VOLVO NOBLE MARINE RS700 RS800 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2019

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board, situated in the club room.

2.2 A Competitors Briefing will be held on Thurs 5 Sept at 1130hrs in the clubhouse upstairs. Subsequent briefings may be held and will be advised on the Official Notice Board.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be posted for at least two hours before the scheduled start time of the race or races concerned; except that any change to the schedule of races shall be posted by 2000hrs on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole situated at the front of the club house.

4.2 Boats shall not go afloat if flag W is flying.

4.3 When IC flag 'AP' is displayed ashore, '1 minute', in 'Race Signals' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes'. This changes the meaning of AP in RRS Race Signals.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Dates of Racing – Number of Races – First scheduled start time

Thurs 5 Sept	2 races	1300hrs
Fri 6 Sept	3 races	1230hrs
Sat 7 Sept	3 races	1230hrs
Sun 8 Sept	2 races	1200hrs

One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that the class becomes no more than one race ahead of schedule, and the change is made in accordance with SI 3.1. No more than 4 races will be sailed in any one day.

5.2 The warning signal for the first scheduled race on Thurs 5 Sept will be at 1255hrs. On subsequent days the warning signal for the first scheduled race will be at 1225hrs, except for the final day Sun 8 Sept when it will be at 1155hrs.

5.3 On the last day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1430hrs.

5.4 In the event of a race being recalled, restarted, re-sailed or abandoned the next race sailed will be that race with subsequence races being sailed thereafter in their scheduled order.

6 CLASS FLAGS

6.1 The class flags will be black RS700 lettering on grey background, and black RS800 lettering on white background.

7 RACING AREA

7.1 The racing area will be Eastbourne Bay.

8 THE COURSES

8.1 The diagrams in Appendix A show the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.2 The number of laps to be sailed will be indicated on the Committee Boat for each course either written on a notice board or by flying the appropriate numeral pennant.

8.3 If one of two gate marks is missing and has not been replaced as described in RRS 34, then the remaining mark shall be rounded to port. This changes RRS 34.

8.4 The approximate bearing of the windward mark may be displayed on the committee boat prior to the warning signal.

9 MARKS

9.1 The course marks are described in Appendix A of these SIs.

10 THE START

10.1 The starting line will be between a mast displaying an orange flag on the Committee Boat at the starboard end and a mast displaying an orange flag on a port end boat.

10.2 When an inner limit mark is laid near the Committee Boat it is a starting limit mark and shall be left to starboard when starting.

10.3 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.1 & A5.

11 MINIMUM WIND STRENGTH

11.1 Races will not be started unless the Race Officer is satisfied that the wind strength over the whole of the course is in excess of 4 knots.

12 CHANGE OF NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finish line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by the original mark.

13 SHORTENING COURSES

13.1 The race may be shortened in accordance with RRS 32.2. All competitors shall complete the number of rounds equal to the leading boat before proceeding to the finish.

13.2 The RS800 fleet may be shortened during a race by the committee boat in its normal position displaying flag S. Boats are then not required to pass through the leeward gate but shall round the port hand mark on its required side, and then proceed to the normal finish line in front of the committee boat. This changes RRS 32.2.

13.3 The RS700 fleet may be shortened during a race by a safety boat in position near the leeward gate displaying flag S. Boats are then not required to pass through the leeward gate but shall round the port hand mark on its required side, and then proceed to the normal finish line behind the committee boat. This changes RRS 32.2.

14 THE FINISH

14.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying a "BLUE " flag on the committee boat and the finishing mark.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

15.1 For all fleets rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

15.2 Boats may touch a mark other than the starting or finishing mark. A boat shall not manhandle a mark when it results in an advantage. This changes RRS 31

16 TIME LIMITS

16.1 The time limit shall be 75 minutes from the valid start for the first boat that sails the course and finishes. If one boat finishes within that limit then the time limit will be amended to 20 minutes after the finishing time of the first boat. Boats failing to finish within the amended time limit shall be scored in their observed positions on the course. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5. Boats finished in this way will be advised of the fact by a safety boat and should stop racing thereafter.

17 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

17.1 Protest forms will be available from the Race Office. They shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

17.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

17.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the expiry of the protest time to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties to, or named as witnesses. It shall be the responsibility of competitors to check the notice board for such notices, obtain their copy of the protest form and make sure that they and their witnesses attend the hearing.

17.4 Where a Class judge a NJ, IJ or official arbitrator is appointed to an event the Exoneration Penalty and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration procedures of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. See official notice board for details.

17.5 For infringements of the rules other than in Parts 1 and 2 of the RRS, the protest committee may award a lesser penalty than disqualification.

17.6 Breaches of instructions 19.2, 22.1, 22.2 and 26 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a).

18 SCORING SYSTEM

18.1 Points will accrue to the helm/helm and crew team named on the entry form and not the boat entered.

18.2 (a) Three races are required to be completed to constitute the series.

(b) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a competitor's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(c) When from 4 -7 races have been completed, a competitor's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

(d) When 8 or more races have been completed, a competitor's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

18.3 To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a competitor may complete a scoring enquiry form available at the race office. If a request for correction is rejected the time limit for requesting redress for the alleged error will run from the time that the rejection is advised to the competitor.

18.4 **Series/event tie:** If, after discard, two or more competitors have the same points total the tie will be broken in accordance with RRS Appendix A8.1.

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

19.1 Personal Flotation Devices for crew members shall be worn at all times whilst afloat, except briefly while adjusting or changing clothing, without flag Y having been displayed. This changes RRS 40.

19.2 A tally system will be used. The tally register and pick up / return point shall be located at the top of the beach at the beach master's station. Tallies are to be worn by both helm and crew on the arm outside all clothing when afloat. Timing for the release of tallies prior to going afloat will be on the instruction of the Race Officer. Tallies should be returned to the tally board within 30 minutes of returning ashore.

19.3 It is the sole responsibility of competitors to ensure they have tallied correctly. This is a safety system for ensuring all sailors are ashore. Boats failing to comply with this procedure will be fined £10 for the first offence. Non-payment of the fine before the final series prize giving will result in disqualification without a hearing from races sailed when untallied. This changes RRS 63.1. Any fines received will be donated to the local branch of the RNLI.

19.4 When the race committee considers that a boat or competitor is in difficulty it may instruct the boat or competitor to accept outside help, retire or sail ashore.

19.5 In accordance with RRS 43.1 and WS Case 89, no clothing or equipment may be worn on the body of helm or crew to carry liquid of any description, even if for the purpose of re-hydration; this includes camelbacks, water bottles and cans of drink.

20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

20.1 For the event only the helm or helm and crew team named on the entry form will be eligible. If a different helm or helm and crew team completes a race in the same boat then they will be considered a separate entry and their results cannot be combined with another helm's results.

20.2 The registered helm and crew may swap roles without restriction. Any such swaps will affect eligibility for some Prize Categories.

20.3 Crews may only be changed during the series of races comprising an event from the person named on entry form with written permission in advance from the Race Committee or Class Representative. If it is known at the start of the event that there will have to be a change crew during the event then both crews should be registered on entry form along with which day(s) they will be sailing.

20.4 **Distinguishing Numbers.** Under exceptional circumstances, the Race Committee may permit a boat to use sails carrying a distinguishing number other than that required by RRS77 and RRS Appendix G. Such permission is only valid if sought in writing and granted at least 2 hours before the advertised start of that day's racing.

21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

21.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

21.2 When Class Association-approved scales are provided at the event, competitors in classes with equalisation shall be measured in accordance with the Class Rules before racing in the event but not more than 24 hours before the first scheduled start. The measurements and the corresponding rack and corrector weight settings shall be recorded on the form provided, available to view by all competitors, and will apply for the duration of the event. If a helm or crew is substituted during the event, the new sailor shall be measured before racing and the boat's rack and corrector weight settings adjusted and recorded to suit.

22 ADVERTISING

22.1 Boats shall display advertising supplied by the organizing authority as specified in the NOR.

22.2 When provided at registration, competitors shall make every reasonable effort to display event sponsors promotional items on their boat and sails as directed. If sponsor promotional items come off whilst racing, competitors must obtain replacement items from the RS Association before the start of racing the following day, if the Association has sufficient stocks available.

22.3 There will be no restriction on the number or coverage of advertisers' logos or slogans except for the front 20% of the forward part of each side of the hull and the foremost 20%

of the mainsail boom bottom, which are reserved for RS Association event sponsors. [see ISAF regulation 20 Advertising Code]

22.4 Any individual caught stealing sponsor promotional items, e.g. flags, banners, prizes, etc. shall be the subject of a report by the Race Committee to the Protest Committee requesting action under RRS 69.2(a).

23 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

23.1 A boat shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions, text messages or cellular phone calls while racing except in an emergency or when using equipment provided by the race committee.

24 SUPPORT BOATS

24.1 Support boats shall be registered with the organizing authority and will be required to comply with event support boat regulations.

24.2 All support boats shall clearly display the identification supplied by the OA at all times while afloat.

24.3 Support persons as defined in the RRS shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the starting sequence until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

25 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

25.1 The race organisers shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/competitor, his skipper or crew as a result of their taking part in the race or races. Moreover, every owner/competitor warrants the suitability of his boat for the race or races.

25.2 The safety of a boat and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/competitor racing the boat, who shall ensure that the boat is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by a crew sufficient in number and experience who are physically fit to face bad weather. The owner/competitor shall be satisfied as to the soundness of the hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. He shall ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and that all crew know where it is kept and how it is to be used.

25.3 Neither the establishment of these Sailing Instructions nor any inspection of the boat under these conditions in any way limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner/competitor for his crew, the boat and the management thereof. The crews are nonetheless advised to satisfy themselves as to the experience of the skipper and the adequacy of all safety equipment and insurance arrangements.

26 TRASH DISPOSAL

26.1 Competitors and their support persons shall not drop trash in the dinghy park or on the beach.

27 INSURANCE

27.1 Each participating boat shall be adequately insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

28 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

28.1 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

29 PRIZES

29.1 The prizes are allocated as follows:

RS700: Top five places overall
1st in Silver fleet
1st Master (50 years or over at the start of the championship)
Fidelis Trophy (1st helm outside main prizes who has competed in at least 3 previous RS700 UK nationals)
Apprentice Trophy (1st helm at their first RS700 nationals)

RS800: Top six places overall
1st Silver Helm
1st Silver Crew
1st Lady Helm
1st Lady Crew
1st Master Helm (45 years or over at the start of the Championship)
1st Master Crew (45 years or over at the start of the Championship, does not need to be sailing with 1st master helm)
1st Youth Helm (under 22 years at the start of Championship)
1st Youth Crew (under 22 years at the start of Championship, does not need to be sailing with 1st youth helm)
Endeavour (highest points score having finished all races)

30 USE OF DRONES

30.1 Event drones (UAVs/UASs) may be used in close proximity to obtain media for an event. This may be on land and/or over water. Any material gained from their use can be used by the event team or sponsors for PR and Media purposes.

Appendix A

Course diagram to follow