

RS GAMES 2018

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RS Aero World Championships 2018

4th – 10th August 2018

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

NOTICE OF RACE – updated 3rd May 2018 (subject to approval by the International Jury)

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 – 2020* (RRS).
- 1.2 The national prescriptions that will apply are detailed in Addendum 1.
- 1.3 The RRS will be changed as follows:
 - RRS 31 changed so that marks other than starting and finishing marks may be touched.
 - RRS 35 changed to score boats finishing outside the time limit in their observed position on the course.
 - RRS 40 changed so that RRS 40 applies at all times while afloat. Flag Y will not be displayed.
 - RRS 62.1 changed so that failure to achieve target time is not grounds for redress.
 - 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 The changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions may also change other RRS.
- 1.4 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.

2 ADVERTISING [DP]

- 2.1 Advertising is permitted in accordance with the class rules and World Sailing Regulation 20.
- 2.2 When provided by the OA, boats and competitors shall carry, display or wear the following as instructed:
 - 2.2.1 Coloured bibs for event and/or category leaders;
 - 2.2.2 Event and class sponsor advertising;
 - 2.2.3 Cameras and sound equipment.

3 ELIGIBILITY, ENTRY AND REGISTRATION

- 3.1 The Regatta is open to all boats of the RS Aero Class sailed by a member of the class association.
- 3.2 There will be separate fleet starts for RS Aero 5, RS Aero 7 and RS Aero 9 and the results will not be combined.
- 3.3 Eligible boats may enter online at <http://www.rssailing.org/rsgames/>. Note that chartered or loaned boats shall display the national letters of the competitor and sail numbers of the hull.
- 3.4 Competitors shall register at the RS Games Office and complete all required measurement formalities before racing.
- 3.5 Registration will be complete when each competitor has registered and:
- collected a measurement form from the race office;
 - taken their completed boat and measurement form to the equipment inspection area;
 - had their complete boat inspected and the measurement form completed by an equipment inspector;
 - had their chosen sail stamped (together with any other equipment that the organising authority may select);
 - returned their completed measurement form to the race office.
- 3.6 A Parent/Guardian Consent and Supervision Form must be completed and signed by the Parent or Guardian of any competitor under the age of 18 on the first day of the event and handed in at registration. Forms may be downloaded from <http://www.rssailing.org/rsgames/>.
- 3.7 If a competitor wishes to change fleets during the championship (and therefore have a new entry), they will complete a 'New entry - change of rig' form at the race office not later than one hour before the first warning signal for the race affected by the change of rig. The new entry will be covered by their original entry fee. At the first reasonable opportunity after receipt of a completed 'New entry - change of rig', the Organising Authority will arrange for the new sail to be stamped and for the stamp on the previous sail to be invalidated. Only one change of fleet will be permitted, and the new rig will then be used for the remainder of the championship. The score for all previous races with the new rig will be DNC. The score for all subsequent races with the original rig will be DNC.

4 FEES

- 4.1 The entry fee is:
- For entries received and paid before 1st July 2018 - £240/€280.
 - For entries received and paid before 25th July 2018 - £270/€315.
 - For entries received and paid before 6th August 2018 - £300/€350.
- 4.2 No late entries will be accepted, except as provided in NoR 3.7.
- 4.3 Refunds for cancellation of entries will be as follows:
- When requested before 1st July 2018 - 100%.
 - When requested after 30th June 2018 and before 25th July 2018 - 50%.
 - No refund when requested after 25th July 2018
- 4.4 The entry fee includes:
- One barbecue meal ticket
 - An after-racing pasta snack available to all entrants at the end of each day's racing.

5 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

If there are fewer than 80 entries in a fleet, there will be a single series. If there are 80 or more entries in a fleet, the fleet will be split into two equal flights for the qualifying series, re-flighting each day. The qualifying series will finish at the end of the day on which 6 races are completed for both flights. For the final series, the fleet will be split into two fleets of equal size - gold and silver.

6 SCHEDULE

6.1 Information on arrival procedures and practice sailing facilities will be posted on the event web site.

6.2 The schedule for onshore activities is as follows:

Date	Time	Activity	Location
Saturday 4 th August	09:00 to 18:00	Registration	RS Games office
	14:00 to 18:00	Equipment inspection	Event Hall
Sunday 5 th August	09:00 to 18:00	Registration	RS Games office
	10:00 to 12:00	Equipment inspection	Event Hall
	14:00 to 18:00	Equipment inspection	Event Hall
Monday 6 th August	11:00	Competitor briefing	RS Stage
Friday 10 th August	2 hours after last race finishes	Prize giving	RS Stage

6.3 The schedule for racing is as follows:

Date	First warning signal	Number of races
Monday 6 th August	13:00	2
Tuesday 7 th August	11:30	3
Wednesday 8 th August	11:30	3
Thursday 9 th August	11:30	3
Friday 10 th August	11:30	2

6.4 The Championship will consist of a maximum of 13 races.

6.5 No more than four races will be sailed on any day.

6.6 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15:00 unless fewer than six races have been completed by that time, when no warning signal shall be made after 16:00.

6.7 The race committee reserve the right to modify the programme due to extreme weather conditions or other causes. This may include bringing scheduled races forward, except the first scheduled race.

7 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

Equipment inspectors may weigh, measure or inspect any boat and/or equipment and sails before or after any race at their discretion.

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available by 18.00 on Friday 3rd August on the event website at <http://www.rssailing.org/rsgames/>.

9 VENUE

9.1 The venue is the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy (WPNSA). Further information on WPNSA is available online at www.wpnsa.org.uk.

9.2 Racing will be in Weymouth Bay or Portland Harbour.

10 THE COURSES

10.1 The courses to be sailed will be trapezoid, sausage/triangle or windward/leeward.

10.2 There will be separate starts for each of the three rig sizes.

10.3 The target time for the first finisher in each race is 40 minutes on days when 3 or more races are scheduled, and 50 minutes on days when two races are scheduled. Failure to achieve these target times shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1 RRS Appendix P will apply. RRS P2 will be changed in the sailing instructions by deleting RRS P2.2 and P2.3, and by having RRS P2.1 apply to all penalties.

11.2 Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in Rule 70.5.

12 SCORING

- 12.1 For each fleet, one race shall be completed to constitute a regatta for that fleet.
- 12.2 The total score of each boat will be the sum of her scores as follows:
- (a) When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - (b) When from five to nine races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - (c) When 10 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

13 SUPPORT BOATS & SUPPORT PERSONS [DP]

- 13.1 Upon arrival support boats must report to the WPNSA Reception and pay the appropriate charge, which is £5 per day, per support boat. They must not launch before this requirement has been met.
- 13.2 Except when responding to the prior notified official signal by the Race Officer, 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 the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment of the last race of the day. [DP].
- 13.3 Requirements when competitors are afloat:
- 13.3.1 A competitor shall receive no outside assistance from support boats or support persons or otherwise once she has launched for the day until the competitor returns to the shore, except in the case of adverse weather conditions or when towing is permitted. For the avoidance of doubt, outside assistance includes verbal communication and the transfer of physical items including lunches, spares and advices - each boat is on their own for the day, until they get back ashore.
 - 13.3.2 Towing is only permitted whilst Flag T is displayed, and then tows must be offered to at least six competitors. [DP].
- 13.4 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.
- 13.5 On support boats with outboard engines, kill cords shall be worn at all times whilst engines are running. The Course Safety Leader 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. [DP]
- 13.6 All Support Boats shall attend the Support Boat Briefing, the details of which will be put advised at Registration.
- 13.7 All Support Boats will keep a listening watch on the VHF safety channel, which will be advised at the briefing, and if requested to, by the race committee displaying flag V and a repeated rapid sound signals, assist with safety operations under the instructions of the Course Safety Leader.

14. BERTHING AND TRAILER STORAGE [DP]

- 14.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the dinghy park for the duration of the Regatta unless instructed otherwise.
- 14.2 Trailers will be kept in a special area designated and will be identified on arrival at venue.

15. RADIO COMMUNICATION/ RECORDING EQUIPMENT [DP]

- 15.1 Except in an emergency involving immediate peril to the crew or serious damage to a boat, a boat that is racing shall not make voice, data or radio transmissions and shall not receive any voice, data or radio communication that is not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 15.2 Boats may carry fixed video recording equipment attached to any part of the boat, provided this equipment is not remotely controlled.

16. PRIZES

The overall winning boat of each fleet will be awarded the first place trophy and the title World Champion. Additional prizes may be awarded depending on fleet size and categories (e.g. age groups etc), including the following:

1st - 3rd RS Aero 5

1st - 3rd RS Aero 7

1st - 3rd RS Aero 9

1st - 3rd Lady

1st - 3rd Junior (age under 16 years on 31 December 2018)

1st - 3rd Youth (age under 19 years on 31 December 2018)

1st - 3rd Masters (age 55 years or older on 31 December 2018)

17. RISK STATEMENT

17.1 Rule 4 of the RRS 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 while taking part in the event;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss 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.

17.2 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.

18. DISCLAIMER

The Class Association, its officers, and manufacturer are not liable for any direct indirect or consequential loss, damage, costs, expenses or compensation (other than for gross negligence or death) sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the Regatta. It is for competitors to decide whether their boat, equipment, crew and clothing are fit and suitable to sail in the conditions that they might find. By launching or going to sea competitors confirm they and their boat, clothing and equipment is fit for purpose and for the conditions, and that they are competent to sail and compete in them. This release extends to everyone helping to run the event including patrol boat personnel and beach masters.

19. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

20. DATA PROTECTION

In order to manage the events, information provided by competitors will be held on a database. This information will be available to the International Aero Class Association, WPNSA Ltd. and RS Sailing. The management of personal information and images will comply with the new General Data Protection Regulation Legislation that comes into effect in May 2018. More details will be available in the Sailing Instructions.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact Peter Barton, International RS Aero Class Manager on manager@rsaerosailing.org or go to the event website at <http://www.rssailing.org/rsgames/>.

CHARTER BOATS

Worlds Charter RS Aeros are available, info here;

<https://www.rsaerosailing.org/rsgames/rsgames.asp?clselect=Charter%20Boats&eid=1586&pgid=98>

ADDENDUM 1 NATIONAL PRESCRIPTIONS THAT APPLY TO THE EVENT

The following national prescriptions of the RYA will apply:

Rule 3 – Acceptance of the Rules

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

Rule 5 – Anti-doping

The national authority procedural rules required by World Sailing regulation 21.16 to implement the World Anti-Doping Code through World Sailing Regulation 21 are the **RYA Anti-Doping Rules**, as published on the RYA website.

Rule 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*.