



# UK 29er Class National and Open Championships 22<sup>nd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy

## Notice of Race

The Organising Authority is the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy (WPNSA) in conjunction with the UK 29er Class Association

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2. The Organising Authority implements the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Racing Charter. Competitors shall undertake to sail in accordance with the Charter.
- 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 40.1 applies at all times while afloat. [DP]
- 1.5. 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.
- 1.6. RRS Appendix T (Arbitration) will apply.
- 1.7. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

### 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available on the online Official Notice Board at least three days prior to the event.

### 3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The official notice board is located online at [29er.uk/nationals](http://29er.uk/nationals).
- 3.2. [DP] 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.
- 3.3. The race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors via the Telegram messaging system as outlined in Appendix C.

#### 4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1. The event is open to all boats of the International 29er Class & UK 29er Class Association. 4.2. Both helm and crew of GBR entries shall be members of the UK 29er Class Association. Overseas boats are welcome and shall be International 29er Class Association members but are only eligible for open title prizes. 4.3. Russian and Belarusian nationals are not permitted to enter the event.

4.4. Entries will only be accepted online at <https://29eruk.ourclubadmin.com/event.php?event=365>. 4.5. To be considered an entry for the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees. Entries are only confirmed once all fees have been paid. Any unpaid entries will remain on the waiting list. 4.6. Late entries after 7<sup>th</sup> July are at the discretion of the Organising Authority, contact [events@29ersailing.org.uk](mailto:events@29ersailing.org.uk) to request.

#### 5. FEES

5.1. The entry fee and refund policy are as follows:

	Before Midnight On	Fee
Early Entry	30 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	£420
Standard Entry	23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2023	£470
Late Entry	7 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	£525

5.2. Coach Event Registration Fee £75 per person. All registered coaches will have the same rights and access as the participants (including meals & event facilities) subject to clause 16.

5.3. Should a boat cancel their entry, the entry fee will be refunded as follows.

Up to 21<sup>st</sup> May 2023 75% of the entry fee will be refunded.

Up to 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023: 50% of the entry fee will be refunded.

After 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023: Refunds shall not be granted.

5.4. If the event is cancelled by the Organising Authority, each entry shall receive a refund of 75% of the entry fee paid.

#### 6. CREW LIMITATIONS

n/a

#### 7. ADVERTISING

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

7.2 [NP] The Organising Authority will provide bibs that must be worn on the outer layer at all times on the water.

At the discretion of the Race committee, a penalty for failure to comply with this instruction of 5 points may be added to the boat's series score for each infringement, without a hearing. Persistent failure to comply may result in disqualification from the race. Such disqualification is non discardable (DNE).

7.3. When any event sponsor's promotional material is provided by the Organising Authority, competitors shall make every reasonable effort to display it on their boats and/or sails throughout the event, as directed at Registration. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies. [DP].

7.4. Any individual caught stealing sponsor promotional items e.g. flags, banners, prizes, shall be deemed to have committed a gross breach of good manners and may be subject to a hearing under RRS 69.

#### 8. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

8.1. The event will consist of a qualifying and final series.

## 9. SCHEDULE

9.1. The schedule is as follows:

Date	Time	Event	Location
Saturday 22 Jul 23	08:30 – 10:30	Registration	Room 6
	10:30	Competitor Briefing	Event Hall
	12:55	First Warning Signal	Up to 4 qualifying races
Sunday 23 Jul 23	11:25	First Warning Signal	Up to 4 qualifying races
Monday 24 Jul 23	11:25	First Warning Signal	Up to 4 qualifying races
Tuesday 25 Jul 23	11:25	First Warning Signal	Up to 4 final series races
Wednesday 26 Jul 23	11:25	First Warning Signal	Up to 4 final series races

9.2. Requests for registration outside of the scheduled time will be at the discretion of the Organising Authority. 9.3. The event will consist of up to 20 races. The intention is that there will be no more than four 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.

9.4. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15:30.

## 10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

10.1. Competitors shall complete an Equipment Self Declaration Form as a condition of entry for the event. Self declaration forms will be available to download from the event website.

10.2. In accordance with RYA Prescription 78, boats may be inspected or measured (including weighing) at any time.

10.3. Boats may be inspected at any time. [DP].

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

## 11. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

n/a

## 12. VENUE

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

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

## 13. COURSES

13.1. The course to be sailed will be windward/leeward.

## **14. PENALTY SYSTEM**

14.1. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced with by the One-Turn Penalty. 14.2. Appendix P, Special Procedures for RRS 42, will apply. RRS P2.3 will not apply and RRS P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one

## **15. SCORING**

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

15.2. A boat's score for the regatta will be the sum of her qualifying series score and her final series score as calculated below.

### **15.3. Qualifying Series.**

15.3.1. The qualifying series will consist of up to 12 races.

15.3.2. The qualifying series will continue until the end of day three or the end of the day on which the fifth qualifying race is completed, whichever is later.

15.3.3. If at the end of the qualifying series some boats have more race scores than others, scores for the most recent races will be excluded so that all boats have the same number of race scores. 15.3.4. A boat that did not start, did not finish, retired or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats assigned to the largest fleet. This changes RRS A4.2.

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

15.3.6. When four or more qualifying races have been completed, a boat's qualifying series score will be the total of her qualifying race scores excluding her worst qualifying series race score.

### **15.4. Final Series.**

15.4.1. The final series will consist of up to eight races.

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

15.4.3. When four or more final series races have been completed, a boat's final series score will be the total of her final series race scores excluding her worst final series score.

15.4.4. A boat that did not start, did not finish, retired or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats assigned to her fleet. This changes RRS A4.2. 15.4.5. In the final series each fleet will be scored separately and need not have completed the same number of final races.

15.4.6. Boats in the gold fleet will be ranked highest followed by silver, bronze and emerald.

## **16. SUPPORT PERSONS VESSELS [DP]**

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

16.2. All support persons vessels will be required to comply with the Support Person Vessel Regulations in Appendix B.

## **17. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS**

17.1. In accordance with RRS G3 a chartered or loaned boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules, provided that the race committee has approved her sail identification before the first race.

## **18. BERTHING**

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

## **19. DATA PROTECTION**

19.1. 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 Our Club Admin, the RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

## **20. RIGHTS TO USE NAMES AND LIKENESS**

20.1. 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.

## **21. 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.

## **22. INSPECTIONS**

22.1. 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.

## **23. INSURANCE**

23.1. 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.

## **24. PRIZES**

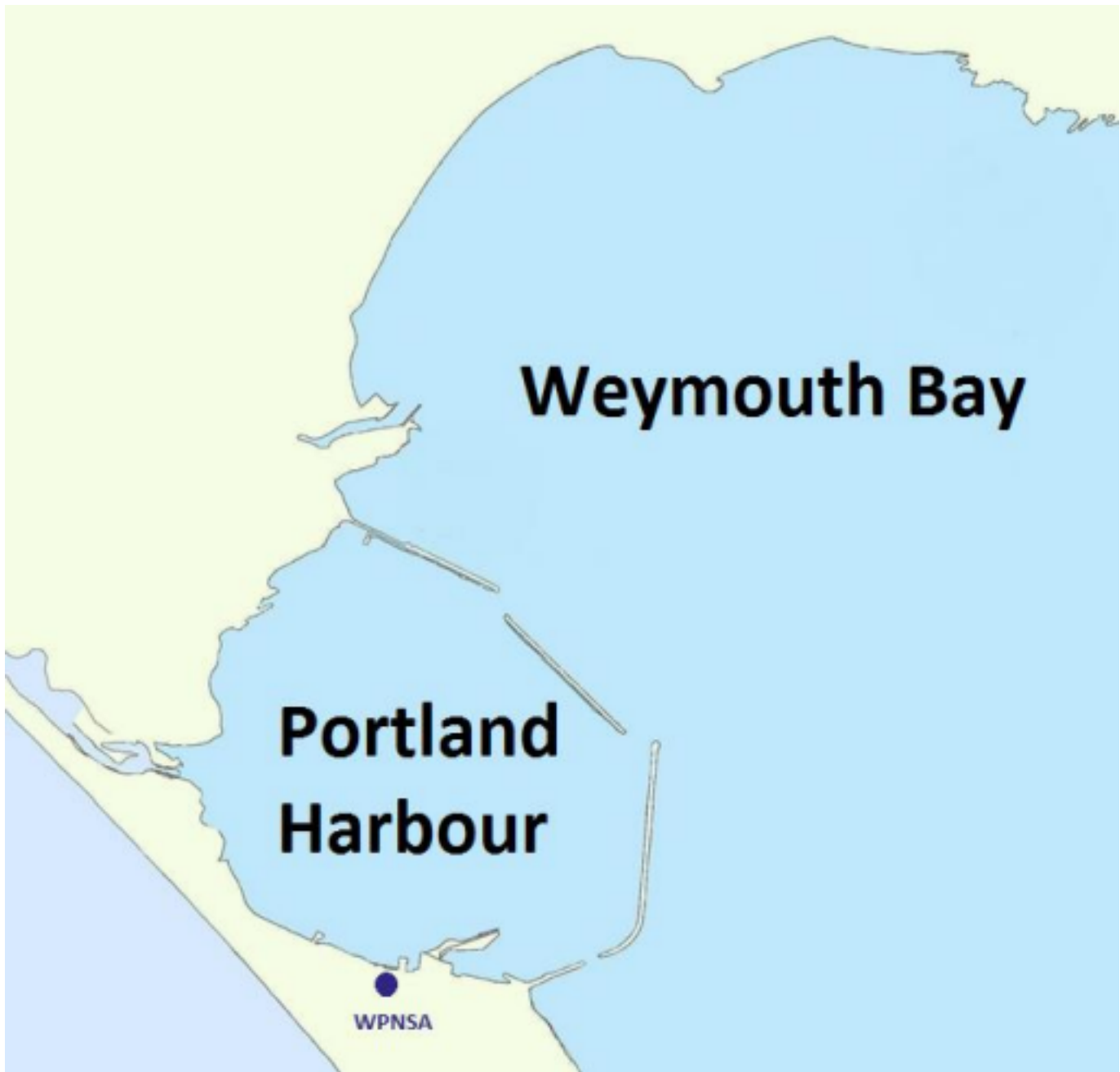
24.1. Prizes will be awarded for:

- Open First Overall (the Championships)
- First British Team (the National Championships)
- First British All Female Team
- First British Adult Team (both aged over 18 on the last day of the event)
- First British Junior Team (both aged under 16 on 1st September 2022)
- First British Youth Team (both aged under 19 on the last day of the event)
- First Overseas Team
- First Mixed British Team
- First British Non-RYA Squad Team (both aged under 19 at the time of the event who have not been in the RYA UK Youth Squad (during 2022/23)
- Second to Sixth overall British Teams
- Second and Third All Female British Teams
- Second and Third British Junior Team (both aged under 16 on 1st September 2022)
- Second and Third Mixed British Team.

## **25. FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please contact [events@29ersailing.org.uk](mailto:events@29ersailing.org.uk) or Sally Reynoldson, Events Supervisor, WPNSA at [sally.reynoldson@wpnsa.org.uk](mailto:sally.reynoldson@wpnsa.org.uk).

**Appendix A – Race Areas**



## **Appendix B – Support Person Vessel Regulations**

1. Support vessels will be required to register at WPNSA Reception before launching their vessel. 2. On registration coaches will be required to confirm the sail numbers of the boats they are supporting. 3. RRS 37 will be used.
4. 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. 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 vessels will be requested to leave the race area immediately if kill cords are not being used appropriately.
6. Personal floatation devices shall be worn by all persons in a support vessel at all times, except briefly while adjusting clothing, while on the water.
7. During the event, support vessels shall not tow boats participating in the event unless the race committee have signalled that towing is allowed.
8. 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.
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 and/or by email once you have registered.
11. Support boats shall carry the following equipment on board
  - a. Life jackets/buoyancy 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. Safety 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.

## **Appendix C – Messaging**

In addition to the Official Notice Board, the Organising Authority may send message to competitors and support persons via the instant messaging application, Telegram.

Telegram is similar to WhatsApp but has better privacy (phone numbers are not public) and does not limit groups to 250 people.

Please download Telegram for your Smart Phone and/or Laptop prior to the event from the links on <https://telegram.org>



Then join the groups below by following the link or scanning the QR codes.

Broadcast: Messages from the Organising Authority and Race Committee:

<https://29er.uk/broadcast>



Queries: Questions to the Organising Authority or Race Committee:

<https://29er.uk/queries>



The speed of answers may vary and may be sent via the broadcast group. Please use this facility as sparingly as possible and certainly not for chat or it will lose its effectiveness.