

RS GAMES 2018

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Weymouth & Portland
National Sailing Academy



RS Tera World Championship 2018

4th – 10th August 2018

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

NOTICE OF RACE

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 racing rules will be changed as follows:
 - RRS 40 changed so that RRS 40 applies at all times while afloat but flag Y will not be displayed.
 - 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.
 - RRS P2 will be changed by deleting RRS P2.2 and P2.3, and by having RRS P2.1 apply to all penalties. The changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.3 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 without exception for the possible display of supplied advertising:
 - (a) The front 1m of the bow
 - (b) The bottom 10% of the mainsail
 - (c) The front 50cm of the boom nearest the mast

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the RS Tera Class, both Pro and Sport rigs.
- 3.2 All competitors must be a member of the International RS Tera Class Association (IRSTCA).
- 3.3 A membership fee of £10 cash per sailor will be collected at Registration in order to complete the registration process.
- 3.4 Eligible boats may enter online at <http://www.rssailing.org/rsgames/>
- 3.5 For all competitors and nationalities the following age rules apply: RS Tera Pro aged 18 or under, but not younger than 12, on 31st July 2018, unless otherwise agreed with the Committee; RS Tera Sport aged 15 or under on 31st July 2018.
- 3.6 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 <http://www.rssailing.org/rsgames/>.

4 FEES

- 4.1 The following fees will be applied to each entry:
- 4.1.1 £240/€288 per boat for entry on or before midnight on 28th February 2018.
- 4.1.2 £260/€312 per boat will apply for all entries received between 1st March and midnight on 30th April 2018.
- 4.1.3 £280/€336 per boat will apply for all entries received between 1st May and midnight on 30th June 2018.
- 4.1.4 Any entries after midnight on 30th June 2018 are at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority and if accepted will be subject to an additional late entry charge of £50/€75. Please contact intsecretary@rstera.org to request permission.
- 4.2 Refunds for cancellation of entries will be as follows:
- 4.2.1 A full refund of the fee paid less £25/€25 administration fee before midnight on 30th April 2018
- 4.2.2 Fifty percent of the entry fee paid between 1st May and midnight on 30th June 2018
- 4.2.3 No refund available after 30th June 2018.
- 4.3 The entry fee includes a ticket for each helm to the midweek dinner. Additional tickets may be purchased at Registration in the RS Games Office. Also included in the fee is after-racing snack for each sailor, a competitor's entry bag and a national flag to be applied to the mainsail.

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Registration and scrutineering will be from 09:00 to 18:00 Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th August in the RS Games Office and Dinghy Park respectively.
- 5.2 The competitors briefing for each event will be held at 11:00 at the RS Stage on Monday 6th August.
- 5.3

Day	Date	First Warning Signal	Number of Scheduled Races
Monday	6 th August	13:00	3
Tuesday	7 th August	11:30	3
Wednesday	8 th August	11:30	3
Thursday	9 th August	11:30	3
Friday	10 th August	11:30	2

- 5.4 The race committee reserve the right to modify the programme due to extreme weather conditions or other causes. This may include bringing scheduled races forward, except the first race on the first scheduled day of racing.
- 5.5 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15:00.

6 SCRUTINEERING

Scrutineering will take place in the Dinghy Park. Boats must register before presenting themselves for scrutineering. The scrutineering process will ensure all boats comply with the RS Tera Class Rules.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on the event website.

8 VENUE

8.1 The venue is the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy (WPNSA). Further information on WPNSA is available online at www.wpnsa.org.uk.

8.2 Racing will be in Portland Harbour.

9 THE COURSES

9.1 The course to be sailed will be outer or inner loop trapezoid, finishing leeward of the committee boat.

9.2 Line starts will be used for all starts. In the event that any one fleet (Pro or Sport) reaches an entry of 80 boats or more, then at the discretion of the Race Management team, flights may be used to split the fleet into manageable numbers.

9.3 The target time for the first finisher in each race is 50 minutes.

10 SCORING

10.1 Four races are required to be completed by each fleet to constitute a series.

10.2 The total score of each boat will be the sum of her scores as follows:

- (a) When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When from five 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 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 for the Pro and Sport fleets shall be calculated separately.

11 SUPPORT BOATS

11.1 All support boats must register in advance of the event with the IRSTCA Secretary, Emma Hawley at intsecretary@rstca.org.

11.2 Upon arrival Support Boats must report to the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy Reception. They must not launch before this requirement has been met.

11.3 All Support Boats must register in the RS Games Office during the registration times and pay the charge of £70 per boat for the event. In addition, all support boats are required to display an identification flag whenever on the water during the event. Flags will be assigned when registering and a £20 cash refundable deposit is required for the flag.

11.4 Except when responding to the signal in NoR 11.7, 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. [DP].

11.5 During the event, support boats shall not tow boats participating in the event unless the race committee have signalled that towing is allowed.

11.6 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.

11.7 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.

11.8 All Support Boat driver shall attend the Support Boat Briefing, the details of which will be advised at Registration.

11.9 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.

12 BERTHING

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

13 RADIO COMMUNICATION

13.1 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].

13.2 Boats may carry fixed video recording equipment attached to any part of the boat, provided this equipment is not remotely controlled.

14 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

- (a) **RS Tera Pro** as a minimum dependent on number of entries
1st - 6th Overall and 1st - 3rd in Silver fleet if entry numbers dictate
1st - 3rd Ladies
- (b) **RS Tera Sport** as a minimum dependent on number of entries
1st - 6th Overall and 1st - 3rd in Silver fleet if entry numbers dictate
1st - 3rd Ladies
- (c) **Titles will be awarded as follows:**
RS Tera Pro World Champion: 1st RS Tera Pro Overall
RS Tera Sport World Champion: 1st RS Tera Sport Overall

15 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.

16 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.

17 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.

18 RIGHTS AND COPYRIGHT

By participating in this event, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority, the National and International Class Associations and the sponsors of the event the right in perpetuity to make, use and show at their discretion any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him/her during the championship, and of all of his/her material related to the championship, without compensation.

19 DATA PROTECTION

In order to manage the events, information provided by competitors will be held on a database. The management of personal information and images (as in NoR 18) will comply with the new GDPR Legislation that comes into effect in May 2018. More details will be available in the Sailing Instructions.

20 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact Emma Hawley, International Class Secretary on intsecretary@rstera.org or +44 (0) 7773 427827.

CHARTER BOATS

For further information on how to charter a boat, please contact Emma Hawley as above. Charter boats are available for collection from Sunday 5th August 2018.