



International Moth Class  
**UK Open Championships and  
World Championships**

Weymouth and Portland, UK  
7th to 18th June 2023

**The Organising Authority is the UK International Moth Class Association  
in conjunction with the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy**

## **NOTICE OF RACE**

[NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the Protest Committee.

[SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing or a discretionary penalty applied by the Protest Committee with a hearing

### **1. RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The Class and Championship Rules of the International Moth Class Association will apply except for any that are altered by the Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions. The Class Race Management Guidelines will also apply, but a failure to follow these Guidelines is not on its own grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 1.3 The RYA Prescriptions that apply are detailed in Attachment C.

### **2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The Sailing Instructions will be published at the latest by 4th June on the regatta website. No printed copies will be provided by the Organising Authority.

### 3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board is located online at: <http://mothworlds.org/wpnsa/>
- 3.2 Except in an emergency a boat shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions, text messages or cellular phone calls while racing.

### 4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 Competitors shall comply with World Sailing Eligibility Code (Regulation 19).
- 4.2 All competitors shall be fully paid-up members of their National Moth Class Association or of the International Moth Class Association where there is no appropriate national Class Association.
- 4.3 The helmsperson named on the boat entry form shall be the same for all races.
- 4.4 Competitors shall enter by completing the Online Entry process. The Entry System will open at 2100 GMT on Monday 6th February 2023. A link to the Entry System will be communicated widely on social media prior to the Entry System opening date and this Notice of Race will be updated with the entry link.
- 4.5 Entries should be received by the Organising Authority no later than 5th May 2023, entries after this date may be accepted with the payment of an additional £100.
- 4.6 The maximum number of entries is 150 boats in total across the two championships.

### 5. FEES

#### Entry Fees

Standard entry for Worlds up to 5th May 2023 - £375

Late entries for Worlds received after 5th May 2023 - £475

Standard entry for UK Open up to 5th May 2023 - £125

Late entries for UK Open received after 5th May 2023 - £175

Coach Fee per person/boat £120

### 6. ADVERTISING

Sailors may be required to wear bibs and boats may be required to display bow stickers and advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

### 7. FORMAT OF RACING.

- 7.1 The Event will consist of the UK Open Championship (Pre-Worlds) and the 2023 Moth World Championships. There will be up to 8 races in the UK Open and up to 24 races in the World Championships. The World Championships series may be divided into a Qualifying Series and a Final Series. The two Championships will be raced as a single fleet.
- 7.2 The 'Grand Prix' (Lapped Finish) procedure will be used. This procedure will be described in full in the Sailing Instructions.

### 8. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

8.1	Sunday 4th June		Venue opens
	Wednesday 7th June	0900 - 1300	Event and Equipment Registration
		1400 - 1700	Event and Equipment Registration
	Thursday 8th June	1200	UK Open Day 1
	Friday 9th June	1000	UK Open Day 2
	Saturday 10th June	0900 - 1300	Event and Equipment Registration
		1400 - 1700	Event and Equipment Registration

Sunday 11th June	0900 - 1300	Event and Equipment Registration
	1400 - 1700	Event and Equipment Registration
	1730	Competitors Briefing
	1800	Opening Ceremony
Monday 12th June	1100	Racing Day 1
Tuesday 13th June	1000	Racing Day 2
Wednesday 14th June	1000	Racing Day 3
Thursday 15th June		Spare Day*
Friday 16th June	1000	Racing Day 4
Saturday 17th June	1000	Racing Day 5
Sunday 18th June	1000	Racing Day 6

Prize Giving and Closing Ceremony as soon as possible after the Final Races.

\*Spare Day may be used as a race day if required.

- 8.2 On Friday 9th June there will be no warning signal after 1700. On Sunday 18th June there will be no warning signal after 1500.

## 9. MEASUREMENT

- 9.1 Each competitor is required to Register for each Event and part of this process is equipment registration in line with the restrictions on equipment available for each event. Only equipment that has had fundamental measurement evidenced by a valid measurement form/certificate can be used.
- 9.2 All boats may be inspected for class rules compliance prior to racing, according to the Schedule of Events. Additional spot measurement checks may be carried out during the Championships. Measurement checks or inspections do not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.
- 9.3. The Organising Authority will provide a limited measurement service to assist competitors needing fundamental measurement of equipment being aware that in some locations access to measurers locally can be difficult. There are a limited number of slots and these can be booked online, via the entry system, once a competitor has entered. Competitors should endeavour to have their equipment measured prior to arrival at the venue. The measurers providing this service are all volunteers and competitors, therefore, measurement slots will NOT be available/provided on Saturday 10th June or Sunday 11th June.
- 9.4 Equipment shall only be replaced with permission of the Race Committee.
- 9.5 Maximum of 2 sails, 2 mast configurations (consisting of 1 upper & 1 lower if applicable), 2 front foils (vertical & horizontal) and 2 rear foils (vertical & horizontal) shall be measured and used.
- 9.6 A boat may only change its rudder or dagger board or the T-foils used on them whilst ashore at WPNSA.

## 10. VENUE

The 2023 International Moth World Championships and the UK Open Championship will be held at the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy, Portland, UK For mailing/shipping: please contact Sally Reynoldson at Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy [sally.reynoldson@wpnsa.org.uk](mailto:sally.reynoldson@wpnsa.org.uk)

## **11. COURSES**

Courses will be windward/leeward and set out in the Sailing Instructions.

## **12. PENALTY SYSTEM**

RRS 44.1 and RRS P2.1 are changed so that the Two-Turns penalty is replaced by a One-Turn penalty.

## **13. SCORING**

The scoring system will be set out in the Sailing Instructions.

## **14. SUPPORT VESSELS**

- 13.1 All support vessels will register with the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy by completing an online Event Support Boat Registration Form at <https://www.wpnsa.org.uk/event-support-boat-registration-form>.
- 13.2 Support vessels shall be marked with her national letters and shall register at the Race Office during the registration period.
- 13.3 If called upon support vessels will be required to act as rescue boats.
- 13.4 WPNSA is located within a Marina. Support vessels requiring berthing may be charged a berthing fee.

## **15. BERTHING**

Boats shall be kept in the assigned places at the boat park.

## **16. INTERNATIONAL JURY**

There will be a Protest Committee appointed for the UK Open Championship. For the World Championships an International Jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS 91(b). Its decisions will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

## **17. PRIZES**

- 17.1 The following prizes will be awarded for the World Championship:
  - Top Male overall: Male World Champion
  - Top Female overall: Female World Champion
  - Prizes for the first 3 positions in the Silver Fleet if applicable
  - 1st Master: aged 45 years or older as of 1st June 2023
  - 1st Junior: aged 23 years or younger as of 1st June 2023
- 17.2 The following prizes will be awarded for the UK Open Championship:
  - Prizes for the first 3 positions in the overall rankings
  - 1st Junior: aged 23 years or younger as of 1st June 2023
  - 1st Female
- 17.3 Additional prizes for any of the Championships may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

## **18. SAFETY [DP]**

RRS 40.1 applies at all times while afloat.

## **19. INSURANCE**

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

## **20. RISK STATEMENT**

RRS 3 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 and their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;
- 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 event and to attend any competitors briefing held for this event.

## **21. MEDIA RIGHTS, CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT**

- 21.1 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
- 21.2 Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the Organising Authority.
- 21.3 The top three (3) competitors, as well as the individual race winners, may be required to attend a media press conference each day.
- 21.4 Competitors may be required to be interviewed during the regatta.

## **22. SUSTAINABILITY**

All competitors encouraged to use non-single use water bottles and recycle all appropriate items.

## **23. DATA PROTECTION**

- 23.1 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.

23.2 Blueteq Ltd provide the competitor entry system and act as a data processor under instruction from the UK IMCA, the data controller, in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018

**24. FURTHER INFORMATION**

Further notices about accommodation suggestions, social events will be available on the 2023 Moth World Championship website at <http://mothworlds.org/wpnsa/> and/or the WPNSA host venue website at [www.wpnsa.org.uk](http://www.wpnsa.org.uk)



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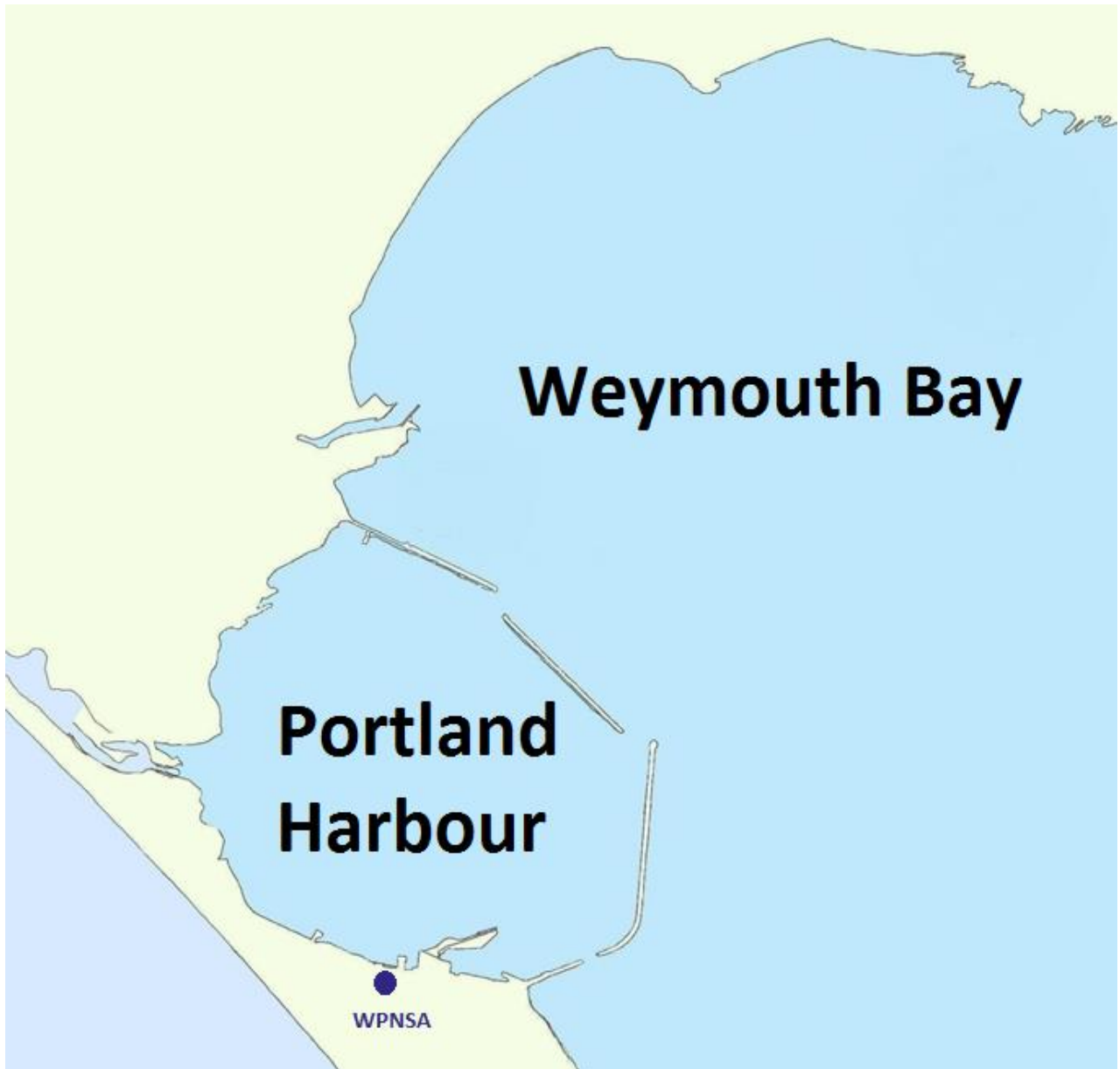
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## ATTACHMENT A - RACING AREA



## ATTACHMENT B - SUPPORT VESSEL REGULATIONS

Support Vessels shall carry the following Equipment on board

- Life jackets / buoyance aids for the driver and all passengers,
- Engine kill cord (also known as a safety lanyard or automatic engine immobiliser) with a spare kill cord on the support vessel
- VHF radio capable of receiving instruction from Safety or Race Committee
- First-aid kit
- Device for making a sound signal

- Compass
- Adequate anchor and tackle for conditions and depth
- Tow rope (minimum 15m long and 10mm thick)
- Knife

#### Support Vessel Regulations

- Support Vessels shall be registered with the Organising Authority and shall be marked with their applicable national sail letters clearly displayed, the minimum height for these letters is 200mm.
- Support Vessels shall comply with all local regulations
- Support Vessels shall follow Race Committee instructions on the designated VHF channel
- Kill cords shall be worn at all times when the engine is running
- Life jackets / buoyance aids - it is recommended that they are worn at all times when afloat and **shall** be worn in winds of over 10 knots or when motoring at more than 10 knots
- Support boats shall not be positioned, except during rescue operations
  - Closer than 100 metres of any boat racing
  - Within 100 metres of the starting line and its extensions from the warning signal until all boats have left the starting area or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment
  - Within 100 metres of any mark of the course while boats are in the vicinity of that mark
  - Within 100 metres of the finishing line while boats are finishing
  - In addition, support boats that are motoring above 5 knots shall remain at least 150 metres from any boat racing

#### Local Regulations

- Support Vessels shall complete registration before launching.
- In order to prevent fuel spillage, refuelling of boats/tanks is not permitted on the pontoons at WPNSA. Boats may refuel at Portland Marina fuel pontoon or tanks may be taken offsite to be refuelled at a local service station.
- Boats shall not transit at any time through the RNSA moorings, which are to the left of the Marina exit as leaving the Marina.
- Only the Northern entrance should be used in leaving or returning to Portland Inner Harbour, unless directed otherwise by an Official or Portland Harbour Authority Boat.
- The chart on the following below shows the Portland Harbour Speed Limits and Restrictions which must be adhered to.

#### Coach Registration

- On registration coaches will be required to confirm the sail numbers of the boats they are supporting
- On registration coaches will be required to confirm that their boat has third party insurance to the value of a minimum of £3 million.



# ATTACHMENT C - RYA PRESCRIPTIONS



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*With effect from 1 January 2021, the RYA prescribes*

## Rule

### 4 Acceptance of the Rules

Add new rule 4.6:

Each competitor and boat owner shall ensure that their *support persons* comply with the *rules*.

Add new rule 4.7:

The penalty for a breach of rule 4 shall be at the discretion of the protest committee.

### 6 Anti-Doping

The national authority procedural rules required to implement the World Anti-Doping Code through World Sailing Regulation 21 are the **RYA Anti-Doping Rules**, as published on the RYA website.

### 67 Damages

1. Any issue of liability or claim for damages arising from an incident while a boat is bound by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the courts and not considered by a protest committee.
2. A boat that takes a penalty or retires does not thereby admit liability for damages or that she has broken a *rule*.

### 86.3 Rule Changes

An organizing authority wishing to develop or test alternative racing rules shall obtain prior approval from the RYA. An application form is available from the RYA. The notice of race shall include the approved alternative rules. The organizing authority shall promptly report the results of the development or test to the RYA.

### 88.2 Changes to National Authority Prescriptions

Notices of race and sailing instructions shall not change a prescription of the RYA. However, when an international jury has been appointed for an event, only the prescriptions to rules 4, 6, 67, 86.3 and 88.2 shall apply.

*NOTE The RYA Prescription to rule 88.2 was approved by World Sailing on 29 July 2020*