



# Merlin Rocket Silver Tiller Open Meeting

Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2024

## Notice of Race (NoR)

The Organising Authority is the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy (WPNSA) in conjunction with the Merlin Rocket 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 '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.4. RRS Appendix T (Arbitration) will apply.
- 1.5. [DP] RRS 40.1 applies at all times while afloat.
- 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 from at least three days prior to the event.

### 3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The official notice board is located online at <https://wpnsa.ourclubadmin.com/notice-board.php?event=37>.
- 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 Merlin Rocket Class that are current members of the Class Association.
- 4.2. Eligible boats may enter online at <https://wpnsa.ourclubadmin.com/event/37>.
- 4.3. To be considered an entry for the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.4. The closing date for entries is midnight on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024. Entries after this date are at the discretion of the Organising Authority, contact [events@wpnsa.org.uk](mailto:events@wpnsa.org.uk) to request a late entry.
- 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 form is part of the online entry process.

#### **5. FEES**

- 5.1. The entry fee is £85 per boat up to midnight on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2024.
- 5.2. The late entry fee is £95 per boat for entries on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024.
- 5.3. The fee includes two tickets per boat to the sailor supper on Saturday evening.
- 5.4. If a competitor cancels their entry, they will receive a full refund less £25 administration fee up to Midnight on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2024. No refunds for cancellations after this date.

#### **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 08:30 to 09:30 on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2024 in Room 4.
- 7.2. The competitor briefing will be held at 10:00 on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2024 in Spinnakers.
- 7.3. The schedule is as follows:

<b>Date</b>	<b>First Warning Signal</b>	<b>No. of Races</b>
Sat 28 Sep 24	11:55	3
Sun 29 Sep 24	10:55	3

- 7.4. The event will consist of up to six races. The intention is that there will be no more than three races a day. 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. Each boat shall verify the existence of a valid measurement certificate. Evidence may be required at registration.
- 8.2. Boats may be inspected at anytime.
- 8.3. [DP] Boats shall comply with RRS 78.1 when presented for inspection.

#### **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 either sausage triangle or windward leeward.

## **11. SCORING**

- 11.1. Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.2. 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 4 to 6 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 seven 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. 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-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. During the event, support boats shall not tow boats participating in the event unless the race committee have signalled that towing is allowed.
- 12.4. 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.
- 12.5. 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.
- 12.6. All Support Boat driver shall attend the Safety Briefing. Details will be given once registered.

## **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 OurClubAdmin, 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. 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 to the first second and third places.

## 20. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact [events@wpnsa.org.uk](mailto:events@wpnsa.org.uk) or Merlin Rocket Class contact page.

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### Useful Information

WPNSA Website: <https://www.wpnsa.org.uk/>

Campervan bookings onsite at WPNSA: <https://www.wpnsa.org.uk/event/campervans/>

Local Accommodation: <https://www.wpnsa.org.uk/event/accommodation/>