



RS Feva National Championship 2022

Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy

Saturday 28th to Tuesday 31st May 2022

Notice of Race (NoR)

The Organising Authority is the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy (WPNSA) in conjunction with the UK RS Feva Class Association (UKRSFCA).

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2. 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)
- 1.3. RRS Appendix T will apply.
- 1.4. RRS 35 is changed so that after the first boat has finished, boats may be finished based on their observed position on the course.
- 1.5. RRS 40.1 applies at all times while afloat. [DP].
- 1.6. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty
- 1.7. In the case of conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, SIs will take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.8. Protocols relating to COVID-19 may be published at any time and will state if they have a status of a rule. [DP].

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The official notice board is located at:
https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/events/3334/event_links?name=rs-feva-national-championship-2022.
- 3.2. 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 communication that is not available to all boats. [DP].

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The event is open to all boats of the RS Feva XL Class.
- 4.2. Competing helms and crews shall be members of the UK RS Feva Class Association.
- 4.3. Eligible boats may enter online at www.rsfeva.org.uk.
- 4.4. To be considered an entry for the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.5. All competitors under 18 years of age on the first day of the event are required to complete the Parent/Guardian Consent details as part of the online entry process. Further information regarding the supervision of the competitor may be requested prior to the event.
- 4.6. After entry applications are opened and until the start of the event the Organising Authority will monitor the COVID-19 pandemic or other potential disruptions to the event and, having regard for the health and safety of all participants as well as any government travel restrictions or government mandated conditions on gatherings that affect participation in or conduct of the event, may at its sole discretion:
 - 4.6.1. Postpone or cancel the event.
 - 4.6.2. Change the status of the event.
 - 4.6.3. Alter the maximum number of entries.
 - 4.6.4. Make any other decision deemed necessary in the circumstances.

5. FEES

- 5.1. The entry fees are as follows and shall be paid in full by the relevant date:
 - 5.1.1. £235 per boat for entries up to midnight on Thursday 31st March 2022.
 - 5.1.2. £260 per boat for entries from Friday 1st April up to midnight on Saturday 30th April 2022.
 - 5.1.3. £270 per boat for entries from Sunday 1st May up to midnight on Friday 13th May 2022
- 5.2. The closing date for entries is midnight on Friday 13th May 2022. Entries after this date are at the discretion of the Organising Authority, contact chrissie@rsfeva.org.uk to request a late entry. If permission is granted there will be an additional late entry fee of £50 per boat.
- 5.3. If a competitor cancels their entry, the refund will be as follows:
 - 5.3.1. A full refund of the entry fee paid less £10 administration fee for cancellations up to midnight on Saturday 30th April 2022.
 - 5.3.2. A refund of 50% of the entry fee paid if cancelled by midnight on Friday 13th May 2022.
 - 5.3.3. No refunds for cancellations after midnight on Friday 13th May 2022.
- 5.4. Should the Organising Authority cancel the event or reduce the number of competitors, a refund of at least 85% of the entry fee will be made. This will be dependent on the expenditure committed to by, and at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

6. ADVERTISING

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

7. FORMAT OF RACING

- 7.1. If the entry exceeds 80 boats, the Organising Authority may decide to split the class into fleets with a qualifying and final series. Details to be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

8. SCHEDULE

- 8.1. Registration will be in the Marquee from 15:00 to 18:30 on Friday 27th May and 08:30 to 10:00 on Saturday 28th May 2022.
- 8.2. During registration all boats shall complete a self declaration form to declare which sails will be used for the event. The form will be available on the website in advance.
- 8.3. The competitor briefing will be detailed in the sailing instructions and may be online.
- 8.4. The schedule is as follows:

| Date | First Warning Signal | No. of Races |
|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| Sat 28 th May | 12:55 | 3 |
| Sun 29 th May | 10:55 | 3 |
| Mon 30 th May | 10:55 | 3 |
| Tue 31 st May | 10:55 | 3 |

- 8.5. The event will consist of 12 races. The intention is that there will be no more than three 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.
- 8.6. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15:00.

9. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 9.1. The UK RS Feva Class Association reserve the right to nominate a representative to scrutineer competing boats before and during the regatta to ensure compliance with the class rules. This representative will have only consultancy role, and will not affect the Race Officer [DP].
- 9.2. Boats shall comply with RRS 78.1 when presented for inspection. [DP]

10. VENUE

- 10.1. The venue is the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy, Osprey Quay, Portland, Dorset, DT5 1SA.
- 10.2. The racing area will be in Portland Harbour or Weymouth Bay.

11. COURSES

- 11.1. The courses to be sailed will be inner and outer trapezoid.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1. RRS Appendix P will apply. RRS P2 is changed by deleting RRS P2.2 and P2.3. RRS P2.1 will apply to all Appendix P penalties.
- 12.2. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty.
- 12.3. The penalty for breaches of rules, including class rules, other than RRS Parts 1 and 2 may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. This does not change RRS 69.
- 12.4. The intention is to appoint an international jury as provided in RRS 70.5.
- 12.5. The right of appeal from a protest committee decision is denied as provided in RRS 70.5(a)/70.5(b)/70.5(c).

13. SCORING

- 13.1. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 13.2. The total score of each boat will be the sum of her scores as follows:
 - 13.2.1. When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - 13.2.2. 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.
 - 13.2.3. 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 score.
- 13.3. The scoring system to be used in the qualifying series and final series will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

14. SUPPORT PERSONS VESSELS [DP]

- 14.1. All support boats will register with the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy by completing an online Event Support Boat Registration Form at <https://www.wpnsa.org.uk/event-support-boat-registration-form>. Once submitted, a member of staff will contact you to take the payment of £10 per day by card.
- 14.2. RRS 37 will be used. 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.
- 14.3. 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.
- 14.4. Kill cords shall be worn at all times whilst engines are running. The Course Safety Leader will be looking out for compliance on this issue, there are no excuses and boats will be requested to leave the race area immediately if kill cords are not being used appropriately.
- 14.5. Personal floatation devices shall be worn by all persons in a support boat at all times, except briefing while adjusting clothing, while on the water.
- 14.6. 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.
- 14.7. Where possible support boats should agree to carry drinks and small bags for sailors without support boats.
- 14.8. All Support Boat drivers shall attend the Support Boat Briefing. Details will be advised in the Sailing Instructions.

15. BERTHING

- 15.1. Boats shall be kept in their assigned spaces whilst in the boat park. [DP].
- 15.2. All competitors are requested to ensure their boat's launching trolley is clearly marked with their sail number to assist the beach team. [DP] [NP].

16. DATA PROTECTION

- 16.1. 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 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.

17. RIGHTS TO USE NAMES AND LIKENESS

- 17.1. 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.

18. COVID STATEMENT [DP] [NP]

- 18.1. 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 WPNSA and Organising Authority 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 have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.

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 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.

20. INSPECTIONS

- 20.1. 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.

21. INSURANCE

- 21.1. 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.

22. PRIZES

- 22.1. Prizes will be awarded according to the numbers of entries, but at least:
- 1st to 6th Overall
 - 1st to 3rd Silver Fleet
 - 1st to 3rd Junior (Helm and Crew aged 13 or under on the first day of the event)
 - 1st to 3rd Family (parent and child, siblings or closely related)
 - 1st to 3rd Ladies
 - 1st to 3rd Mixed
 - 1st Club (best three boats from a sailing club – to qualify the club must have a minimum of three boats entered)
 - 1st School Team – Anemoi Regional Challenge (top three scoring boats from a school).
- 22.2. Titles to be awarded as follows
- RS Feva Open Champion – 1st Overall
 - RS Feva National Champion (1st UK boat (Helm and Crew aged 17 or under on the first day of the event)
 - RS Feva National Junior Champion (1st UK boat with Helm and Crew aged 13 or under on the first day of the event).

23. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact

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