



**Warsash Sailing Club**



## **Notice of Race**

### **RS AERO OPEN MEETING**

**Saturday 17th & Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

**The Warsash Sailing Club Covid Recovery Plan current at the time of this event will apply.**

Warsash Sailing Club (WSC) adopts a cautious approach to organising and running this event. Government regulations and RYA guidance shall apply to all members and visitors, who participate, or provide on the water assistance. The Club may cancel the event at short notice, because of Government action or to comply with the latest regulations or local lockdown.

Please check out the latest Warsash Sailing Club guidance and plan of the one-way system on:  
[COVID-19: Recovery Step 3 – Warsash Sailing Club \(warsashsc.org.uk\)](https://www.warsashsc.org.uk/COVID-19-Recovery-Step-3)

The notation [DP] in a rule in this NoR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

#### **1. Rules**

- 1.1. Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, the Prescriptions of the RYA, this Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions issued for this event and the Class Rules. In the event of a conflict, the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence.
- 1.2. The Post-Race Penalty and Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures shall apply (for information on the procedures, go to [www.rya.org.uk/rulesdisputes](http://www.rya.org.uk/rulesdisputes)). The outcome of an RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee, but an arbitration cannot be reopened or appealed.
- 1.3. The racing rules will be change as follows:
  - a) Rule 35 changed to score boats finishing outside the time limit in their observed position on the course.
  - b) Rule 40.1 applies at all times when afloat.

2. **RYA Racing Charter:** Competitors should note that Warsash Sailing Club as the organising authority implements the RYA Racing Charter and that all competitors are required to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found in the RYA rule book (Racing Rules of Sailing 2021- 2024) or at [www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter](http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter).

3. **Advertising:** Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

#### **4. Eligibility and Entry:**

- 4.1. The regatta is open to all RS Aero class dinghies.
- 4.2. RS Aero Class Rules for membership to be eligible to compete in the event shall apply.



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- 4.3. Racing will be held in separate fleets for RS Aero 5, RS Aero 7 and RS Aero 9 rig options. RS Aero 6 prototype rigs will be included in the event and shall race as Aero 7's. Boats may enter without specifying their rig, but shall do so at the event registration. A competitor may not change rigs during the regatta.
- 4.4. Any competitors aged less under 18yrs shall complete an Under 18s consent form. This can be downloaded from the 'Document' area of the RS Aero UK Class Association website and shall be completed and submitted at registration.

### 5. Equipment

- 5.1. Towline: each boat shall carry a floating towline of at least 8mm diameter and 10 metres length. This must be accessible without breaching the integral buoyancy of the dinghy and must not have any attachments such as shackles or knots. Towlines for non WSC members will be provided at registration by the event sponsor.
- 5.2. [DP] Boats, sails and equipment may be inspected for class rules compliance prior to or during or after racing.

### 6. Entry Fee

- 6.1. The entry fee for the event is £50 that includes weekend parking in Strawberry Field. All entries must be completed online at <https://www.rsaerosailing.org/index.asp?p=event&eid=1656> before midnight on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2021. Boats may not enter at registration. Boats entering online may be required to complete and sign an entry form at registration.
- 6.2. A competitor may cancel their entry up to midnight on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2021 in which case they will receive a full refund less a £5 administration fee.

7. **Arrival at Warsash Sailing Club** – all visitors are required to park boats and equipment in Strawberry fields, See Addendum 1, and use the Club pedestrian one-way system to access and complete their registration.

8. **Registration:** Registration will be from 09:00 on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July in the Main Hall in Shore House,

9. **Briefing:** There will be a competitor briefing at 10:30 on Saturday and 09:00 on Sunday.

10. **Sailing Instructions:** The sailing instructions will be made available online by 17:00 on Thursday 15 July.

11. **Races:** There will be a maximum of 6 races. A maximum of 1 discard will be allowed if 4 or more races are completed. The first race will not start before 12:30 on Saturday. The last race will not start after 15:00 on Sunday. The target duration of each race will be 40 minutes.



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### 12. Support vessels

- 12.1. Support vessels shall be allowed and shall be expected to act as part of the safety fleet if requested to do so by the Race Committee.
- 12.2. Official, patrol and support vessels must be registered with WSC prior to the start of the first race and may be required to be marked with an appropriate coloured flag and shall comply with instructions from the event safety officer.
- 12.3. [DP] Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel including relatives of competitors who are not official, patrol or support vessels shall not be in the racing area, nor shall they communicate with any competitors, from the time of the preparatory signal for the first race until the last boat returns to shore. The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement will be at the discretion of the protest committee and may be less than disqualification for all boats associated with the support personnel who do so.
- 12.4. For the purposes of this rule, the racing area shall be defined as not less than 300m from any boat that is racing, and this shall specifically include an area not less than 200m immediately to leeward of the finish line for any race.
- 12.5. For events that are held in restricted waters where the requirements in 14 are unable to be met, the Race Officer may designate a specific area for team leaders, coaches, or support boats
- 12.6. Competitors will not, due to COVID restrictions, be able to place food, drink, and spares on any support vessels due to the risk of COVID transmission.

13. **The Courses:** The courses to be sailed will be a combination of windward/leeward legs and or triangles, or trapezoids.

14. **Race area:** The race area will be within Southampton Water/The Solent up to 2 miles from WSC. See Addendum 2

15. **Risk Statement:** Rule 3 of the RRS states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or continue to race 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 if any and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover if any is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can practically be provided in the circumstances;



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- 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 competitor briefing held for the event;
- h) Their boat is required to hold adequate insurance and, to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £3,000,000.

16. **Prizes:** Prizes will be awarded to the first three boats in each fleet. Other prizes may also be awarded.

### 17. COVID Statement

- 17.1.[DP] By taking part in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force from time to time in respect of the containment of the spread of coronavirus and for complying with the WSC COVID-19 procedures. The penalty for a breach of this rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. A breach of this rule shall not be grounds for protest by another boat. This amends RRS 60.1(a).
- 17.2.COVID19 guidelines in operation at the event may restrict the safety boat provision, consequently the upper wind limit for racing may be reduced.
- 17.3.The final decision on whether the event can proceed will be made on Thursday 15 July at 12:00. If the forecast wind strength, or COVID19 restrictions cause cancellation of the event, full refunds of the entry fees will be given. Notice of cancellation will be posted on the RS Aero Association website and WSC website no later than 20:00 Thursday 15 July.

### Further Information

#### Social

- 17.4.Breakfast, subject to COVID arrangements, will be available from 08:00 both Saturday and Sunday mornings.
- 17.5.The bar will be open after racing on Saturday.
- 17.6.Saturday evening meal at Shore House may be ordered and paid for at registration on Saturday morning.

**Parking:** Competitors cars may be parked in the Strawberry Field adjacent to the club. Parking is available in the Passage Lane public car park. Note that the foreshore public car parks are all likely to be pay and display by the time of the event.

#### Further Information may be obtained from:

**Admin, Warsash Sailing Club, Shore Road, Warsash, Southampton, SO31 9FS.**

**Phone 01489 583575 (0930 – 1500 Weekdays).**

**Email: [admin@warsashsc.org.uk](mailto:admin@warsashsc.org.uk).**

**Web: [www.warsashsc.org.uk](http://www.warsashsc.org.uk)**



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## Addendum 1 - Site Plan







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## Addendum 2 - Racing Area

The race area will be in the vicinity of Solent Breezes

