



UK 49er FX & 49er National Championships and UK 18ft Skiff Euro Circuit

Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy

Thursday 26th to Sunday 29th September 2024

Notice of Race (NoR)

Amended 23Aug24 (12.1 added)

The Organising Authority is the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy (WPNSA) in conjunction with the UK 49er Class Association and the UK 18 Footers 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 '[DP]' in a rule in the NoR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.
- 1.4. 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).
- 1.5. Appendix T shall apply.
- 1.6. RRS 40.1 applies at all times while afloat. [DP]
- 1.7. 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.
- 1.8. For the 18ft Skiff Class, each crew member shall wear a personal safety knife attached to the trapeze harness. A knife must also be attached on the rudder gantry for safety reasons.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available online at: [Online Notice Board](#), from at least three days prior to the event.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The official notice board is located at: [Online Notice Board](#)
- 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 communication and shall not receive voice or data transmissions that is not available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The event is open to all boats of the 49er, 49er FX or 18ft Skiff classes. Eligible boats may enter online at <https://wpnsa.ourclubadmin.com/event/35>.
- 4.2. To be considered an entry for the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.3. The closing date for entries is midnight on Wednesday 18th September 2024. Entries after this date are at the discretion of the Organising Authority, contact events@wpnsa.org.uk to request a late entry.
- 4.4. 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 available as part of the online entry process.

5. FEES

- 5.1. The entry fee for 18 foot Skiffs is £280 per boat, which includes a ticket for all competitors to the sailors supper and after racing snacks.
- 5.2. Then entry fee for 49er and 49er FX is £175 per boat. Tickets for the sailors supper for these classes are available to buy as extra with their entry.
- 5.3. If a competitor cancels their entry, they will receive a full refund less £25 administration fee for cancellations up to midnight on Wednesday 18th September 2024. No refunds for cancellations after Wednesday 18th September 2024.

6. ADVERTISING

- 6.1. All 18ft Skiff Class boats shall affix the series or event logos supplied by the Organising Authority to their boat as directed. It is the responsibility of each team to properly affix and ensure the correct adhesion of each logo. If a logo is damaged or falls off, a team must make their best effort to replace the logo as soon as practically possible. The Race Committee may choose to penalise a boat for breach of this rule, 1 point per infringement to be added to her series score for that event at its discretion without a hearing. This changes Rule 63.1.

7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1. Registration will be 08:30 to 09:30 on Thursday 26th July 2024 in Room 4.
- 7.2. The competitor briefing will be held at 10:00 on Thursday 26th July 2024 in Spinnakers.
- 7.3. The schedule is as follows:

Date	First Warning Signal	No. of Races (18' Skiff)	No. of Races (49er & 49er FX)
Thu 26 Sep 24	11:55	3	4 – 6
Fri 27 Sep 24	11:55	3	4 – 6
Sat 28 Sep 24	11:55	3	4 – 6
Sun 29 Sep 24	10:55	3	4 – 6

- 7.4. The event will consist of up to 12 races for the 18 Foot Skiff Class and up to 24 for the 49er and 49er FX Classes. The intention is that there will be no more than four races a day for the 18 Foot Skiff Class and no more than six races a day for the 49er and 49er FX Classes. However, additional races may be sailed either in advance or arears 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. For the 18 Foot Skiff Class - all boats must display on their mainsails a sail number or clearly identifiable logo. They must inform the Race Committee at registration of their sail identity
- 8.2. For the 18 Foot Skiff Class, a maximum of two full suits of sails may be used during the Regatta.
- 8.3. Boats may be inspected at any time.
- 8.4. 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. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1. Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 10.2. RRS P2.3 does not apply and RRS P2.2 is changed so that it applies to any penalty after the first one.
- 10.3. While racing, a boat may touch a mark, other than as provided for in NoR 11.7, unless she gains an advantage by manhandling the mark. If she does gain such an advantage, she shall retire immediately. This changes Rules 31 and 44.1.
- 10.4. For the 18 Foot Skiff Class, boats that make contact with an anchored Committee Vessel shall retire immediately in that race. This changes Rule 44.1.

11. SCORING

- 11.1. Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.2. For the 18 Foot Skiff Class, a boat's series score will be calculated as follows:
 - 11.2.1. When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - 11.2.2. When from four to eight races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - 11.2.3. When more than eight races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 11.3. For the 49er and 49er FX classes, a boat's series score will be calculated as follows:
 - 11.3.1. When fewer than eight races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - 11.3.2. When from eight to 16 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - 11.3.3. When more than 16 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

12. SUPPORT PERSONS VESSELS [DP]

- 12.1. For the 49er & 49er FX Classes on the water coaching is not permitted at this event.
- 12.2. 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 £12 per day by card.
- 12.3. 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.
- 12.4. During the event, support boats shall not tow boats participating in the event unless the race committee have signalled that towing is allowed.
- 12.5. 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.
- 12.6. 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.

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, OurClubAdmin 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 for the 18ft Skiff Class will be awarded at least to each crewmember of the boats placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the final score and 1st Prize European Champion for the best European Team.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact WPNSA at events@wpnsa.org.uk or Adrian Howe, UK 18 Footers Class Secretary at secretary@18footers.org.uk.