

Notice of Race

RYA SOUTH & SOUTH WEST ZONE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Weymouth & Portland National Sailing Academy

26th & 27th SEPTEMBER 2015

The 2015 RYA South and South West Zone Championships will be held at Weymouth & Portland National Sailing Academy (WPNSA) 26th and 27th September 2015. The Organising Authority is the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) in conjunction with WPNSA

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013 - 2016 (RRS)*.
- 1.2 This Notice of Race may be amended by a Notice to Competitors from the Organising Authority.
- 1.3 The bye-laws of Portland Harbour will apply and may be found at :-
<http://www.wpnsa.org.uk/>
- 1.4 Competitors should note that RYA events will be run in compliance with the principles of the RYA Racing Charter as applicable to both organisers and competitors, details of which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book (Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016), or at www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising Authority.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 Racing will be for nominated dinghy and windsurfer classes. Fleets may be combined in the event of low entries. Fleets with entries of fewer than 5 boats by the closing date will be reviewed.
- 3.2 The dinghies will be Optimists, Toppers and RS Feva XL. Windsurfers will compete in 4 classes within two fleets on the Bic Techno 293 board 4.5, 5.8, - (open mast/boom and a sail that must have a maximum of 6 battens and 2 cams), 6.8 and 7.8m classes- (RYA National class rules apply).
- 3.3 Competitors shall be under 16 on 31st December 2015.
- 3.4 Entries will only be accepted on the event on-line entry form (www.ryaracingevents.org.uk), and shall be received, together with the entry fee, on or before 21st September 2015.

Entries will not be accepted after this date.

- 3.5 **Regatta fleet racing** at the RYA South and South West Zone Championships is open to less experienced club sailors in Optimists, Toppers (Including 4.2 rig) & Teras, sailing the Sport

Rig who are learning how to race. The racing will be organised by local coaches and run on an informal basis, starting at around the same time as the main fleets, on both days.

The coaches will brief the regatta fleet sailors on the format for the day, immediately after the main competitor briefing on Saturday.

- 3.6 All helms and crews shall present a signed Entry/Parent/Guardian Declaration at registration. (Competitors will receive this by email when they complete entry www.ryaracingevents.org.uk)

You Must bring it with you

Medical forms form part of the on-line entry and are required to be completed for all competitors. (Data Protection Act: This is a safety requirement and no data on this will be retained after the event).

4 FEES

The entry fees are as follows:

Single-hander	£45
Double-hander	£50
Regatta Fleet	£45

5 SCHEDULE

5.1 Registration:

Competitors shall register at the Event Office on Saturday 26th September from 08:00 – 10:00. There will be a competitor briefing at 10:30

5.2 Measurement:

- 5.3 Class measurement certificates may be required at registration, except for the regatta fleet where they will not be required.

- 5.4 Communication with Topper sailors will be by their Championship number. (This changes rule 77) All Toppers will be expected to use their 2015 Topper Championship Number. Those without such numbers will be allocated a number at registration to use for this championship. It is the responsibility of the competitor to position this number on their sail in the required place. All identifications of Toppers, including scores and protest notices, will be by championship number.

5.5 Racing Programme:

The detailed programme will be published in the Sailing Instructions. The warning signal for the first race on 26th September will not be before 10:55. The race committee will endeavour to complete the Championships by mid-afternoon on Sunday.

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1 The sailing instructions will be available for all competitors at registration at the venue.
- 6.2 Sailing Instructions will be available on the event website from 1st September. Note that these may be subject to change. Questions about the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions prior to the event may be emailed to duncan.west@rya.org.uk. These together with answers will be posted on the event website. Competitor questions on the days of the event may be

submitted using a Competitor Query form, available from the Event Office. Both the question and a written answer will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

7 VENUE

Races will be sailed in the waters of the Portland Harbour and Weymouth Bay.

8 THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be windward/leeward and/or trapezoid. The courses to be sailed for each class will be described in detail in the Sailing Instructions.

9 PROTESTS

The Exoneration Penalty and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available.

10 SCORING

The scoring system (including number of races to count for the championship) will be detailed in the sailing instructions.

11 SUPPORT BOATS

Except when requested by or agreed with the race committee, coaches and supporters shall not communicate with competitors' afloat, tow competitors to or from the race area, or enter the race area.

12 BERTHING

Boats shall be kept in their assigned spaces in the boat park.

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 includes mobile telephones.

14 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the organisers and will normally be awarded to the

1st, 2nd & 3rd boy and 1st, 2nd & 3rd girl for dinghy classes and windsurfing classes. This may be adjusted for classes with small fleets.

15 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 pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event.

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

The Sailing instructions will specify that all competitors shall wear a personal flotation device at all times when afloat, except briefly when changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment, and Flag Y will not be displayed. Wet suits dry suits and Windsurfing Harnesses are not considered personal flotation devices. This will change Rule 40.

17 LIABILITY

Risk Statement

RRS 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;

18 INSURANCE

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

19 MEMBERSHIP AND LIABILITY

- 19.1 All visiting competitors and families will be deemed as visiting yachtsmen during the event and as such shall abide by both Club's rules and bye-laws.
- 19.2 Members of the Club, their guests and visitors may use the Club premises and other facilities of the Club entirely at their own risk and implicitly accept that: the Club will not accept any liability for any damage to or loss of property belonging to members, their guests or visitors to the Club; the Club will not accept any liability for personal injury arising out of use of the Club premises or any other facilities of the Club, or out of participating in any race organised by the Club, whether sustained by members, their guests or visitors or caused by the said members, guests or visitors, whether or not such damage or injury could have been attributed to, or was occasioned by the neglect, default or negligence of any of the officers, committees or servants of the Club.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Zone Champs Website: <http://www.sailracer.org/events/event-v2.asp?eventid=201773> Arrival information and information for the weekend will be posted here closer to the event. Any queries to sarah.knox-johnston@rya.org.uk or

Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy website: www.wpnsa.org.uk

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To be considered for the RYA Zone Squad all sailors must complete the online application process on www.ryaracingevents.org.uk

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