

RS Classes Associations

GENERAL NOTICE OF RACE 2019

for UK National Circuit events and Winter, Inland, Spring, Summer, Southern, Northern, Scottish, Youth & Junior and End of Season Championships/Regattas

Organising Authority – RS Classes Associations in conjunction with various yacht and sailing clubs

1. PROGRAMME

- 1.1 The RS Class Association will organise events for all RS classes throughout the year in conjunction with various yacht and sailing clubs. Events governed by this notice will be RS Association organised RS National Tour events, Championships and Regattas. Details of the events and their locations will be published on the RS Associations websites, accessed at <http://www.rssailing.org/>
- 1.2 The UK RS Class Associations may organise additional events or cancel scheduled events if it thinks fit. Members of the UK Class Associations will be informed of such changes through the website, Fast News or mailings.
- 1.3 As set out in All Class Rules, to compete, either the helm or crew shall be a member of one of the following RS Associations – RS100, RS200, RS300, RS400, RS500, RS600, RS700, RS800 or RS Vareo Class Association.

2. RULES

- 2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 2.2 The RS Standard Sailing Instructions set out under ‘Documents’ on the UK RS Class Associations websites, see links in 1.1 above, will govern each event. In addition an Event Appendix will be available at registration with additions and amendments specific to the event.
- 2.3 The racing rules will be changed as follows:
 - For some fleets (RS100/RS300/RS400/RS600/RS700/RS800/RS Vareo) Rule 31 is changed so that marks other than starting and finishing marks may be touched without penalty.
 - Rule 35 changed so that boats finishing outside the time limit may be scored with their observed position on the course.
 - Rule 40 changed so that personal Floatation Devices must be worn at all times while afloat.

Rule 44.1 for all fleets except RS200 and RS Vaneo - the two-turn penalty may be changed to a one turn penalty. For RS200/RS Vaneos, the penalty for hitting marks is one-turn.

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 and Event Appendices. These may also change other racing rules.

3. ADVERTISING

- 3.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.
- 3.2 Competitors in the Rooster National Tours are required to affix a Rooster boom sticker either side of the boom towards the rear of the boom. Boom stickers should be available at Rooster National Tour event registration.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 Competitors may enter either before registration by obtaining an entry form by mail or on-line where available, or at registration. Information regarding the time and place of registration and the entry fee will be available on the website at paragraph 1.1.
- 4.2 Any competitors who are 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 the event.

5. FEES

- 5.1 Details of fees applicable for each event will be available from the host club or RS Office at least 3 weeks before each event.

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Details of the schedule for each event will be available on the RS website or from the RS Office at least 6 weeks before each event.
- 6.2 The RS Racing events will usually comprise of a maximum of 6 races for a two-day event.

7. VENUE

- 7.1 Additional information specific to each venue, including the time of the briefing and the first warning signal, is given under 'Events' on the UK RS Class Associations websites, see link at 1.1 above.

8. COURSES

- 8.1 Course details will be provided in the Event Appendix A, available at registration at each event.

9. SCORING

- 9.1 **Series/event tie:** If, after discard(s), two or more boats have the same points total the tie will be broken in accordance with RRS Appendix A8.1.
- 9.2 Points will accrue to the registered helm, or helm and crew team, and not the entered boat. The registered helm and crew may swap roles without restriction.

10. CIRCUIT SCORING

- 10.1 For the 2019 National Tours, the number of events that can be discarded are as follows:

RS100 National Tour	Details on website
RS200 National Circuit	5 events, 3 to count
RS300 National Tour	8 events, 3 to count
RS400 National Tour	7 events, 4 to count
RS600 National Tour	5 events, 3 to count
RS700 National Tour	5 events, 3 to count
RS800 National Tour	8 events, 5 to count
RS Vareo National Tour	Details on website

- 10.2 If one or more events in the Tours at 10.1 are cancelled then the number of events to count may be reduced by one.

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]

12 PRIZES

- 12.1 Details of prizes for each event will be detailed in the Event Appendix, available at registration at each event.

13 RISK STATEMENT

- 13.1 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

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

15 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 15.1 For further information please contact Association secretaries:
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