



Volvo Noble Marine RS700 & RS800 National Championships 2020

12th – 15th September 2020

The Organising Authority is the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy (WPNSA) 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.
- 1.4 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.

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/index.asp?eid=1949>
RS800 at <https://www.rs800.org/championships/index.asp?eid=1813>
- 3.4 The closing date entries is midnight on Wednesday 9th September.
- 3.5 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. They may be downloaded here: <https://www.rs800.org/documents/p1dvr576u09731sl6pts1uuu1sul3.pdf> and must be emailed to clare@rs-association.com prior to the event.

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 Thurs 10 Sept: RS700 £175, RS800 £210

Standard youth entry and payment before 0001hrs Thurs 10 Sept: RS700 £165, RS800 £200 (for helms aged 22 or below at start of Championship)

Standard weekend entry and payment before 0001hrs Thurs 10 Sept: RS700 £88, RS800 £110

5 SCHEDULE

5.1 Registration will be online and details of how to do this will be included in the sailing instructions.

5.2 A competitor briefing will be posted online and available in the evening on Friday 11th September 2020. Following this there will be an opportunity for sailors to ask questions electronically and the answers posted on the official notice board the following morning before racing.

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

Sat 12 th Sep	2 races	13:25
Sun 13 th Sep	3 races	11:25
Mon 14 th Sep	3 races	11:25
Tue 15 th Sep	2 races	11:25

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available online at <https://www.wpnsa.org.uk/events/rs700-rs800-national-championships-2020>, which will also be the link for the Official Notice Board.

7 VENUE

The race area will be in Portland Harbour or Weymouth Bay.

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 online with WPNSA by completing the Temporary Membership Form (<https://www.wpnsa.org.uk/temporary-membership-form>) stating that they are a support boat for the RS700 & RS800 Nationals. Once completed the WPNSA Reception will make contact for payment of £5 per support boat per day for launching and berthing.
- 10.2 Personal equipment such as food bags, drinks, spare parts and extra clothing will not be stored on any official boat for the duration of the event. Competitors should ensure that they carry sufficient food and water on their own boat.

11 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 11.1 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]
- 11.2 Competitors should note that it is anticipated that all communication for this event will be online. Competitors shall note that the WPNSA WIFI system may not be accessible and they must have a device which can connect to the internet via an alternative means.

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 competitors briefing held for the event.

14 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be adequately insured with valid third-party liability insurance. £3,000,000.

15 COVID STATEMENT

By taking part in any of the events covered by this notice of race, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force from time to time in respect of COVID-19 and for complying with the WPNSA/Organising Authority COVID-19 procedures.

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

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

END OF NOTICE OF RACE

FURTHER INFORMATION:

There may be significant changes in Government and/or local Government COVID-19 guidance, regulation and operating procedures between the issue date of this document and the event date, we will endeavour to keep competitors informed. We would, however, ask that all competitors and volunteers take action to keep themselves informed of any changes in guidance.

Part of our operational plan is shown below

- a) We will, as an Organising Authority, take a considerate and conservative approach to the racing and the wind strength, sea state and the ability of competitors. This may mean postponements to starts. This is to ensure that we minimise as much as we can the impact on the local community. We will however endeavour to meet the programme as laid out in the Notice of Race.
- b) We have to maintain control of launching/recovery and the dinghy park. There may be special requirements for launching, recovery and the hygiene of boats and equipment, it is the responsibility of every competitor to make themselves aware of those regulations and to follow them.
- c) Competitors and other persons attending in connection with the event should be prepared to provide their own PPE, should Government guidelines change. This may include amongst other items, hand sanitiser and face masks. Please make yourselves aware of the current regulations and guidance.
- d) Social distancing and gatherings should be in accordance with regulations and guidelines, including any mitigation.
- e) The changing facilities onsite will be closed, except for the toilets.
- f) Other catering facilities will be limited and they only accept payment by credit or debit card.