



Volvo Noble Marine RS700 & RS800 National Championships 2020

Hosted by Exe Sailing Club

Organising Authority – Exe Sailing Club in conjunction with the UK RS Class Association

NOTICE OF RACE

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

1.2 The prescriptions of the RYA will apply.

1.3 The Rules of the RS700 and RS800 Classes will apply.

1.3 The racing rules will be changed as follows. The changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.

RRS 31 is changed so that marks other than starting and finishing marks may be touched without penalty.

RRS 40 changed so that Personal Floatation Devices shall be worn at all times while afloat except when changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.

RRS 44.1 is changed so that the two-turns penalty is replaced by the one-turn penalty.

RRS 63.1 changed so that for breaking certain rules boats can be disqualified without a hearing.

2 ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 Entry is open to all boats of the RS700 and RS800 Class.

3.2 Either the helm or crew must be a member of the RS700 or RS800 Class Association.

3.3 Eligible boats may enter on-line:

RS700 at <https://www.rs700.org/championships/mindex.asp?eid=1949>

RS800 at <https://www.rs800.org/championships/cindex.asp?clselect=Home&eid=1813>

3.4 No on-line entries will be accepted after 0001hrs Mon 6 Sept 20. Paper entries may be made at registration.

- 3.5 Any competitors aged under 18 shall complete an Under 18s Consent Form. This can be downloaded from the RS Class Association websites and should be completed and handed in at registration.

4 FEES

Required fees are as follows:

Early entry and payment before 0001hrs Sat 20 June: RS700 £135, RS800 £170

Early youth entry and payment before 0001hrs Sat 20 June: RS700 £125, RS800 £160 (for helms aged 22 or below at start of Championship)

Early weekend entry and payment before 0001hrs Sat 20 June: RS700 £68, RS800 £90

Standard entry and payment before 0001hrs Mon 7 Sept: RS700 £175, RS800 £210

Standard youth entry and payment before 0001hrs Mon 7 Sept: RS700 £165, RS800 £200 (for helms aged 22 or below at start of Championship)

Standard weekend entry and payment before 0001hrs Mon 7 Sept: RS700 £88, RS800 £110

Entry and payment at registration will be subject to £5 late fee per boat

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Registration will take place in the wet room downstairs and be held on Wed 9 Sept between 1400 and 1800hrs, on Thurs 10 Sept between 0900 and 1000hrs, and on Sat 12 Sept and between 0900 and 1000hrs (for weekend entries).

- 5.2 A competitor briefing will be held at 1000hrs on Thurs 10 Sept.

- 5.2 Dates of racing, number of races, and first scheduled warning signal:

Thurs 10 Sept	2 races	1155hrs
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Fri 11 Sept	3 races	1125hrs
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Sat 12 Sept	3 races	1155hrs
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Sun 13 Sept	2 races	1125hrs
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6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available online at

<https://www.rs800.org/championships/cindex.asp?clselect=Racing&eid=1813>

and on the Official Notice Board which will be in the wet room downstairs.

7 VENUE

- 7.1 Sailing will be in Lyme Bay.

- 7.2 Venue information is available on-line at <https://www.exe-sailing-club.org/about-us.html>

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 Details will be provided in the sailing instructions.

9 SCORING

- 9.1 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

- 9.2 (a) When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When from four to seven races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- (c) 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.

10 SUPPORT BOATS AND PERSONNEL [DP]

- 10.1 All support boats shall have registered by close of registration on Wed 9 Sept 2020. See NOR 5.1.
- 10.2 All support boats and personnel shall adhere to the "Event Support Boat Regulations – RS700 and RS800 National Championships 2020 Exe SC". This includes attendance at a Support Boat Briefing on Thurs 10 Sept (time to be confirmed at registration) and providing a named coxswain along with full list of persons going afloat during the competition, and a list of those competitors being supported at the event.

11 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. [DP]

12 PRIZES

The overall winner of the Championship fleet series will be awarded the first place keeper prize. The first UK boat will be awarded the title National Champion(s) and the National Champion trophy. The RS800 Spinlock 1999 Award will be awarded to the best placed old style deck RS800 with sail number lower than 1118. Other prizes may be presented at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

13 RISK STATEMENT

Rule 4 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 safety briefing held for the event.

14 INSURANCE

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

15 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact Clare Sargent on clare@rs-association.com

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