



WPNSA Skiff Open

Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy

Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th May 2026

Notice of Race (NoR)

The Organising Authority is the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy (WPNSA) in conjunction with the 4000, 49er, 49er FX, B14, Cherub, International 14, ISO, Musto Skiff, RS700 and RS800 Class Associations.

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.
- 1.4. [DP] RRS 40.1 and 40.2(c) applies at all times while afloat.
- 1.5. RRS 63.5(c)(2) - 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 online Official Notice Board from at least three days prior to the event.
- 2.2. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09:45 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the first warning signal of races will be posted by 19:00 on the day before it will take effect.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The official notice board is located at: [Official 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 4000, 49er, 49er FX, B14, Cherub, International 14, ISO, Musto Skiff, RS700 and RS800, that are current members of the relevant Class Association.
- 4.2. Eligible boats may enter online at <https://www.wpnsa.org.uk/events/skiff-open-2026/>.
- 4.3. To be considered an entry for the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees. The closing date for entries is midnight on Monday 4th May 2026. Entries after this date are at the discretion of the Organising Authority, contact events@wpnsa.org.uk to request a late entry.
- 4.4. For any competitor under the age of 18 years of age at the start of the event, a Parent/Guardian Consent and Supervision Form must be completed, which forms part of the online entry process.

5. FEES

- 5.1. Single hander entry fee: £66
- 5.2. Double hander entry fee: £77
- 5.3. If a competitor cancels their entry, they will receive a full refund less £5 administration fee for cancellations up to the 29th of April 2026.
- 5.4. No refunds for cancellations after 29th of April 2026.
- 5.5. Closing date for entries is midnight on the 4th of May 2026.

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. The schedule is as follows:

Date	Time	Item	Location	No. of Races
9 th May 2026	09:00 -10:30	Registration	Room 4	
9 th May 2026	10:30	Competitor Briefing	Spinnakers	
9 th May 2026	11:55	First Warning Signal		4
10 th May 2026	10:55	First Warning Signal		4

- 7.2. The event will consist of up to eight races with four races planned for each day. However, additional races may be sailed either in advance or arears in order to complete the programme if weather or other reasons dictate.
- 7.3. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15:30.

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. [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 course to be sailed will be windward leeward, with a reaching finish (Course LR).
- 10.2. There will be a Musto Skiff start, a fast handicap start and, a slow handicap start. Other starts may be added depending on the number of entries for that class – more information will be in the SIs.

12 SCORING

- 12.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.2 All classes will be scored separately – more information will be in the SIs.
- 12.3 A boat's series score will be calculated as follows:
 - 12.3.1 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series will be her race scores.
 - 12.3.2 When from four to seven races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - 12.3.3 When eight races have been completed, a boat's series score will be her total race scores excluding her two worst scores.

13 SUPPORT PERSONS VESSELS [DP]

- 13.1 All support vessels will register with the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy by completing an online [Event Support Boat Registration Form](#). On arrival Support Persons shall report to the WPNSA Reception, before launching, to register and pay the fee of £15 per day.
- 13.2 Support boat personnel's attention is drawn to RRS 37. 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.
- 13.3 During the event, support boats shall not tow boats participating in the event unless the race committee have confirmed that towing is allowed.
- 13.4 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.
- 13.5 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.

14 BERTHING

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

15 DATA PROTECTION

- 15.1 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.

16 RIGHTS TO USE NAMES AND LIKENESS

- 16.1 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.

17 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.

18 INSPECTIONS

- 18.1 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.

19 INSURANCE

- 19.1 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.

20 PRIZES

- 20.1 Prizes will be awarded to classes as follows...
- 20.2 4 entries – 1st only
- 20.3 5-8 entries – 1st and 2nd
- 20.4 Over 9 entries – 1st, 2nd and 3rd

21 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 21.1 For further information please contact events@wpnsa.org.uk.