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RS500 World Championship, RS100/RS400/RS700 European Championships and RS100/RS200/RS300/RS400/RS600/RS700/RS800/RS Vario UK National Championships 2018

16th – 25th August 2018

The Organising Authority is the Weymouth & Portland National Sailing Academy (WPNSA) in conjunction with the RS100/RS200/RS300/RS400/RS500/RS600/RS700/RS800/RS Vario Class Associations.

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 – 2020* (RRS).
- 1.2 The RRS will be changed as follows:
 - RRS 31 changed so that marks other than starting and finishing marks may be touched without penalty, excluding the RS200 & RS500 classes.
 - RRS 32 changed to allow the race to be shortened at the Committee Boat on station at the finish.
 - RRS 35 changed to score boats finishing outside the time limit in their observed position on the course.
 - RRS 40 changed so that RRS 40 applies at all times while afloat. Flag Y will not be displayed.
 - RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty except for the RS Vario class.
 - RRS 63.1 changed so that for breaking certain rules boats can be disqualified without a hearing.
 - 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.
- 1.3 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.

2 ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies. [DP].

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3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 Class Rule '3. Class Association Membership' of the RS Class Rules will apply for eligibility to compete in any of these events.
- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter online at <http://www.rssailing.org/rsgames/>
- 3.3 No entries will be accepted within one day of the start of an individual championship.
- 3.4 A Parent/Guardian Consent and Supervision Form must be completed and signed by the Parent or Guardian of any competitor under the age of 18 on the last day of the event and handed in at registration.

4 FEES

- 4.1 Fees are dependent on single or double handed boats, the number of days racing and special requirements. Required fees are as follows:
 - RS100/RS300/RS700 Entry on or before 1st June 2018 - £120 / €141
 - RS200 Entry on or before 1st June 2018 - £210 / €248
 - RS400 Entry on or before 1st June 2018 - £200 / €236
 - RS500 Entry on or before 1st June 2018 - £215 / €254
 - RS600/RS Vareo Entry on or before 1st June 2018 - £90 / €106
 - RS800 Entry on or before 1st June 2018 - £160 / €189
- 4.2 There is a £25/€30 reduction for youth entry (for helms aged 22 or under at start of championship).
- 4.3 There is an additional £50/€59 late entry levy for entry fees received after 1st June 2018.

5 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES – RS400 and RS500 only

If there are fewer than 60 entries, there will be a single series. If there are 70 or more entries, the fleet will be split into two equal flights for the qualifying series, re-flighting each day. The qualifying series will finish at the end of the day on which 6 races are completed for both flights. For the final series, the fleet will be split into two fleets of equal size – gold and silver. If there are 60 to 69 entries, the decision to race as a single series or a qualifying and final series will be at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Registration will be available on the day before the first scheduled day of racing from 12:00 to 18:00 and on the first scheduled day of racing from 09:00 to 11:00 in the RS Games Office.
- 6.2 The competitors briefing for each event will be held at 11:00 at the RS Stage on the first scheduled day of racing.
- 6.3 Dates of racing, number of races, and first scheduled warning signal are given in appendix A to this Notice of Race.
- 6.4 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15:00.
- 6.5 The race committee reserve the right to modify the programme due to extreme weather conditions or other causes. This may include bringing scheduled races forward, except the first race on the first scheduled day of racing for a class.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on the event website.

8 VENUE

- 8.1 The venue is the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy (WPNSA). Further information on WPNSA is available online at www.wpnsa.org.uk.
- 8.2 Racing will be in Weymouth Bay or Portland Harbour, apart from the RS200 fleet where all racing will be in Weymouth Bay.

9 THE COURSES

- 9.1 The courses to be sailed are specified in Appendix A.
- 9.2 Line starts will be used for all fleets except the RS200 fleet where gate starts will be used.

10 SCORING

- 10.1 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.2 In a single series event a boat's score will be calculated as follows:
- (a) When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - (b) When from four to seven races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - (c) When eight or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 10.3 In an event with a qualifying and final series, the total score of each boat will be the sum of her scores as follows:
- (a) Qualifying series:
 - i. Fewer than five completed races – all her race scores.
 - ii. Five or more completed races – all scores except her worst score.
 - (b) Final series:
 - i. Fewer than four completed final series races – her qualifying series score plus all of her final series scores.
 - ii. Four or more completed final series races – her qualifying series score plus all her final series scores except her worst final series race score.
- 10.4 Points will accrue to the registered helm or helm and crew and not the entered boat. The registered helm and crew may swap roles without restriction.

11 SUPPORT BOATS

- 11.1 Upon arrival Support Boats must report to the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy reception and pay the appropriate charge, which is £5 per day, per support boat. They must not launch before this requirement has been met.
- 11.2 Support boats, coaches and other support persons shall stay at least 100 metres outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start on that course until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. [DP].
- 11.3 During the event, support boats shall not tow boats participating in the event unless the race committee have signalled that towing is allowed. [DP].
- 11.4 In order to prevent fuel spillage, refuelling of boats/tanks is not permitted on the pontoons at WPNSA. Boats may refuel at the Portland Marina fuel pontoon or removable tanks may be taken offsite to be refuelled at a Service Station.
- 11.5 Kill cords shall be worn at all times whilst engines are running. The Course Safety Leader will be looking out for compliance on this issue, there are no excuses and boats will be requested to leave the race area immediately if kill cords are not being used appropriately.

12 BERTHING

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

13 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. [DP].

14 PRIZES

World Championship

The overall winners of the RS500 Championship fleet series will be awarded the first place trophy and the title World Champions.

European Championships

The overall winners of the RS100/RS400/RS700 Championship fleet series will be awarded the first place trophy and the title European Champions.

National Championships

The first boat sailed by a helm (and crew as appropriate) primarily resident in the UK in the RS100/RS200/RS300/RS400/RS600/RS700/RS800/RS Vario Championship fleet series will be awarded the title UK National Champions.

Additional prizes may be awarded depending on fleet size and categories (e.g. age groups, silver and bronze fleet etc).

15 RISK STATEMENT

Rule 4 of the RRS 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 while taking part in the event;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss 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.

16 INSPECTIONS

The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

17 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.

18 RIGHTS AND COPYRIGHT

By participating in this event, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority, the National and International Class Associations and the sponsors of the event 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.

19 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 18) will comply with the new General Data Protection Regulations Legislation that comes into effect in May 2018. More details will be available in the Sailing Instructions.

20 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact Heather Chipperfield on heatherc@rs-association.com or +44 (0)1590 610273.

Appendix A – Schedule, Courses and Target Times

RS 700 European & RS 800 UK National Championships

Day	Date	First Warning Signal	Number of Scheduled Races
Thursday	16 th August	13:00	2
Friday	17 th August	11:30	3
Saturday	18 th August	11:30	3
Sunday	19 th August	11:30	2

Class	Course	Target Time for First Finisher
RS 700	O (outer loop finishing to leeward of mark 3)	45 minutes
RS 800	L (windward leeward finishing to windward of committee vessel)	45 minutes

RS 100 European & RS 300 UK National Championships

Day	Date	First Warning Signal	Number of Scheduled Races
Thursday	16 th August	13:00	2
Friday	17 th August	11:30	3
Saturday	18 th August	11:30	3
Sunday	19 th August	11:30	2

Class	Course	Target Time for First Finisher
RS 100	L (windward leeward finishing to windward of the committee vessel)	45 minutes
RS 300	T (trapezoid finishing upwind through start/finish line)	45 minutes

RS 400 European Championship

Day	Date	First Warning Signal	Number of Scheduled Races
Saturday	18 th August	13:00	2
Sunday	19 th August	11:30	2
Monday	20 th August	11:30	2
Tuesday	21 st August	11:30	2
Wednesday	22 nd August	11:30	2

Class	Course	Target Time for First Finisher
RS 400	L (windward leeward finishing to windward of the committee vessel)	50 minutes

RS 200 UK National Championship

Day	Date	First Warning Signal	Number of Scheduled Races
Monday	20 th August	13:00	2
Tuesday	21 st August	11:30	2
Wednesday	22 nd August	11:30	2
Thursday	23 rd August	11:30	2
Friday	24 th August	11:30	2

Class	Course	Target Time for First Finisher
RS200	L (windward leeward finishing to windward of the committee vessel)	50 minutes

RS 500 World Championship

Day	Date	First Warning Signal	Number of Scheduled Races
Tuesday	21 st August	13:00	2
Wednesday	22 nd August	11:30	3
Thursday	23 rd August	11:30	3
Friday	24 th August	11:30	3
Saturday	25 th August	11:30	2

Class	Course	Target Time for First Finisher
RS500	L (windward leeward finishing to windward of the committee vessel)	40 minutes

RS 600 & RS Vareo UK National Championships

Day	Date	First Warning Signal	Number of Scheduled Races
Thursday	23 rd August	13:00	3
Friday	24 th August	11:30	3
Saturday	25 th August	11:30	3

Class	Course	Target Time for First Finisher
RS 600	T (trapezoid finishing upwind through start/finish line)	45 minutes
RS Vareo	L (windward leeward finishing to windward of the committee vessel)	45 minutes