



2017 RS Elite UK National Championship

19 – 22 July 2017

Hayling Island Sailing Club, Hampshire, UK

**Organizing Authority: Hayling Island Sailing Club in
conjunction with the RS Elite 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-elite-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 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
- 1.4 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.5 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 Elite class boats.
- 3.2 Class Association membership rules shall apply.
- 3.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online form on the event website and submitting the entry fee. Social events can be booked (and paid for) at the same time. Entries received after 6 July will incur higher entry fees.
- 3.4 Competitors less than 18 years of age during the event shall submit signed Parent/Guardian Declarations before racing (download from HISC website).

4 FEES

Entry fees per boat are as follows

Before 6 July: £210.00

After 6 July: £350.00.

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Registration:
Wed 19 July, 18:00 – 19:00.
- 5.2 There will be a briefing for competitors:
Wed 19 July at 19:00.

5.3 The race schedule is as follows:

Date:	Time of 1st warning signal & scheduled races per day:	
	Time:	# Races:
Thur 20 July	12:00	3
Fri 21 July	11:00	3
Sat 22 July	11:00	3

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

6 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

Boats 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

The courses to be sailed will be windward/leeward.

10 SCORING

10.1 Four races are 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 eight races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score

(c) When nine races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

11 SUPPORT BOATS

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

12 BERTHING

12.2 Boats will be craned in on Wednesday 19 July and recovered on Sunday 23 July at MDL Sparkes Marina. Boats will be allocated a berth either at MDL Sparkes Marina or Hayling Island SC moorings.

12.3 [DP] Boats shall be kept in their allocated berths whilst in the harbour.

12.4 [DP] Boats shall not be hauled out during the championship except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

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

Trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd overall, and for day1, day 2 and day 3 winners.

There will be a daily glassware prize giving as soon as possible after racing each day

Overall prizes will be awarded at the prize giving dinner on Saturday 22 July at 19:00.

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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