

Volvo Noble Marine
RS400 National Championships
2017
Hosted by Mounts Bay Sailing Club

Organising Authority – Mounts Bay SC in conjunction with the
UK RS400 Class Association

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The International RS Class Associations Rules will apply.
- 1.3 The racing rules will be changed as follows:
 - Rule 31 changed so that marks other than starting and finishing marks may be touched without penalty.
 - Rule 32 changed to allow the race to be shortened at the Committee Boat on station at the finish.
 - Rule 35 changed to score boats finishing outside the time limit in their observed position on the course.
 - Rule 40 changed so that Personal Floatation Devices must be worn at all times while afloat.
 - Rule 63.1 changed so that for breaking certain rules boats can be disqualified without a hearing.The changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.

2 ADVERTISING

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

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 UK RS Class Association rules for membership to be eligible to compete in this event shall apply.
- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter on-line at
<http://www.rs400.org/championships/cindex.asp?eid=1377>
- 3.3 No entries will be accepted after 19th August 2017.

- 3.4 Any competitors who are aged under 18 shall complete an Under 18s Consent Form. This can be downloaded from the 'Document' area of the UK RS Class Association websites and should be completed and handed in at the event.

4 FEES

- 4.1 Required fees are as follows:

Normal entry on or before 10th July 2017 - £169.

Youth entry on or before 10th July 2017 - £144 (for helms aged 22 or below at start of Championship)

Entry after 10th July 2017 - £214.

Youth entry after 10th July 2017 - £189.

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Registration will be between 1400hrs and 1900hrs on Saturday, 19th August and between 0930hrs and 1130hrs on Sunday, 20th August in the MBSC Clubhouse.

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

Sunday 20 th August	2 races	1200hrs
Monday 21 st August	2 races	1200hrs
Tuesday 22 nd August	2 races	1200hrs
Wednesday 23 rd August	2 races	1200hrs
Thursday 24 th August	2 races	1200hrs

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1 The sailing instructions will be available at registration.

7 VENUE

- 7.1 The course area will be located in Mounts Bay to the south of St Michael's Mount.

- 7.2 Venue information is available on-line at
<http://www.rs400.org/championships/cindex.asp?eid=1377>

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 Standard RS Courses will be sailed. Details will be provided in the Sailing Instructions available at registration.

9 SCORING

- 9.1 Three 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.
- 9.3 Points will accrue to the registered helm and crew and not the entered boat. The registered helm and crew may swap roles without restriction.

10 SUPPORT BOATS AND PERSONNEL

- 10.1 All support boats shall be registered with the organising authority and will be required to comply with event support boat regulations.
- 10.2 Support boats with team leaders, coaches and other support personnel 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.

11 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 11.1 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.

12 PRIZES

- 12.1 The overall winners of the Championship fleet series will be awarded the first place trophy and the title National Champions.

13 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 13.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

14 INSURANCE

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

15 RIGHTS AND COPYRIGHT

- 15.1 In participating in this event, any competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority, the Nationals and International Class Associations permission to make, use, and show, from time to time, any motion pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the event without compensation.

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 16.1 For further information please contact Heather Chipperfield on heatherc@rs-association.com or 01590 610273.