

International Moth Class UK & Switch UK Grand Prix

Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy

Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th May 2024

Notice of Race (NoR)

The Organising Authority (OA) is the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy (WPNSA) in conjunction with the International Moth Class UK (IMCA UK) and the UK Switch 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. Appendix T shall apply.
- 1.4. RRS 40.1 applies at all times while afloat. [DP]
- 1.5. 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/36/noticeboard>.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The event is open to all boats of the International Moth and Switch Classes.
- 4.2. Eligible boats may enter online at <https://wpnsa.ourclubadmin.com/event/36/enter>.
- 4.3. 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 is £80 per boat.
- 5.2. Entry closes at midnight on Sunday 1st September 2024.

6. ADVERTISING

- 6.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1. Registration will be 09:00 to 10:00 on Saturday 7th September 2024 in Room 4.
- 7.2. The competitor briefing will be at 10:30 on Saturday 18th May 2024 in Spinnakers.
- 7.3. The schedule is as follows:

Date	First Warning Signal	No. of Races
Sat 18 th May	11:55	6
Sun 19 th May	10:25	6

- 7.4. The event will consist of up to 12 races. There will be no more than six 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 produce or verify the existence of a valid measurement certificate if required by the Organising Authority.
- 8.2. Boats may be inspected at any time.

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.

10. COURSES

- 10.1. The course to be sailed will be windward leeward.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1. RRS 44.1 and RRS P2.1 are changed so that the Two-Turns penalty is replaced by a One-Turn penalty.

12. SCORING

- 12.1. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.2. A boat's series score will be calculated as follows:
 - 12.2.1. When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - 12.2.2. When six to 10 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - 12.2.3. When 11 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 12.3. The "Grand Prix" (Lapped Finish) procedure will be used. This procedure will be described in full in the Sailing Instructions.

13. [DP] SUPPORT PERSONS VESSELS

- 13.1. All support vessels 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.
- 13.2. RRS 37 will be used. Except when responding to the signal in RRS 37, support vessels, 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.
- 13.3. In order to prevent fuel spillage, refuelling of boats/tanks is not permitted on the pontoons at WPNSA. Vessels may refuel at the Portland Marina fuel pontoon or removable tanks may be taken offsite to be refuelled at a service station.
- 13.4. 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.
- 13.5. 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.
- 13.6. 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.
- 13.7. Where possible support boats should agree to carry drinks and small bags for sailors without support boats.
- 13.8. All Support Vessel drivers shall attend the safety briefing. Details will be advised once registration form is received.

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 OurClubAdmin, 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. INSURANCE

- 17.1. 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.

18. PRIZES

- 18.1. As a minimum, prizes will be awarded as follows:
First, second and third overall
Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact the WPNSA Events Team at events@wpnsa.org.uk.