



**Noble Marine Rooster  
RS400 National Championships 2023  
31 July to 4 August 2023  
Hosted by Mount's Bay Sailing Club**



## NOTICE OF RACE

### ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The event will be organized by Mount's Bay Sailing Club in conjunction with the RS Class Association.

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. RULES

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. Racing rules 31, 33, 34, 35, 44.1, 60.1(a), 60.1(b), 62.1(a), A2, A5 and Race Signals AP 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 rules.

### 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available at registration and may be available on the organizing authority's web site beforehand.

### 3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The official noticeboard is in the Mount's Bay Sailing Club dinghy pen adjacent to the race office.
- 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://rs-association.com>.

- 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. An Under 18s Consent Form must be completed for each competitor under 18 years of age. This form is available from the RS Class Association website and should be handed in at registration.
- 4.6. The closing date for entries is midnight on 24 July 2023. Entries after this date are at the discretion of the organizing authority and must be made in writing (contact [sally@rs-association.com](mailto:sally@rs-association.com)).
- 4.7. The organizing authority may cancel the event, reject or cancel entries at its absolute discretion, subject to RRS 76.
- 4.8. Subject to 4.9 below, should the organizing authority cancel the event or reject an entry they shall refund the entry fee in full.
- 4.9. Should the organizing authority cancel the event within 36 hours prior to the scheduled start of race one any refunds will be at the sole discretion of the organizing authority.

## **5. FEES**

Entry fees are:

Early entry fee (until 15 May 2023) £290

Standard entry fee £340

## **6. CREW LIMITATIONS**

Does not apply.

## **7. ADVERTISING**

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

## **8. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES**

Does not apply.

## **9. SCHEDULE**

- 9.1. Registration will take place in the Mount's Bay Sailing Club clubhouse on Sunday 30 July 2023 from 1600 to 1930hrs and on Monday 31 July 2023 from 0900 to 1030hrs.
- 9.2. A Briefing will be held in the Mount's Bay Sailing Club clubhouse on Sunday 30 July 2023 at 2000hrs.

9.3. Schedule of races:

Ten races are scheduled.

Date	Race	Scheduled time of warning signal
Monday 31 July	Race 1	1155hrs
	Race 2	As soon as possible after the finish of race 1
Tuesday 1 August	Race 3	1155hrs
	Race 4	As soon as possible after the finish of race 3
Wednesday 2 August	Race 5	1155hrs
	Race 6	As soon as possible after the finish of race 5
Thursday 3 August	Race 7	1155hrs
	Race 8	As soon as possible after the finish of race 7
Friday 4 August	Race 9	1155hrs
	Race 10	As soon as possible after the finish of race 9

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

## 10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTIONS

- 10.1. Boats may be inspected at any time.
- 10.2. 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.

## 11. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

- 11.1. RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times while afloat during the event.
- 11.2. [NP] [DP] Boats must have on board a rope specifically for towing purposes only. This rope must be not less than 10 metres in length and not less than 8 mm in diameter.

## 12. VENUE

Racing will take place in Penzance Bay, known locally as Mount's Bay, generally to the south and west of St. Michael's Mount. Admiralty Chart SC2345 covers this area.

## 13. COURSES

- 13.1. The courses to be sailed will be Windward Leeward.
- 13.2. Starts will be gate and / or line starts.

## 14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 14.2. The Post Race Penalty and the RYA Arbitration Procedures of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. See the official notice board for details. Decisions from arbitration can be referred to the protest committee but cannot be reopened or appealed.

## 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. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS**

[DP] [NP] No support vessels will be permitted at this event.

## **17. BERTHING**

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

## **18. DATA PROTECTION**

- 18.1. Competitors' and support persons' personal information provided to the organizing authority will be used to facilitate participation in the event. The legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. Personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the organizing authority's privacy policy, which is published on its website at [mbsc.org.uk](http://mbsc.org.uk). When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the Royal Yachting Association and / or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.
- 18.2. The Class Data Processing Policy is available on the class website.
- 18.3. Competitors and support persons grant to the organizing 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. 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 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 organizer 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; and
- (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 safety briefing held for the event.

## **20. INSURANCE**

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.

## **21. PRIZES**

- 21.1. The overall winner of the Championship fleet series will be awarded the first place trophy and title National Champion(s).
- 21.2. 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).

## **22. FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please contact Sally Campbell, RS400 Class Secretary, by email to [sally@rs-association.com](mailto:sally@rs-association.com).