

RS700 Weight Compensation Trial for the UK 2019-2020

As agreed at the 2019 AGM, this is the Weight Compensation Trial for the UK 2019-2020 RS700 events. This weight compensation trial is designed to encourage lighter and younger sailors into the class, by making the boat more competitive and appealing to them.

The trial has two main features:

- Completely remove the requirement to carry lead ballast in the boat.
- Spreading the rack settings over a more representative range of sailor weights (i.a.w. the table on the right).

Light to medium weight sailors should see speed increases due less weight and more righting moment, whilst some sailors currently off the scale will be brought into the new range. It is emphasised that this is a weight compensation system, not a weight equalisation system; heavy sailors will have the advantage in strong winds and lighter sailors will have the advantage in light winds... every sailor has their day!

This trial weight compensation system will be used in all UK RS700 events from Brightlingsea SkiffFest in Oct 19 through to and including the 2020 National Championships. The decision will be made at the 2020 AGM as to whether this trial weight compensation system (or a modification of it) should be put forward for a wider RS700 Class Association vote for its embodiment into RS700 Class Rules.

There was unanimous agreement from the 15 RS700 sailors present at the 2019 AGM to the RS700 Weight Compensation Trial proposal.

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