

49er & 49erFX UK National Championships

Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th October 2017

Notice of Race

The Organising Authority is the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy (WPNSA) in association with the UK 49er Class Association

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 – 2020*.
- 1.2. Competitors shall sail in accordance with the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Racing Charter.
- 1.3. The Class Rules of the International 49er and 49erFX Class Association will apply.

2. ADVERTISING

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

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The regatta is open to all boats of the International 49er and 49erFX classes.
- 3.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online registration and paying the relevant fee via the WPNSA website: <http://www.wpnsa.org.uk/events/49er-49erfx-national-championships>.
- 3.3. Any competitor under the age of 18 on 8th October 2017 will be required to complete a Parent Guardian Consent & Supervision Form (which may be downloaded from the event website as in SI 3.4) and submit it by email to sally.reynoldson@wpnsa.org.uk.
- 3.4. All competing helms must be current members of the UK 49er Class Association or another national class association affiliated to the International 49er Class. Evidence of membership may be required at Registration.

4. FEES

The entry fee is £70.00 per boat.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1.

Day/Date	Time	What	Where
Saturday 14 th Oct	09:00 – 10:00	Registration	Room 4
	10:00	Competitors' Briefing	Spinnakers
	11:55	Race 1 Warning Signal	
	ASAP after Race 1	Race 2 Warning Signal	
	ASAP after Race 2	Race 3 Warning Signal	
Sunday 15 th Oct	ASAP after Race 3	Race 4 Warning Signal	
	10:25	Race 5 Warning Signal	
	ASAP after Race 5	Race 6 Warning Signal	
	ASAP after Race 6	Race 7 Warning Signal	
	ASAP after Race 7	Race 8 Warning Signal	
	ASAP After Racing	Prize Giving	Spinnakers

5.2. The Race Officer reserves the right to sail additional races in a day if weather or other reasons dictate. Flag F will be flown on the Committee Boat before the warning signal for the previous race to indicate that extra races will be sailed.

5.3. On the last day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15:00.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available at registration and may be available online prior to the event.

7. VENUE

7.1. The venue is the Weymouth and Portland Sailing Academy, Osprey Quay, Portland, Dorset, DT5 1SA, UK.

7.2. Racing will be in Weymouth Bay or Portland Harbour.

8. SCORING

8.1. The low points system as provided in RRS Appendix a will apply.

8.2. Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

8.3. Series scores:

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

8.3.2. When four to seven races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

8.3.3. When eight races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

9. SUPPORT BOATS

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

10. BERTHING

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the boat park.

11. RADIO COMMUNICATION

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.

12. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority depending on entry numbers.

13. RIGHTS TO USE NAMES AND LIKENESSES

Competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority, without payment, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still picture and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event.

14. 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;
- 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 for the event.

15. INSURANCE

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

16. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 16.1. For further information, please contact WPNSA Reception at reception@wpnsa.org.uk or by calling 01305 866000.
- 16.2. Accommodation:
WPNSA has onsite facilities for campervans and caravans which may be booked via the website at: <http://www.wpnsa.org.uk/campervans-and-caravans>. Details for other accommodation may be found at <http://www.visit-dorset.com/>.