

# Skiff Open 2024

Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024

## Notice of Race (NoR)

The Organising Authority (OA) is the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy (WPNSA) in conjunction with the B14 UK Class Association, Musto Skiff UK Class Association, and UK Cherub Class Association, 4000 UK Class Association and ISO Class Association, International 14 UK Class Association, Buzz Class Association, 49er and FX 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 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 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.

### 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available on the Official Notice Board (ONB), at least 24 hours prior to the event.

### 3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The official notice board is located at: <https://wpnsa.ourclubadmin.com/event/31/noticeboard>
- 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 transmissions and shall not receive 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 B14, Musto Skiff, International 14, ISO, 4000, Cherub, 49er & 49er FX classes.
- 4.2. Competing helms shall be current members of their relevant UK Class Association.
- 4.3. Eligible boats may enter online at <https://www.wpnsa.org.uk/events/skiff-open/>.
- 4.4. To be considered an entry for the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.5. A Parent/Guardian Consent and Supervision Form must be completed by the Parent or Guardian of any competitor under the age of 18 on the first day of the event. The forms are part of the online entry process.

## 5. FEES

5.1. The entry fees are as follows and shall be paid in full by the relevant date:

5.1.1. £64 per boat for the Musto Skiff Class

5.1.2. £74 per boat for all other classes.

5.2. The closing date for entries is midnight on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024.

## 6. ADVERTISING

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

## 7. SCHEDULE

7.1. Registration will be 09:00 to 10:30 on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2024 in Room 4.

7.2. The competitor briefing will be at 10:30 on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2024 in Spinnakers.

7.3. The schedule is as follows:

Date	First Warning Signal	No. of Races
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> May	11:55	4
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> May	10:55	4

7.4. The event will consist of up to eight races. There will be no more than five 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.

7.5. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15:00.

## 8. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

8.1. Each boat shall hold a valid measurement certificate in the name of the owner and shall produce it if requested to do so by the Organising Authority.

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

## 9. VENUE

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

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

## 10. COURSES

10.1. The courses to be sailed will be windward leeward.

## 11. SCORING

11.1. Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

11.2. All classes will be scored separately.

11.3. The total score of each boat will be the sum of her scores as follows:

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

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

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

- 12.1. 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/event-support-boat-registration-form/>. Once submitted, a member of staff will contact you to take the payment of £12 per day by card.
- 12.2. 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.
- 12.3. 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.
- 12.4. 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.
- 12.5. 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.
- 12.6. 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.
- 12.7. Where possible support boats should agree to carry drinks and small bags for sailors without support boats.
- 12.8. All Support Boat drivers shall attend the Safety Boat Briefing. Details will be advised after registering.

## **13. BERTHING**

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

## **14. DATA PROTECTION**

- 14.1. 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.

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

- 15.1. 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.

## 16. 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.

## 17. INSPECTIONS

- 17.1. 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.

## 18. INSURANCE

- 18.1. 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.

## 19. PRIZES

- 19.1. Prizes will be awarded by each class based on the number of entries:

19.2.

Classes with up to 4 entries 1<sup>st</sup> only

5-8 entries 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> will be awarded

Over 9 entries 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> will be awarded

## 20. FURTHER INFORMATION

It is intended that a curry sailor's supper will be available on Saturday night. Tickets are available online with the entry.

For further information please contact your class representative/sailing secretary  
or

Richard Bowers, Events Coordinator, WPNSA at [richard.bowers@wpnsa.org.uk](mailto:richard.bowers@wpnsa.org.uk)