



## Rooster UK RS Tera National Championships 31<sup>st</sup> August – 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020

### NOTICE OF RACE

#### ORGANISING AUTHORITY

Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy in conjunction with The UK RS Tera Class Association

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 a disqualification.

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 – 2020.
- 1.2. International RS Tera Class Rules will apply. In addition:
  - 1.2.1. Electronic compasses or variations thereof will not be permitted [DP]
  - 1.2.2. All sailors must wear a whistle attached to their buoyancy aids [DP]
  - 1.2.3. All boats shall carry a painter of 6mm floating line at least 8 m in length (measured from the fitment point) permanently attached to the standard fitment position in front of the mast [DP]
  - 1.2.4. Rear handles on the transom must have the plastic loops fitted as supplied by RS [DP]
  - 1.2.5. The scrutineering process which is intended to assist in compliance with the RS Tera Class Rules will involve boats being selected at random for checks during the event. That technical officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race
- 1.3. Competitors shall sail in accordance with the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Racing Charter.
- 1.4. The Post-Race Penalty and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Dispute Process will be available. The Post-Race Penalty will be 30%.
- 1.5. All competitors will be required to wear personal floatation devices, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment, at all times while afloat. ICF 'Y' will not be displayed. This changes RRS 40. [DP]
- 1.6. The Sailing Instructions may also change other rules. In the event of a conflict between the NoR and the SIs, the SIs shall take precedence.

#### 2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Advertising is permitted in accordance with the class rules and World Sailing Regulation 20. [DP]
- 2.2. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority. [DP]
- 2.3. The following parts of the hull and sail must be left clear for the display of advertising, if supplied, without exception. All competitors shall ensure this is carried out before arrival at the event.
  - 2.3.1. the front one metre of the bow;
  - 2.3.2. the bottom 10% of the mainsail;
  - 2.3.3. the front 50cm of the boom nearest to the mast.

### 3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The regatta is open to all boats of the UK RS Tera class.
- 3.2. All competitors must be a current member of the UK RS Tera Class Association. Membership will be checked prior to the event.
- 3.3. The current entry limit for this event is 100 boats across both the RS Tera Pro and RS Tera Sport fleets
- 3.4. Eligible boats may enter by:
  - 3.4.1. completing the online entry form at [www.rstera.org.uk/rsternationalswpnsa2020](http://www.rstera.org.uk/rsternationalswpnsa2020)
  - 3.4.2. making the required entry fee payment

### 4. FEES

- 4.1. The entry fee is £110.00.
- 4.2. Online entry closes at midnight on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2020 or when the entry limit is reached.
- 4.3. Should the event be cancelled, a refund of at least 80% of the entry fee will be made after transfer fees. This will be dependent on the expenditure committed to and by and at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

### 5. SCHEDULE

#### 5.1.

Day	Date	Event	Time
Sunday	30th August 2020	Boat arrival	From 14:00
Monday	31st August 2020	Online competitors briefing	From 9.30
		First warning signal	10.55
Tuesday	1st September 2020	First warning signal	09.55

- 5.2. Briefings will be facilitated electronically and further information will be provided in the Sailing Instructions. The Sailing instructions will also provide further information on prizegiving.
- 5.3. The Championship will consist of up to 8 races. The intention is that there will be no more than four races a day. However, additional races may be sailed either in advance or arears in order to complete the programme if weather or other reasons dictate.
- 5.4. No warning signal will be made after 15:00 on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020.

### 6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available on the online Official Notice Board, and posted on the UK RS Tera Class Association website not after Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> August 2020. The courses to be sailed will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

### 7. VENUE

The venue is Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy, Osprey Quay, Portland DT5 1SA. The race area will be in Portland Harbour.

### 8. COURSES

The courses to be used will be presented to competitors at the competitors briefing on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August and included in the Sailing Instructions.

### 9. SCORING

- 9.1. The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply.
- 9.2. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 9.3. The Sport and Pro fleets will be scored separately.
- 9.4. The total score for each boat will be the sum of her scores as follows:
  - 9.4.1. When 4 or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores;
  - 9.4.2. When from 5 to 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score;

9.4.3. If 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

## 10. SUPPORT BOATS

- 10.1. All Support Boats must register in advance of the event with the UK RS Tera Class Association Secretary by completing the online safety/support boat registration form at [www.rstera.org.uk/rsteranationalswpnsa2020](http://www.rstera.org.uk/rsteranationalswpnsa2020)
- 10.2. Support Boats must organise their own berthing and pay any appropriate Harbour fees.
- 10.3. Support Boats shall comply with the Support Boat regulations as defined in the Sailing Instructions.
- 10.4. All Support helms will attend the online safety briefings, be prepared to participate in the event safety fleet and take instruction from the Event Safety Officer

## 11. BERTHING

- 11.1. Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the dinghy park for the duration of the regatta unless instructed otherwise. [DP]
- 11.2. Social distancing regulations and guidelines shall be complied with in the dinghy park and launch areas. [DP]
- 11.3. Tallying is required. After entry a competitor will receive a competition number for the event. Prior to arrival all competitors shall place a label on their boat's trolley, with their competition number clearly displayed on that label for the duration of the event. The competition number will also be used for tallying. [DP]

## 12. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 12.1. 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. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones. [DP]
- 12.2. Competitors should note that it is anticipated that all communication for this event will be online. Competitors should note that the WPNSA WIFI system may not be accessible and they may wish to have a device which can connect to the internet via an alternative means. [DP]

## 13. PRIZES

- 13.1. Prizes will be given dependent on number of entries, but as a minimum 1st – 3rd overall for the Sport and Pro Fleets.
- 13.2. The titles will be awarded as follows:

RS Tera Pro National Champion:	First RS Tera Pro Overall
RS Tera Sport National Champion:	First RS Tera Sport Overall
RS Tera Club Trophy:	Lowest combined score of 1 <sup>st</sup> 3 competitors from any one club, Sport or Pro, (competitors who enter from more than one club will be scored as the first club listed on the entry). Clubs must have a minimum of three boats entered to qualify for this prize

#### **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. PRIVACY STATEMENT**

The personal information you provide to the Organising Authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the Organising Authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

#### **16. COVID-19 STATEMENT**

By taking part in the event covered by this Notice of Race, each competitor and support person agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations and guidance in force from time to time in response to COVID-19 and for complying with the WPNSA/Organising Authority COVID-19 procedures. [DP]

#### **17. 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.

#### **18. TELEVISION & MEDIA RIGHTS**

In participating in the UK RS Tera National Championship any competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority, the National and International Class Associations permission to make, use and show, from time to time, any motion pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the event without compensation, in perpetuity.

#### **19. FURTHER INFORMATION**

UK RS Tera Class Association

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[www.rstera.org.uk](http://www.rstera.org.uk)

END OF NOTICE OF RACE

**FURTHER INFORMATION:**

**The UK RS Tera Class Association would like to thank WPNSA for all their help in putting this event on, together with all the volunteers who have offered to help us. There may be significant changes in Government and/or local Government COVID-19 guidance, regulation and operating procedures between the issue date of this document and the event date, we will endeavour to keep competitors informed. We would, however, ask that all competitors and volunteers take action to keep themselves informed of any changes in guidance.**

**Part of our operational plan is shown below**

- a) We will, as an Organising Authority, take a considerate and conservative approach to the racing and the wind strength, sea state and the ability of competitors. This may mean postponements to starts. This is to ensure that we minimise as much as we can the impact on the local community. We will however endeavour to meet the programme as laid out in the Notice of Race.
- b) We have to maintain control of launching/recovery and the dinghy park. There will be special requirements for launching, recovery and the hygiene of boats and equipment, it is the responsibility of every competitor to make themselves aware of those regulations and to follow them, this includes labelling with their competitor number the boat trolley.
- c) Competitors should be prepared to provide their own PPE, should Government guidelines change. This may include amongst other items, hand sanitiser and face masks. Please make yourselves aware of the current guidelines and regulations.
- d) Social distancing and gatherings should be in accordance with regulation, including any mitigation.
- e) Personal equipment such as food bags, drinks, spare parts and extra clothing will not be stored on any official boat for the duration of the event. Competitors should ensure that they carry sufficient food and water on their own boat.
- f) The changing facilities onsite will be closed, except for the toilets.
- g) There will be a post-race snack available for the competitors. This will be served from a specific service location.
- h) Other catering facilities will be limited and all transactions should be by card payment only.
- i) Should you have any questions please contact the RS Tera Secretary and they will try to help.