



Yacht Clubs of Weymouth Yacht Regatta

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July 15/16 2023

Notice of Race

The Organising Authority implement the RYA Racing Charter and competitors will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the charter which can be found at the front of the RYA "Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024" and on the RYA website www.rya.org.uk

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The Bye Laws of Dorset Council and those of Portland Harbour Authority shall also apply.

1.3 The Yacht Clubs of Weymouth (YCW) is the Organising Authority (OA).

1.4 Rating system - The overall rating system for this regatta will be VPRS.

1.5 National Squib Class; In accordance with rule 87 and Squib Class Rule C.10.2 (b) an additional spinnaker may be carried aboard. The second spinnaker shall be used only if the first is lost or damaged beyond repair while racing [changes SCR 10.2.]

1.6 Safety standards are specified at NOR 9.

2 ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 The regatta is open to any member of a club affiliated to the Yacht Clubs of Weymouth (Weymouth Sailing Club, Castle Cove Sailing Club, Royal Naval Sailing Association, Royal Dorset Yacht Club.

3.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form [https...\(complete \)](https://www.ycw.co.uk/entry-form).....

3.4 If a yacht does not have a VPRS certificate (only valid for the regatta weekend) please contact Andy Gaunt urgently at (stotts771@gmail.com who will arrange for a certificate to be issued at no cost to the competitor.)

4 CLASSES

4.1 Handicap VPRS

All boats with a valid VPRS certificate .Classes may be divided into Fast and Slow once the entries have been received.

National Squib. Will race as part of VPRS fleet plus class results will be filtered from main VPRS results

4.2 The OA will decide on the fleet divisions and any separate classes according to the entries. Other classes or interested groups not listed above are invited to apply to the OA for class racing.

4.4 The OA reserves the right to create new divisions and create new one design classes.

4.5 5 FEES

For all classes a fee of £5.00 per crew member. All profits from the event will be given to the RNLI.

6 SCHEDULE

6.1 A competitor briefing on line will be made available online at 17.00h on Friday 15th July

6.2 On each day the earliest time for the first warning signal will be 10.55h.

6.3 2 Races will be scheduled on each day as follows.

Start times:

Saturday 15th July Race 1 Course race 11:00 Race 2 not later than 2.00

Sunday 16th July Race 3 11:00 Race 4 pursuit race not later than 2.00

If weather conditions are challenging, the gap between races will be shortened approximately by one hour at the discretion of the OD. This will be announced on the radio on Channel 9

7 RACE AREAS AND COURSES

Racing will be controlled via the committee vessel Viking located in Weymouth Bay.

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions (SIs) will be available on the YCW Yacht Regatta webpage <https://weymouthregatta.uk/>

Changes in sailing instructions

Will be signalled and detailed at both WSC and CCSC

9 SAFETY STANDARDS & MEASUREMENT

9.1 The following safety equipment shall be required in addition to the boat's relevant class safety requirements. All classes: a compass, 2 orange smoke flares, marine VHF radio, fog horn and a chart of Weymouth Bay.

9.2 All boats shall carry an adequate personal flotation device for each member of crew.

9.3 For safety reasons, bow anchors are to be stored within the boat so that there is no protrusion by the anchor beyond the bow or any other part of the boat

9.4 For safety reasons, outboard motors are to be stored within the boat so that there is no protrusion by the outboard beyond the stern or any other part of the boat

10 SCORING

10.1 For all classes two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

10.2 (a) A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. No discards.

11 Courses

11.1 The Race Committee will signal the course to be sailed on the Committee vessel.

12 PRIZES

12.1 Prizes and Trophies will be awarded at the official prize giving on Sunday at WSC at 5.30

12.2 1st 2nd and 3rd prizes will be awarded for four classes:

VPRS fast, VPRS slow, Sonatas and Squibs.

13 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

The applicable Risk Statement for this regatta is attached at Annex A.

14 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

15 CANCELLATION

15.1 The Organising Authority may cancel the event, cancel classes and reject or cancel entries in its absolute discretion, subject to RRS 76.

19 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information email stotts771@gmail.com ...

ANNEX A -- RISK STATEMENT

Rule 4 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 other 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 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;

Any unaccompanied crew member under the age of 14 sailing must have a written consent from parent.



If the Y flag is flown all crew must wear a buoyancy aid or lifejacket.

All crew members under the age of 18 shall wear a buoyancy aid or life jacket at all times.