



The Scorpion National Championship 2024 in association with CraftInsure

27th July – 2nd August 2024

Castle Cove Sailing Club

Organizing Authority: Castle Cove Sailing Club in conjunction with the National Scorpion Class Association (UK)

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 Documents governing this event, including this Notice of Race and any amendments thereto, will be available at the online notice board:
<https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/7403/event?name=scorpion-2024-national-championships>
- 1.3 The Royal Yachting Association National prescriptions will apply.
- 1.4 Competitors should note that Castle Cove Sailing Club implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at <http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/pages/racingcharter.aspx>

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available no later than 13th July 2024 at the [online notice board here](#).
- 2.2 The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and supplementary sailing instructions that will be on the official notice board.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at
<https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/7403/event?name=scorpion-2024-national-championships>
- 3.2 [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 3.3 A NSCA (UK) WhatsApp group will be established for the Event to inform competitors when announcements have been posted on the official noticeboard. The official notice board takes precedence in case of a discrepancy. It is also hoped that a daily announcement will be made on this group.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The regatta is open to boats of the National Scorpion Class that have a valid measurement certificate. When RRS 78.2 is applied the certificate shall be produced or verified to the satisfaction of the NSA no later than 10:00 on Sunday 28th July 2024 this changes RRS 78.2
- 4.2 At least one of the helm or crew must be a full or full junior member of the National Scorpion Class Association, and the other must be at least an associate member of the National Scorpion Class Association
- 4.3 Entries will be limited to 100 boats and accepted in the order that valid fully paid entries are received, after complying with NoR 4.2. This limit may be altered up or down at any time by the Organising Authority. Any subsequently excluded sailors will receive a full refund.
- 4.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and submitting it, together with the required fee, to the event website by Sunday 21st July 2024.
- 4.5 Entries will close at midnight on Sunday 21st July 2024. However, at the discretion of the Organising Authority online entry may remain open beyond this date and further entries may be accepted.
- 4.6 Competitors aged less than 18 shall complete an Under 18s Consent Form. This is done as part of the entry process on WebCollect.
- 4.7 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.8 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the organising authority.
- 4.9 Each boat shall carry a tow line of minimum 6 metres length and 6mm diameter. Spinnaker sheets may be used as long as they are readily detachable and comply with the minimum length and diameter requirements.

5 FEES

- 5.1 Entry fees are as follows:

Entry fee per boat is £285.

Entry fee per boat is £150 where one of the crew is under 21 on 28th July 2024.

Entry fee per boat is £75 where both of the crew are under 21 on 28th July 2024

This fee also includes socials during the event, fleet coaching by Adam Bowers, and 2 evening meals for competitors.

- 5.2 Other fees:

Additional tickets for non-sailors for evening meals etc. will be made available at registration.

- 5.3 If an entry is cancelled by a competitor, the entry fee will be refunded as follows:

Cancellation Date	Entry Fee Refund
Up to and including 14 th July 2024	100%
After 14 th July 2024	15%

6 CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1 National Scorpion Class Rules shall apply (shall consist of two persons).

7 ADVERTISING

7.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. These could include, but not limited to:

- (a) Event and Class sponsor advertising
- (b) Coloured bibs for Event and/or category leaders [NP];
- (c) Cameras and sound equipment [NP]; and
- (d) Tracking and timing system equipment [NP]:
 - i) Allocated Competitors shall collect any tracking module from their assigned tracking desk before racing each day.
 - ii) On return to shore competitors shall within the protest time limit return the tracking module to the same place that they received it.

7.2 The organizing authority may provide bibs that competitors are required to wear as permitted by the World Sailing Advertising Code.

7.3 Advertising is permitted in accordance with the class rules and World Sailing Regulation 20.

8 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES – does not apply

9 SCHEDULE

9.1 Registration:

Date	From	To
Saturday 27 th July 2024	10:00	12:00
Saturday 27 th July 2024	14:00	17:00
Sunday 28 th July 2024	09:00	10:00

9.2 There will be a briefing for competitors on Saturday 27th July 2024 at 18:00.

9.3 Dates and times of racing:

Date	Race	Warning Signal
Sunday 28 th July	Practice Race Points Race 1 Points Race 2	11:55 Back to back
Monday 29 th July	Points Race 3 Points Race 4	11:55 Back to back
Tuesday 30 th July	Points Race 5 Points Race 6 Crews Race tbc	11:55 Back to back
Wednesday 31 st July	Points Race 7 Points Race 8	11:55 Back to back
Thursday 1 st August	Points Race 9 Points Race 10	11:55 Back to back
Friday 2 nd August	Lay Day – to be used if less than 6 Championship races completed.	T.B.A.

9.4 Number of races:

- (a) The Championship will consist of a maximum of 10 races.
- (b) No more than four races will be sailed on any day.

9.5 On Thursday 1st no warning signal will be made after 14:55 if 6 or more races have been completed.

9.6 On Friday 2nd August no warning signal will be made after 14:55 unless fewer than 3 races have been completed.

10 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

10.1 Each boat shall produce or verify the existence of a valid measurement certificate.

10.2 Changes to sail numbers shall be requested in writing to the race office and approved by the Organising Authority. This changes RRS Appendix G1.1.

10.3 Boats may be inspected at any time.

The OA, Measurer, and representatives of the SCA (UK) may weigh, measure or inspect any boat and/or equipment and sails before, during or after any race at their discretion.

10.4 [DP] Boats shall also comply with RRS 78.1

11 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

11.1 RRS 50.1 will apply

11.2 [DP] RRS 40 changed so that crew shall wear their PFD complying with CR C.4.1 at all times while afloat, except that the PFD need not be worn briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment, or taking a comfort break. Flag Y will not be displayed.

11.3 [DP] Requirement to wear event bibs if provided

12 VENUE

12.1 The event venue is:

Castle Cove Sailing Club, Old Castle Rd,
Weymouth, Dorset.
DT4 8QE

Arrival and Venue information will be available at the [online notice board here](#).

Please note Camper Vans are not allowed overnight at CCSC. CCSC will be a vehicle free site during the event, details for daily parking and trailer storage will be released on the event notice board prior to the event.

12.2 Racing shall take place in Portland Harbour or Weymouth Bay, depending on the weather conditions.

13 COURSES

13.1 The courses and starting systems will be defined in the Sailing Instructions. The courses to be sailed will be a combination of Windward / Leeward Legs and Triangles. Full details will be available in the Sailing Instructions together with race mark descriptions.

13.2 The starts will be either Line or Gate starts at the discretion of the race committee. Depending on numbers and conditions the intention is to have Gate Starts.

13.3 The expected race target time for the lead boat to finish will be 50-60 minutes

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 Appendix P shall apply, as modified by the Sailing Instructions.

14.2 The notation [DP] in a rule of the NoR or SI means that the penalty for breaching the rule is at

the discretion of the protest committee. Full discretionary penalty policy will be published with the SI's, and displayed on the event notice board.

14.3 The notation [NP] denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This may change RRS60.1(a).

14.4 RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply as amended in the SIs. For UK competitors this Appendix is available in the RRS book, and also at <https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/rules/rules-disputes>

14.5 [DP] Each crew shall ensure that their support person/s comply with the SI and RRS.

14.6 For infringements of rules other than in Parts 1 and 2 of the RRS, the protest committee may give a penalty less than disqualification.

15 SCORING

15.1 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

15.2 Series scoring

- (a) When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When from five (5) to eight (8) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score
- (c) When nine (9) or ten (10) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

15.3 Points will accrue to the entered boat. Any helm or crew changes need to be requested in writing to the race office and approved by the Organising Authority.

15.4 The crews' race, if sailed, will not form part of the scoring series.

16 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

16.1 [DP] Support person vessels shall be marked with flags or other markings as requested by the Organising Authority

16.2 [DP] Support boats shall register at the Race Office during the registration period, and shall be responsible for any launching fees direct to the appropriate authority.

16.3 [DP] Support person vessels shall remain clear of racing.

17 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

17.1 A chartered or loaned boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules, provided that the race committee has approved her sail identification before the first race.

18 BERTHING

18.1 [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the boat park.

19 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS – does not apply

20 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS – does not apply

21 DATA PROTECTION

21.1 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, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

22 RISK STATEMENT

22.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

22.2 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 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 organizer 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 familiarize 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 safety briefing held for the event.

23 INSURANCE

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

24 PRIZES

24.1 The overall winning boat will be awarded the first-place trophy and the title "National Champion". Additional trophies and prizes, daily prizes and novelty prizes will be awarded according to a list to be published by the Class Association.

25 MEDIA RIGHTS

25.1 Competitors automatically grant to the organizing 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. This may include the use of unmanned aerial vehicles (drones) operated under CAA guidelines.

26 DRONES

26.1 The Organizing Authority may arrange for one or more drones to film all or part of the racing. You consent to drones flying within 10 meters of you and other competitors. Drones are inherently potentially dangerous, and competitors recognize this risk and should avoid any contact with them and in particular should not try to touch them.

26.2 Use of drones by anyone in the vicinity of the course without permission, and in accordance with approval of the OA, is prohibited. Further information on flying drones in the area is available at the [online notice board here](#).

27 ANTI DOPING

27.1 Testing under World Sailing regulation 21.16 Anti-Doping Code by the Royal Yachting Federation or its representatives may be implemented.

28 FURTHER INFORMATION

28.1 For further information please contact The Event Organiser:

Scorpion Class Nationals Coordinator – Dave Elston

Email: dave.elston@gmail.com

END OF NOTICE OF RACE

AMENDMENT HISTORY

Document Revision	Rev Date	Amendments (highlighted in yellow)
1.1	29/02	Minor change to 4.6