



RS Feva National Championship 2020



23rd to 27th May 2020

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organising Authority is the Weymouth & Portland National Sailing Academy (WPNSA) in conjunction with the UK RS Feva Class Association.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 – 2020* (RRS).
- 1.2 The International RS Feva Class Rules will apply.
- 1.3 Competitors shall sail in accordance with the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Racing Charter.
- 1.4 Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Exoneration Penalty and Arbitration will be available.
- 1.5 The Racing Rules will be changed as follows:
 - RRS 40 changed so that RRS 40 applies at all times while afloat. Flag Y will not be displayed.
 - RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
 - 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.The changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.6 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.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies. [DP].
- 2.2 The following parts of the hulls and sails must be left clear for the possible display of supplied advertising without exception, please could all competitors ensure that this is carried out prior to arrival at the event:
 - a) front 20% of the forward part of each side of the hull
 - b) foremost 20% of the mainsail and jib
 - c) lower part of the mainsail below the bottom batten, save that country letters and flags in their normal position shall be allowed.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the RS Feva Class.
- 3.2 All competitors, helm and crew, must be a member of the UK RS Feva Class Association or another National RS Feva Class Association recognised by the International RS Feva Class Association. Evidence of membership may be required at registration.
- 3.3 Eligible boats may enter online at <https://www.rsfeva.org.uk/index.asp?p=calendar&id=317>.
- 3.4 A Parent/Guardian Consent and Supervision Form must be completed and signed by the Parent or Guardian of any competitor under the age of 18 on the last day of the event and handed in at registration. Forms may be downloaded from www.rsfeva.org.
- 3.5 Competitors will be asked at Registration if there is any medical conditions they wish to make the organisers aware of. It will be put into a sealed envelope, only opened if necessary and shredded at the end of the event.

4 FEES

4.1 The following fees will be applied to each entry:

4.1.1 £190 per boat for entry on or before midnight on Sunday 3rd May 2020.

4.1.2 £200 per boat will apply for all entries received between 4th May and midnight on 17th May 2020.

4.1.3 Any entries after midnight on Sunday 17th May 2020 are at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority. Please contact secretary@rsfeva.org.uk to request permission. If granted the entry will be subject to an additional fee of £20.

4.2 Refunds for cancellation of entries will be as follows:

4.2.1 Full refund of 50% of the fee paid for cancellations received before midnight on Tuesday 31st March 2020.

4.2.2 No refund available after Wednesday 1st April 2020.

4.3 The entry fee includes a ticket for each helm and crew to the regatta dinner. Additional tickets may be purchased at Registration. Also included in the fee is after-racing snack for each sailor.

5 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

The fleet will be split into two or three flights (depending on the number of entries) for the qualifying series, re-flighting each day. A minimum of three qualifying races are required to have been completed before the final series can commence. Once the qualification series is complete, the fleet will be split into Gold, Silver and Bronze (depending on the number of entries) fleets evenly in size. If there is an odd number of boats, the greater number will be in the Gold fleet.

6 SCHEDULE

6.1 The regatta schedule is:

Day	Date	Event	Where	Time
Saturday	23 rd May	Registration	Event Hall	09:30 – 13:00 14:00 – 18:00
Sunday	24 th May	Competitors Briefing	Event Hall	09:30
		First warning signal		11:25
Monday	25 th May	First warning signal		10:55
		Class AGM	Spinnakers	ASAP after racing
		Regatta Dinner	Event Hall	18:30
Tuesday	26 th May	First warning signal		10:55
Wednesday	27 th May	First warning signal		10:55
		Prize giving	Spinnakers	ASAP after racing

6.2 The Championship will consist of 12 races (up to 6 Qualifying Races and 6 Final Series Races). The intention is that there will be three races each day, however, additional races may be sailed either in advance or areas in order to complete the programme if weather or other reasons dictate. This may include bringing scheduled races forward, except the first race on the first scheduled day of racing for a class.

6.3 All competitors must complete registration on Saturday 23rd May 2020 before going afloat. If sailing with a coach, competitors are reminded that coaches must complete the necessary paperwork and pay the fee to WPNSA Reception.

6.4 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15:30.

7 MEASUREMENT

The UK RS Feva Class Association reserve the right to inspect boats for compliance to the class rules prior to, during or after racing.

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on the event website at least three days prior to the event.

9 VENUE

- 9.1 The venue is the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy (WPNSA). Further information on WPNSA is available online at www.wpnsa.org.uk.
- 9.2 Racing will be in Weymouth Bay or Portland Harbour.

10 THE COURSES

The course to be sailed will be a trapezoid.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

12 SCORING

- 12.1 Low Points System of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 12.2 Three qualifying races are required to be completed by all fleets to constitute a series.
- 12.3 If at the end of the qualifying series some boats have more race scores than others, scores for the most recent races will be excluded so that all boats have the same number of race scores.
- 12.4 For the qualifying series, RRS A4.2 is changed so that the scores are based on the number of boats assigned to the largest fleet.
- 12.5 In the final series Gold and silver fleets will be scored separately and need not have completed the same number of final races. Boats in the Gold fleet will be ranked highest.
- 12.6 The total score of each boat for the series will be the sum of her scores as follows:
- (a) Qualifying series:
 - i. When fewer than four have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - ii. When from four to six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - (b) A boats overall qualification position shall be carried through to the final series and is not discardable.
 - (c) Final series:
 - i. When fewer than four have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, plus her non-discardable qualification series position.
 - ii. When from four to six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score, plus her non-discardable qualification series position.

13 SUPPORT BOATS [DP]

- 13.1 All support boats must register in advance of the event with the UKRSFCA Secretary, Lucy Jameson at secretary@rsfeva.org.uk.
- 13.2 All Support Boats must register with the class during the registration times and pay the charge of £70 per boat for the event (either by card or cash). In addition, all support boats are required to display an identification flag from whenever on the water during the event. Flags will be assigned when registering and a £20 cash refundable deposit is required for the flag. Boats must register before launching and berthing at WPNSA.
- 13.3 To ensure fairness to all competitors, support boats may be required to carry drinks, snacks and spares for competitors who do not have their own support boat.
- 13.4 Except when responding to the signal in NoR 13.9, 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. When motoring around the course, boats shall be driven so as to create minimal wash, which will necessitate either a slow passage or a wider berth.
- 13.5 During the event, support boats shall not tow boats participating in the event unless the race committee have signalled that towing is allowed by displaying flag T and announcing so on the safety VHF channel, which will be advised at the support boat briefing.
- 13.6 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.
- 13.7 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.
- 13.8 All Support Boat drivers shall attend the Support Boat Briefing, the details of which will be advised at Registration.
- 13.9 All Support Boats will keep a listening watch on the safety channel which will be advised at the briefing and if requested to, by the race committee displaying flag V and a repeated rapid sound signals, assist with safety operations under the instructions of the Course Safety Leader.
- 13.10 The official event photographer may move around the course in order to photograph the event. The boat will display a distinguishing flag.

14 BERTHING

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the boat park. [DP].

15 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. [DP].

16 PRIZES

As a minimum dependant on number of entries:

1st to 6th Overall

1st to 3rd Silver Fleet

1st to 3rd Junior (Helm and Crew aged 13 or under on Saturday 23rd May 2020)

1st to 3rd Family (parent and child, siblings or closely related)

1st to 3rd Ladies

1st to 3rd Mixed

1st Club (best 3 boats from a sailing club – to qualify the club must have a minimum of three boats entered)

1st School Team – Anemoi Regional Challenge – Top 3 scoring boats from a school

Titles to be awarded as follows

RS Feva Open Champion – 1st Overall

RS Feva National Champion – 1st UK boat (Helm and Crew aged 17 or under on Saturday 23rd May 2020)

RS Feva National Junior Champion – (1st UK boat- Helm and Crew aged 13 or under on Saturday 23rd May 2020)

17 RISK STATEMENT

Rule 4 of the RRS 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 while taking part in the event;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss 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

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

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.

20 USE OF NAMES AND LIKENESS

The Organising Authority and, where applicable, event sponsors may use names and show any motion pictures, still pictures, live streaming, taped or filmed television of competitors and/or supporters relating to the event.

21 PRIVACY STATEMENT

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 and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

22 CHARTER BOATS

A selected number of charter boats will be available for the event. For further information, please see the event webpage or contact Lucy Jameson as below.

23 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

Lucy Jameson, RS Feva Class Secretary on secretary@rsfeva.org.uk or +44 (0) 7834 636095

or

Sally Reynoldson, WPNSA Events Supervisor on sally.reynoldson@wpnsa.org.uk or 01305 866000