



2017 RS Aero UK National Championships & International Open RS Aero Challenge Cup

31 August – 3 September 2017

Hayling Island Sailing Club, Hampshire, UK

*Organizing Authority: Hayling Island Sailing Club in
conjunction with the RS Aero UK Class Association*

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

Documents governing this event, including this Notice of Race and any amendments thereto, will be available at the event website:

www.hisc.co.uk/sailing-racing/open-events/rs-aero-nationals/

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The Royal Yachting Association National prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3 RRS 31 is changed so that marks other than starting and finishing marks may be touched without penalty.
- 1.4 Competitors should note that Hayling Island SC implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be expected to sail in compliance with it. The Charter can be found at:
www.rya.org.uk/racing/racing-rules/pages/hub.aspx
- 1.5 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.6 The notation [DP] in a rule of the NoR or SI means that the penalty for breaching the rule is at the discretion of the protest committee.

2 ADVERTISING

[DP] Boats may be required to display bow numbers and/or advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3 ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all RS Aero class dinghies.
- 3.2 In the Championship Series racing will be held in separate fleets for RS Aero 5, RS Aero 7 and RS Aero 9 rig options; boats may enter without specifying their rig, but shall do so at the event registration. Should a competitor wish to change rigs during the championship, they may do so on a daily basis within their original entry fee, but all races completed using the changed rig will be scored as a separate entry.
- 3.3 The RS Aero Challenge Cup is a separate event, and will not form part of the Championship series. In the Challenge Cup all boats will race together on a yardstick basis.
- 3.4 RS Class Association membership rules shall apply.
- 3.5 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online form on the Class website and submitting the entry fee. Entries after 27 August will incur higher entry fees, and will only be accepted at the discretion of the organizing authority.

- 3.6 Boats may enter on a daily basis, rather than the whole event.
- 3.7 Competitors aged less than 18 shall complete an Under 18s Consent Form. This can be downloaded from the 'Document' area of the RS Aero UK Class Association website and shall be completed and submitted at the event before racing.

4 FEES

Entry fees per boat are as follows:

Overall event	£110.00	After 27 August	£125.00
Daily rate	£37.00	After 27 August	£42.00

The entry fees include coaching on 31 August, opening ceremony and Saturday disco.

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Registration:
Thurs 31 August from 09:00.
Fri 1 Sept from 08:30.
- 5.2 There will be briefings for competitors as follows:
Thurs 31 Aug at 12:30.
Fri 1 Sept at 10:00.
- 5.3 The race schedule is as follows:

Date:	Event:	Time of 1st warning signal & scheduled races per day:	
		Time:	# Races:
Thur 31 Aug	RS Aero Challenge Cup	15:00	1
Fri 1 Sept	RS Aero Nationals & International Open	12:00	4
Sat 2 Sept		11:00	4
Sun 3 Sept		11:00	3

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

6 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

There will be no formal pre-event inspection, but a boat may be inspected at any time for compliance with class rules.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be published on the event website.

8 VENUE

- 8.1 The racing area will be Hayling Bay with Chichester Harbour as an option in the case of bad weather.
- 8.2 Venue information is available at www.hisc.co.uk.

9 THE COURSES

- 9.1 The courses to be sailed will be a combination of windward/leeward legs and triangles, or trapezoids.
- 9.2 The race target time will be 40 minutes.

10 SCORING

- 10.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.2 (a) When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) 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
- (c) When eight or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

10.3 Points will accrue to the registered helm and not the entered boat.

11 SUPPORT BOATS

[DP] Support boats shall register at the Race Office during the registration period.

12 BERTHING

[DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places whilst ashore.

13 RADIO COMMUNICATION

[DP] 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.

14 PRIZES

The overall winners of each Championship fleet will be awarded the first place trophy and the title of UK National Champion. Prizes will be awarded to the top three helms in each fleet, the first Lady helm, and for the following age categories (age as at 31 December 2017):

Master: 55 and over

Youth: under 19

Junior: under 16

15 MEDIA RIGHTS

Competitors automatically grant to the organizing 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. This may include the use of unmanned aerial vehicles (drones) operated under CAA guidelines.

16 RISK STATEMENT

16.1 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."

16.2 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 omission;
- (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 organizer 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 familiarize 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 safety briefing held for the event.
- (h) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £2 million against third-party claims, or the equivalent in other currencies.

17 FURTHER INFORMATION

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