



## **Volvo Noble Marine RS100 & RS300 National Championships 2019 Hosted by Porthpean Sailing Club Sailing Instructions**

### **1 RULES**

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

### **2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board, situated in the Porthpean SC Clubhouse.
- 2.2 A Competitors Briefing will be held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 11.30 am in the clubhouse or just outside. Subsequent briefings may be held and will be advised on the Official Notice Board.

### **3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

3.1 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be posted for at least two hours before the scheduled start time of the race or races concerned; except that any change to the schedule of races shall be posted by 20.00 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

### **4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole situated in the Porthpean SC boatyard.
- 4.2 When IC flag 'AP' is displayed ashore, '1 minute', in 'Race Signals' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes'. This changes the meaning of AP in RRS Race Signals.

### **5 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

5.1	Dates of Racing -	Number of Races -	First scheduled start time -	First Warning Signal
	12 <sup>th</sup> September	2 Races,	13.00 hours	12.55 hours
	13 <sup>th</sup> September	3 Races	12.00 hours	11.55 hours
	14 <sup>th</sup> September	3 Races	12.00 hours	11.55 hours

15<sup>th</sup> September

2 Races

10.30 hours

10.25 hours

One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that the class becomes no more than one race ahead of schedule, and the change is made in accordance with SI 3.1. No more than 4 races will be sailed in any one day.

5.2 On the last day of racing no warning signal will be made after 14.00 hours.

5.3 In the event of a race being recalled, restarted, re-sailed or abandoned the next race sailed will be that race with subsequent races being sailed thereafter in their scheduled order.

## **6 CLASS FLAGS**

6.1 The class flag(s) will be the standard RS100 and RS300 class flags - RS100 text on red background and RS300 text on turquoise background.

6.2 RACING AREA

6.3 The racing area will be in St. Austell Bay.

## **7 THE COURSES**

7.1 The diagrams in Appendix A show the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

7.2 The number of laps to be sailed will be indicated on the Committee Boat for each course either written on a notice board or by flying the appropriate numeral pennant.

7.3 If one of two gate marks is missing and has not been replaced as described in RRS 34, then the remaining mark shall be rounded to port. This changes RRS 34 and applies only to the RS100s.

7.4 The approximate bearing of the windward mark may be displayed on the committee boat prior to the warning signal.

## **8 MARKS**

8.1 The course marks are described in Appendix A of these SIs.

## **9 THE START**

9.1 The starting line will be between a mast displaying an orange flag on the Committee Boat at the starboard end and the port-end starting mark.

9.2 When an inner limit mark is laid near the Committee Boat it is a starting limit mark and shall be left to starboard when starting.

9.3 A boat starting later than FIVE minutes after her starting signal MAY be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.1 & A5.

## **10 MINIMUM WIND STRENGTH**

- 10.1 Races will not be started unless the Race Officer is satisfied that the wind strength over the whole of the course is in excess of 4 knots.

## **11 CHANGE OF NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finish line) to a new position.
- 11.2 Minor mark moves (up to approximately 100m) may be made without signalling the change. This changes RRS 33.

## **12 SHORTENING COURSES**

- 13.1 The race may be shortened in accordance with RRS 32.2. All competitors shall complete the number of rounds equal to the leading boat before proceeding to the finish.

## **13 THE FINISH**

- 13.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the committee boat and the finishing mark.

## **14 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 14.1 For all fleets rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty
- 14.2 Boats may touch a mark other than the starting or finishing mark. A boat shall not manhandle a mark when it results in an advantage. This changes RRS 31.

## **15 TIME LIMITS**

- 15.1 The time limit shall be 60 minutes from the valid start for the first boat that sails the course and finishes. If one boat finishes within that limit then the time limit will be amended to 15 minutes after the finishing time of the first boat. Boats failing to finish within the amended time limit shall be scored in their observed positions on the course. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5. Boats finished in this way will be advised of the fact by a safety boat and should stop racing thereafter.

## **16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 16.1 Protest forms will be available from the Race Office. They shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 16.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 16.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the expiry of the protest time to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties to, or named as witnesses. It shall be the responsibility of competitors to check the notice board for such notices, obtain their copy of the protest form and make sure that they and their witnesses attend the hearing.

- 16.4 Where a Class judge a NJ, IJ or official arbitrator is appointed to an event the Exoneration Penalty and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration procedures of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. See official notice board for details.
- 16.5 For infringements of the rules other than in Parts 1 and 2 of the RRS, the protest committee may award a lesser penalty than disqualification.
- 16.6 Breaches of instructions 19.2, 22.1, 22.2 and 26 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a).

## **17 SCORING SYSTEM**

- 17.1 Points will accrue to the helm named on the entry form and not the boat entered.
- 17.2 (a) Three races are required to be completed to constitute the series.
- (b) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a competitor's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (c) When from 4 -7 races have been completed, a competitor's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- (d) When 8 or more races have been completed, a competitor's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 17.3 To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a competitor may complete a scoring enquiry form available at the race office. If a request for correction is rejected the time limit for requesting redress for the alleged error will run from the time that the rejection is advised to the competitor.
- 17.4 **Series/event tie:** If, after discard, two or more competitors have the same points total the tie will be broken in accordance with RRS Appendix A8.1.

## **18 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 18.1 Personal Flotation Devices for crew members shall be worn at all times whilst afloat without flag Y having been displayed. This changes RRS 40.
- 18.2 A tally system will be in operation.
- 18.3 When the race committee considers that a boat or competitor is in difficulty it may instruct the boat or competitor to accept outside help, retire or sail ashore.
- 18.4 In accordance with RRS 43.1 and WS Case 89, no clothing or equipment may be worn on the body of helm or crew to carry liquid of any description, even if for the purpose of re-hydration; this includes camelbacks, water bottles and cans of drink.

## **19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 19.1 For the event only the helm named on the entry form will be eligible. If a different helm completes a race in the same boat, then they will be considered a separate entry and their results cannot be combined with another helm's results.
- 19.2 **Distinguishing Numbers.** Under exceptional circumstances, the Race Committee may permit a boat to use sails carrying a distinguishing number other than that required by RRS77 and RRS Appendix G. Such permission is only valid if sought in writing and granted at least 2 hours before the advertised start of that day's racing.

## **20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

- 20.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

## **21 ADVERTISING**

- 21.1 Boats shall display advertising supplied by the organizing authority as specified in the NOR.
- 21.2 When provided at registration, competitors shall make every reasonable effort to display event sponsors promotional items on their boat and sails as directed. If sponsor promotional items come off whilst racing, competitors must obtain replacement items from the RS Association before the start of racing the following day, if the Association has sufficient stocks available.
- 21.3 There will be no restriction on the number or coverage of advertiser's logos or slogans except for the front 20% of the forward part of each side of the hull and the foremost 20% of the mainsail boom bottom, which are reserved for RS Association event sponsors. [see ISAF regulation 20 Advertising Code]
- 21.4 Any individual caught stealing sponsor promotional items, e.g. flags, banners, prizes, etc. shall be the subject of a report by the Race Committee to the Protest Committee requesting action under RRS 69.2(a).

## **22 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

- 22.1 A boat shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions, text messages or cellular phone calls while racing except in an emergency or when using equipment provided by the race committee.

## **23 SUPPORT BOATS**

- 23.1 Support boats shall be registered with the organizing authority and will be required to comply with event support boat regulations.
- 23.2 All support boats may be required to clearly display identification supplied by the OA at all times while afloat.
- 23.3 Support persons as defined in the RRS shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the starting sequence until all boats have finished, or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

## **24 RISK STATEMENT**

Rule 4 of the RRS 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 while taking part in the event;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss 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.

## **25 TRASH DISPOSAL**

- 25.1 Competitors and their support persons shall not drop trash in the dinghy park or in the sea or on the beach.

## **26 INSURANCE**

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

## **27 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS**

- 27.1 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

## **28 PRIZES**

- 28.1 The prizes are allocated as follows:

### **RS100**

Top 5 places overall

1<sup>st</sup> Youth Helm (under 22 at start of Championship)

1<sup>st</sup> Master (over 55 at start of Championship)

1<sup>st</sup> Silver Division

### **RS300**

Top 5 places overall

1<sup>st</sup> Youth Helm (under 22 at start of Championship)

1<sup>st</sup> Master (over 50 at start of Championship)

1<sup>st</sup> Silver Division

## **29 USE OF DRONES**

- 30.1 Event drones (UAVs/UASs) may be used in close proximity to obtain media for an event. This may be on land and/or over water. Any material gained from their use can be used by the event team or sponsors for PR and Media purposes.