RS Games
RS Feva World Championship 2022

Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy

Thursday 21st to Wednesday 27th July 2022

Notice of Race (NoR)

The Organising Authority is the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy (WPNSA) in conjunction with the International RS Feva Class Association (IRSFCA) and RS Sailing.

1. RULES

1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.

1.2. The prescriptions of the National Authority will apply.

1.3. The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1.4. RRS Appendix T will apply.

1.5. RRS 35 is changed so that after the first boat has finished, boats may be finished based on their observed position on the course.

1.6. RRS 40.1 applies at all times while afloat. [DP].

1.7. 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.

1.8. The RRS changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.

1.9. Protocols relating to COVID-19 may be published at any time and will state if they have a status of a rule. [DP] [NP].

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1. The sailing instructions will be available online at: www.rssailing.com/rsgames, from at least three days prior to the event.

3. COMMUNICATION

3.1. The official notice board is located at: www.rssailing.com/rsgames.

3.2. From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. [DP].

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1. The event is open to all boats of the RS Feva XL Class.

4.2. Eligible boats may enter online at www.rssailing.com/rsgames.

4.3. To be considered an entry for the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

4.4. All competitors under 18 years of age on the first day of the event are required to complete the Parent/Guardian Consent details as part on the online entry process. Further information regarding the supervision of the competitor will be requested prior to the event.

4.5. After entry applications are opened and until the start of the event the Organising Authority will monitor the COVID-19 pandemic or other potential disruptions to the event and, having regard for the health and safety of all participants as well as any government travel restrictions or government mandated conditions on gatherings that affect participation in or conduct of the event, may at its sole discretion:

- 4.5.1. Postpone or cancel the event
- 4.5.2. Change the status of the event
- 4.5.3. Alter the maximum number of entries
- 4.5.4. Make any other decision deemed necessary in the circumstances.

5. FEES

5.1. The entry fees are as follows and shall be paid in full by the relevant date:

- 5.1.1. £325 per boat for early bird entries up to midnight on Monday 28th February 2022.
- 5.1.2. £360 per boat for standard entries from Tuesday 1st March up to midnight on Saturday 30th April 2022.
- 5.1.3. £400 per boat for late entries from Sunday 1st May 2022 up to midnight on Thursday 30th June 2022.

5.2. The closing date for entries is midnight on Thursday 30th June 2022. Entries after this date are at the discretion of the Organising Authority, contact lucy@rssailing.com to request a late entry. If permission is granted there will be an additional late entry fee of £50 per boat.

5.3. If a competitor cancels their entry, the refund will be as follows:

- 5.3.1. A full refund of the entry fee paid less £10 administration fee for cancellations up to midnight on Saturday 30th April 2022.
- 5.3.2. A refund of 50% of the entry fee paid if cancelled by midnight on Thursday 30th June 2022.
- 5.3.3. No refunds for cancellations after Thursday 30th June 2022.

5.4. Should the Organising Authority cancel the event or reduce the number of competitors, a refund of at least 85% of the entry fee will be made. This will be dependent on the expenditure committed to by, and at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

6. ADVERTISING

6.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority. See World Sailing Advertising Code.

7. FORMAT OF RACING

7.1. The event will be run as single series for each fleet, or, with a large number of entries in a fleet, it may be divided into groups and racing will consist of a qualifying series and final series for that fleet.

8. SCHEDULE

8.1. Registration will be in the RS Games Office which is open daily from 09:00 to 17:00 (as a minimum) during the RS Games. All competitors shall be registered by 15:00 on Friday 22nd July 2022.

8.2. During registration all boats shall complete a self declaration form to declare which sails will be used for the event. The form will be available on the website in advance.

8.3. There will be a competitor briefing in the RS Sailing Hub at 16:00 on Friday 22nd July 2022.

8.4. The schedule is as follows:

Date	First Warning Signal	No. of Races
Sat 23rd Jul	11:00	3
Sun 24th Jul	TBA	3
Mon 25th Jul	TBA	3
Tue 26th Jul	TBA	3
Wed 27th Jul	TBA	2

8.5. The event will consist of 14 races. The intention is that there will be no more than three races a day. However, additional races may be sailed either in advance or arrears in order to complete the programme if weather or other reasons dictate.

8.6. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15:00.

9. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

9.1. The International RS Feva Class Association reserve the right to nominate a representative to scrutineer competing boats before and during the regatta to ensure compliance with the class rules. [DP].

9.2. Boats shall comply with RRS 78.1 when presented for inspection. [DP].

10. VENUE

10.1. The venue is the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy, Osprey Quay, Portland, Dorset, DT5 1SA.

10.2. The racing area will be in Portland Harbour or Weymouth Bay.

11. COURSES

11.1. The courses to be sailed will be inner and outer trapezoid.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1. RRS Appendix P will apply. RRS P2 is changed by deleting RRS P2.2 and P2.3. RRS P2.1 will apply to all Appendix P penalties and the penalty will be a One-Turn Penalty.

12.2. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty.

12.3. The penalty for breaches of rules, including Class Rules, other that RRS Parts 1 and 2 may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification and will be stated as [DP] in the NOR. This does not change RRS 69.

12.4. The intention is to appoint an international jury as provided in RRS 70.5.

12.5. The right of appeal from a protest committee decision is denied as provided in RRS 70.5(a)/70.5(b)/70.5(c).

13. SCORING

13.1. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

13.2. The total score of each boat will be the sum of her scores as follows:

13.2.1. When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

13.2.2. 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.

13.2.3. 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 score.

13.3. The scoring system to be used if a qualifying series and final series is used will be detailed in the sailing instructions.

14. SUPPORT PERSONS VESSELS [DP]

14.1. All support boats will register with the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy by completing an online Event Support Boat Registration Form at https:\\www.wpnsa.org.uk/event-support-boat-registration-form. Once submitted, a member of staff will contact you to arrange payment of £10 per support boat per day.

14.2. All support persons vessels will be required to comply with the Support Boat Regulations in Appendix One.

15. CHARTERED BOATS

15.1. Charter boats will be available to book at the time of entry. Details are available on the RS Games website.

16. BERTHING

16.1. Boats shall be kept in their assigned spaces whilst in the boat park. [DP] [NP].

17. DATA PROTECTION

17.1. The personal information you provide to the Organising Authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the Organising Authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with racingrulesofsailing.org, RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

18. RIGHTS TO USE NAMES AND LIKENESS

18.1. Competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event.

19. COVID STATEMENT [DP] [NP]

19.1. 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 and Organising Authority COVID-19 procedures. Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.

20. RISK STATEMENT

Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing 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 whilst taking part in the event;

(b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their 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 and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any competitors briefing held for the event.

21. INSPECTIONS

21.1. 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.

22. INSURANCE

22.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

23. PRIZES

23.1. Prizes will be awarded as follows:
1st – 10th Overall
1st – 6th Silver Fleet
1st – 3rd Bronze Fleet (if entry exceeds 130 boats)
1st – 3rd Junior (helm and crew aged 13 or under on 31st December 2022)
1st – 3rd Female (helm and crew both female)
1st – 3rd Family (or close relatives)
Spot prizes may be awarded at daily prize-giving

23.2. Titles will be awarded as follows:
RS Feva World Champion (1st boat helm and crew aged 18 or under on 31st December 2022)
RS Feva Open Champion (this will only be awarded if the first boat does not meet the age criteria above)
First Ladies Boat (helm and crew both female)
First Junior Boat (helm and crew both aged 13 or under on the 31st December 2022)

24. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact

Lucy Jameson, Events Coordinator, RS Sailing at lucy@rssailing.com

or

Sally Reynoldson, Events Supervisor, WPNSA at sally.reynoldson@wpnsa.org.uk

APPENDIX ONE – SUPPORT VESSELS REGULATIONS

1. Support vessels will be required to register at the RS Games Office once at WPNSA and before launching their vessel.
2. On registration coaches will be required to confirm the sail numbers of the boats they are supporting.
3. All support boats are required to display an identification flag whenever on the water during the event. Flags will be assigned when registering and a £20 or €20 cash deposit is required for the flag. The deposit will be returned when the flag is returned to the RS Games Office at the end of the event.
4. RRS 37 will be used. Except when responding to the signal in RRS 37, 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 retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
5. During the event, support boats shall not tow boats participating in the event unless the race committee have signalled that towing is allowed.
6. 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.
7. Kill cords shall be worn at all times whilst engines are running. The Course Safety Leader (CSL) 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.
8. Personal floatation devices shall be worn by all persons in a support boat at all times, except briefing while adjusting clothing, while on the water.
9. Where possible support boats should agree to carry drinks and small bags for sailors without support boats.
10. All Support Boat drivers shall attend the Support Boat Briefing. Details will be advised in the Sailing Instructions.
11. Support boats shall carry the following equipment on board
    a. Life jackets / buoyance aids for the driver and all passengers,
    b. Engine kill cord (also known as a safety lanyard or automatic engine immobiliser) with a spare kill cord on the support boat
    c. VHF radio - capable of receiving international as well as UK marine channels 37a/M1 (157.850MHz) and P4/M2 (161.425MHz)
    d. First-aid kit
    e. Device for making a sound signal
    f. Compass
    g. Adequate anchor and tackle for conditions and depth
    h. Tow rope (minimum 15m long and 10mm thick)
    i. Knife
12. Each support boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.