to launch.

12.2 Upon arrival, support boats must report to the WPNSA Reception, pay the appropriate berthing fee and receive directions on where to launch and berth.

12.3 Support boats will register during the registration times and location detailed in instruction 6.1 where they will be issued with an identification flag that must be displayed in the support boat. A £20 cash refundable deposit is required for the flag.

## **13. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

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 given as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Overall

1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Silver Fleet

1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Junior (helm & crew aged 13 or under on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2015)

1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Family (parent & child, siblings or closely related)

1<sup>st</sup> Club (best 3 boats from a sailing club)

1<sup>st</sup> Team Anemoi Regional Challenge - the top three scoring boats from a school

14.2 Titles will be awarded as follows:

RS Feva Open Champion – 1<sup>st</sup> overall

RS Feva National Champion – 1<sup>st</sup> UK boat (helm & crew aged 17 or under on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2016)

RS Feva National Junior Champion – 1<sup>st</sup> UK boat (helm & crew aged 13 or under on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2016)

RS Feva Ladies Champion – 1<sup>st</sup> All female boat (helm & crew aged 17 or under on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2016)

RS Feva Men's Champion – 1<sup>st</sup> All male boat (helm & crew aged 17 or under on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2016)

RS Feva Mixed Team Champion – 1<sup>st</sup> male & female boat (helm & crew aged 17 or under on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2016)

## **15. 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 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;

## **16. INSURANCE**

Each boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per incident.

## **17. FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please contact the UK RS Feva Class Secretary via [secretary@rsfeva.org.uk](mailto:secretary@rsfeva.org.uk)