

RS Aero 6 and 9 UK National Championships 2023

27th to 29th May 2023

Weymouth & Portland National Sailing Academy

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organising Authority is the Weymouth & Portland National Sailing Academy (WPNSA) in conjunction with RS Aero Class Association.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the notice of race (NoR) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

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.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The Organising Authority implements the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Racing Charter. Competitors shall undertake to sail in accordance with the Charter.
- 1.3 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.
- 1.4 Racing rules, Appendix A2 (scoring), RRS 33 (Changing the next leg of the Course) and RRS 35 (Race time limit and scores) will be changed. The changes will appear, in full, in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on the Official Notice Board from Monday 22nd May 2023.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official noticeboard is located at <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/6045/event?name=rs-aero-6-9-uk-national-championships-2023>.
- 3.2 [DP] While racing, 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.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to boats of the RS Aero 6 and RS Aero 9 classes.
- 4.2 Racing will be held in separate fleets for RS Aero 6 and RS Aero 9 classes. Boats may change their Class entered up to the end of registration.
- 4.3 All competitors shall be a member of the RS Aero Class Association.
- 4.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online form at;
<https://www.rsasailing.org/index.asp?p=event&eid=2385>.
- 4.5 Online Entries are open until midnight on Wednesday 24th May 2023. Entries after this date will only be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority. Competitors should not travel to the venue unless they have confirmed that their entry has been accepted.
- 4.6 To be considered an entry a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.7 A WPNSA Parent/Guardian Consent and Supervision Form must be completed by the Parent or Guardian of any competitor under the age of 18 on the first day of the event. The forms are available online at <https://www.wpnsa.org.uk/parentguardian-consent-and-supervision-form>. The form shall be submitted by 17:00 on Friday 26th May 2023.

5. FEES

- 5.1 Entry fee is £95 per boat.
- 5.2 Late entries after Sunday 21st May are subject to the payment of a late entry surcharge of £20.
- 5.3 If a competitor cancels their entry, they will receive a full refund less £5 administration fee for cancellations up to midnight on Tuesday 23rd May 2023, and at least 85% of the entry fee paid if cancelled on Thursday 25th or Friday 26th May 2023. No refunds for cancellations after Friday 26th May 2023.
- 5.4 Should the Organising Authority cancel the event or reduce the number of competitors, a refund of at least 85% of the entry fee will be made. This will be dependent on the expenditure committed by, and at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

Does not apply.

7. ADVERTISING

- 7.1 [DP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

8. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

Does not apply.

9. SCHEDULE

- 9.1 Racing:

Date	Races	First Warning Signal
Saturday 27 th May	3	12:55
Sunday 28 th May	3	10:55
Monday 29 th May	3	10:55

- 9.2 Nine Races are scheduled. The intention is that there will be three races a day. However, at the discretion of the Race Committee a race may be brought forward, or moved back if circumstances require it. No more than 4 races will be sailed in one day.
- 9.4 On the last day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15:00.

10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 10.1 Boats may be inspected at any time.

11. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

- 11.1 RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times while afloat.

12. VENUE

12.1 The Sailing Area will be Portland Harbour or Weymouth Bay.

13. COURSES

13.1 The courses to be sailed will be Windward Leeward or Trapezoid with an additional leeward mark and will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 The Exoneration Penalty and the RYA Arbitration Procedures of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. See the official notice board for details. Decisions from Arbitration can be referred to the protest committee but cannot be reopened or appealed.

14.2 RRS Appendix P applies with P2.1 and P2.2 changed and P2.3 deleted as follows:

P2.1 First and Second Penalty

When a boat is penalized under rule P2.1 for the first or second penalty during the event, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty under rule 44.2. If she fails to take the penalty she shall be disqualified without a hearing.

P2.2 Third and Subsequent Penalties

When a boat is penalised a third or subsequent time during the event, she shall promptly retire. If she fails to do so she shall be disqualified without a hearing and her score shall not be excluded.

P2.3 is deleted.

15. SCORING

15.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

15.2 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2.

15.3 When between four and seven races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.

15.4 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.

16. [DP] [NP] SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

16.1 All support boats will register with the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy by completing an online Event Support Boat Registration Form at <https://www.wpnas.org.uk/event-support-boat-registration-form>. Once submitted, a member of staff will contact you to take the payment of £10 by card.

16.2 All support vessel persons shall comply with the support boat regulations in Appendix A.

17. CHARTERED OR LOANED EQUIPMENT

17.1 The sail numbers on loaned or chartered equipment may be permitted to differ to the hull number. However, competitors shall request permission in writing from the Race Committee to use a different sail number to the hull number.

18. BERTHING

18.1 [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places whilst in the dinghy 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. RIGHTS TO USE NAMES AND LIKENESS

22.1 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.

23. RISK STATEMENT

23.1 RRS 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone".

Sailing by its nature is 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 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 or information produced for the venue or event and to attend any competitors briefing held for the event.

24. INSPECTIONS

24.1 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.

25. INSURANCE

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

26. PRIZES

- 26.1 Prizes may be awarded, dependant on entries and at the discretion of the Race Committee, in each class as follows:
First, Second and Third
First Youth (under 19 on 31st December 2023)
First Female
First Master (men 55 or over on 31st December 2023, women 45 or over on 31st December 2023).
- 26.2 The RS Aero UK National Champion Trophies and titles shall be awarded to the first competitor who is British or with their main residence in the UK.

27 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 27.1 For further information please contact either:
Peter Barton, RS Aero Manager on manager@rsaerosailing.org
Or,
Richard Bowers, Events Coordinator, WPNSA on richard.bowers@wpnsa.org.uk

Appendix A – Support Vessel Regulations

1. On registration coaches will be required to confirm the sail numbers of the boats they are supporting.
2. RRS 37 will be used. Except when responding to the signal in RRS 37, 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.
3. During the event, support boats shall not tow boats participating in the event unless the race committee have signalled that towing is allowed.
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.
5. Kill cords shall be worn at all times whilst engines are running. The Course Safety Leader (CSL) 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.
6. Personal floatation devices shall be worn by all persons in a support boat at all times, except briefing while adjusting clothing, while on the water.
7. Where possible support boats should agree to carry drinks and small bags for sailors without support boats.
8. Support boats shall carry the following equipment on board
 - a. Life jackets/buoyancy aids for the driver and all passengers
 - b. Engine kill cord (also known as a safety lanyard or automatic engine immobiliser) with a spare kill cord on the support boat
 - c. VHF radio - capable of receiving international as well as UK marine channels 37a/M1 (157.850MHz) and P4/M2 (161.425MHz)
 - d. First-aid kit
 - e. Device for making a sound signal
 - f. Compass
 - g. Adequate anchor and tackle for conditions and depth
 - h. Tow rope (minimum 15m long and 10mm thick)
 - i. Safety knife
9. Each support boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.