



**Noble Marine TridentUK
RS400 National Championships 2021
23rd to 27th August 2021
Hosted by South Shields Sailing Club**



NOTICE OF RACE

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

This event will be organised by South Shields Sailing Club in conjunction with the RS Class Association.

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

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Racing rules Race Signals AP, 31, 33, 35, 44.1, 60.1(a), 60.1(b), 61.3, 62.1(a), 62.2, A2 A5.1 and A5.2 will be changed. The changes appear, in full, in this notice of race or in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available at <https://soshiields-sailing.co.uk/2021-01-03-rs400-nationals-2021/>

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official noticeboard is located at <https://soshiields-sailing.co.uk/2021-01-03-rs400-nationals-2021/>

The physical noticeboard will be in the wet room inside the clubhouse at South Shields Sailing Club.

- 3.2 [DP] While racing, 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.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to boats of the RS400 class.
- 4.2 The helm must be a full, honorary, family, youth or block member of the RS Class Association and crew must be a full, honorary, family, youth, block member or crew member of the RS Class Association, except where the helm has a valid 'any crew' extension to their membership.
- 4.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online form at <https://www.rs400.org/championships/index.asp?eid=2089>
- 4.4 To be considered an entry, a boat shall have completed all required entry documentation,

met all entry requirements (e.g. consent, class membership), and have paid fees in full.

- 4.5 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.
- 4.6 No entries will be accepted after 0001 on 09 August 2021.
- 4.7 The Organising Authority may cancel the event, reject or cancel entries in its absolute discretion, subject to RRS 76.
- 4.8 Should the Organising Authority cancel a class or reject an entry they shall refund the entry fee in full.
- 4.9 Should the Organising Authority cancel the event within 36 hours prior to the scheduled start of race 1 any refunds will be at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority.

5 FEES

Entry fees are as follows:

Class	Early entry fee until 31 st May 2021	Standard Fee
RS400	£225.00	£255.00
Youth entry	£205.00	£235.00

Youth helm is aged 22 or under at the start of the championship.

6 CREW LIMITATIONS

Does not apply.

7 ADVERTISING

[DP] [NP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

8 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

Does not apply.

9 SCHEDULE

- 9.1 Registration Sun 22nd August 1600 to 1900, Mon 23rd August 0900 to 1030.
- 9.2 Briefing – A briefing will be held at 1030 on Mon 23rd August.
- 9.3 Racing:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Race</i>
Mon 23 rd Aug	Races 1 & 2
Tues 24 th Aug	Races 3 & 4
Weds 25 th Aug	Races 5 & 6
Thurs 25 th Aug	Races 7 & 8
Fri 26 th Aug	Races 9 & 10

- 9.4 10 Races are scheduled.
- 9.5 The scheduled time of the first warning signal of the first race on Mon 23rd Aug is 1255. The scheduled time of the first warning signal of the first race on remaining race days is 1155.

9.6 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1500.

10 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

10.1 Boats may be inspected at any time.

11 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times while afloat.

12 VENUE

The Sailing Area will be on the North Sea adjacent to the mouth of River Tyne, either in the adjacent bay to the north, or the adjacent bay to the south.

13 COURSES

13.1 The courses to be sailed will be Windward Leeward

13.2 Line starts are intended. Gate starts will be provided for. See SIs

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

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

15 SCORING

15.1 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

15.2 (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 from eight to ten races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

This changes RRS A2.

16 [DP] [NP] SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

16.1 No support vessels will be permitted at this event.

17 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

Does not apply.

18 BERTHING

[DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the dinghy park.

19 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Does not apply.

20 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Does not apply.

21 DATA PROTECTION

The Class Data Processing Policy is available on the class website.

22 RISK STATEMENT

22.1 RRS 3 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.

22.2 [NP] [DP] 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 venue/OA/sailing club 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 be unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.

23 INSURANCE

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

24 PRIZES

24.1 The overall winner of the Championship fleet series will be awarded the first place trophy and title National Champion(s).

24.2 Other prizes may be awarded, dependant on entries and at the discretion of the Organising Committee, as follows:

First 5 places overall

Silver Division first 3 places

Bronze division first 3 places

1st Lady helm

1st Lady crew

1st Master Helm (aged 50 or over at start of Championship)

1st Grandmaster helm (aged 60 or over at start of Championship)

Loving Cup (1st couple)

25 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact Sally Campbell, RS400 Class Secretary via sally@rs-association.com



Figure 1 - Location of South Shields Sailing Club



Figure 2- Sailing Area

END OF NOTICE OF RACE