



RYA Schools Match Racing Championships 2024

Supported by Moody Decking
Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy
16th & 17th November 2024

Notice of Race

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

Other abbreviations which may be used in this document are (RRS: World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing; NoR: Notice of Race; OA: Organising Authority; RC: Race Committee; SI: Sailing Instructions)

1. Organising Authority

The Organising Authority (OA) will be the Royal Yachting Association.

2. Venue

The venue will be Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy.

3. Event Grading

World Sailing grade 4 has been applied for. This grading is subject to review by World Sailing. The event may be re-graded at any time when there is a clear reason to do so.

4. Provisional Programme

4.1. Schedule

Date	Event (Venue Notes)	Time(s)
Friday 15 th November	Training – Pre-Booked Sessions	1200-1400 1400-1600
	Saturday 16 th November	Registration and Weigh-In (WPNSA)
	Competitor Briefing	0845
	Dock out for first race	0900
	First warning signal not before	0915
Sunday 17 th November	Competitor Briefing	0845
	Dock out for first race	0900
	First warning signal not before	0915
	Last warning signal not after	1600
	Prize giving (WPNSA)	ASAP

4.2. Unless excused by the OA attendance at the following is mandatory.[NP][DP]

- Competitor Briefings for skippers and crews.
- Prize giving for skippers and crews.

5. Communication

- Notices to competitors will be posted on the online official noticeboard which is located at www.matchracingresults.com and via a Telegram group circulated with invitations.
- Signals made ashore will be displayed from the committee boat mast at her berth in the marina.

6. Request for Invitation

- Entry to the Event will be by invitation only.
- Requests for Invitation are encouraged from Teams representing a school, educational association/establishment, or combination of either.
- Requests for Invitation should be made by no later than 1200 on Wednesday 18 September 2024 by using the form available at <https://www.cognitofrms.com/RYA2/SchoolsMatchRacingRequestForInvitation>

7. Invitation to Enter

- 7.1. From the request for invitations received, a maximum of 9 entries will initially be invited.
- 7.2. Initial invitations for entry will be issued within a week after the closing date for requesting invites, using the following criteria applied in order:
 - a) A team with crew of more than one gender, representing a single school.
 - b) A Team representing a single school.
 - c) A team which is representing an association or school combination (e.g. crew made up of students from more than one school).
 - d) Each school or organisation will be invited to make a first entry before being invited to make a second entry and so onward.
 - e) In all other respects, entries will be allocated on the date and time of receipt of the Request for Invitation.
- 7.3. Requests for Invitation which did not receive an initial invitation will be placed, in order, on a waiting list using the criteria above.
- 7.4. Additional invitations may be issued at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority.

8. Entry

- 8.1. When invited, for an entry to be valid the online entry form must be completed correctly and must be submitted to the OA with all the required information completed by the 9th October 2024 (12pm).
- 8.2. The non-refundable entry fee of £470 shall be paid upon entry along with agreement to the damage deposit indemnity (appendix A) for the entry to be valid, using the online credit/debit card form. Other payment methods (invoice) will incur an additional admin fee of £50 plus vat (per organisation).
- 8.3. A World Sailing ID is required for skippers upon entry. Sailors wishing to obtain a World Sailing ID should register with World Sailing.
- 8.4. Any sailor under the age of 18 years old shall complete a parent/guardian declaration form by the 13th November 2024.
- 8.5. Competitors must have a nominated adult team manager responsible for them at the venue.
- 8.6. Crew changes will be permitted up to registration for the event providing that the constitution of the team does not change from the criteria (as defined in 7.2) the original invitation was issued against. Skipper changes may be permitted in exceptional circumstances up to 24hrs before registration.
- 8.7. [NP] The team manager and a sailor from each team will be required to join the Telegram group for the event, which will be linked in the Sailing Instructions.
- 8.8. [NP] All organisations are required to make at least one person available who can assist the OA with conducting the event, either on or off the water, if required.

9. Crew (Including Skipper)

- 9.1. All sailors must be at least 14 years old at the event and be attending secondary education as a student in the equivalent of National Curriculum Year 13 or below.
- 9.2. The number of crew, including the nominated skipper, shall be 3 or 4.
- 9.3. After the warning signal for a match, the nominated skipper shall not leave the helm, except in an emergency. Such an emergency shall be reported to the OA immediately after completion of that race.
- 9.4. The total weight of crew (including skipper) dressed in at least shorts and shirts, shall not exceed the maximum weight limit of 272kgs, determined at the time of registration or such time as required by the RC.
- 9.5. Crew weight may be checked during the event. At any re-weighing the total weight limit is increased by 10kgs. Any crew weighing in excess of this increased limit shall not be penalised, but they shall reduce their weight to the increased limit before racing again.
- 9.6. When a registered skipper is unable to continue helming in the event, the OA may authorise an original crew member to be their substitute.
- 9.7. When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event, the RC may authorise a substitute, temporary substitute or other adjustment which will be given only in exceptional circumstances.

10. Rules

- 10.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the RRS, including Appendix C.
- 10.2. The 'Rules for the Handling of Boats' will apply and will also apply to any practise sailing.
- 10.3. The RYA prescriptions and RYA Racing Charter shall apply.
- 10.4. The bylaws of WPNSA and Portland Harbour Authority shall apply.
- 10.5. Rule 40.1 applies; a personal flotation device must be worn at all times whilst sailing or transferring between boats.
- 10.6. The right of appeal is denied in accordance with RRS 70.5.

10.7. Alterations to the RRS:

- a) Add to RRS 41: (e) help to recover from the water and return on board a crew member, provided the return on board is at the approximate location of the recovery.
- b) Add to RRS 41: (f) information provided by any designated Coach or Umpire.
- c) RRS C8.6 and C6.3 may be changed in the sailing instructions.

11. Boats

- 11.1. The events will be sailed in Elliot 6m keelboats.
- 11.2. Up to 6 boats will be provided.
- 11.3. The following sails will be provided for each boat: Mainsail, Jib and spinnaker.
- 11.4. Boats will be allocated by draw either daily or for each round as decided by the Race Committee.
- 11.5. While all reasonable steps are taken to equalise the boats variations will not be grounds for redress.
This changes RRS 62.
- 11.6. The OA may place a person on each boat as either a guest, umpire observer or coach.

12. Event Format

- 12.1. The event will likely consist of the following stages:
 - a) **Stage 1 – Single Round Robin**, Skippers will be seeded based on world sailing rankings 1 month before the event.
 - b) **Stage 2 – Semi-Finals & Fifth to Eighth place**
 - c) **Stage 3 – Knock-out Third and Fourth Place & Knock-out Final**
- 12.2. The RC may change the format, terminate, or eliminate any stage or the event when, in its opinion, it is impractical to attempt to hold the remainder of the matches under the existing conditions or the remaining time scheduled. Early stages may be terminated in favour of later stages.

13. Course

- 13.1. The course will be windward/leeward with starboard rounding, finishing downwind.
- 13.2. The intended course area is Portland Harbour.

14. Advertising

- 14.1. [NP] As boats and equipment will be supplied by the OA, World Sailing Regulation 20.4. applies. Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.
- 14.2. Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising (this amends RRS 60.1).

15. Prizes

- 15.1. The NSSA Trophy will be awarded to the team in first place.
- 15.2. The RYA Shield will be awarded to the first female helm.
- 15.3. Additional Prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

16. Media, Images and Sound

- 16.1. If required by the OA: The OA may require television personnel and equipment (or dummies) to be carried on board while racing and may require competitors to be available for interviews.
- 16.2. The OA have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.

17. Support Persons & Coach Boats

- 17.1. Coach boats shall conspicuously display identification of the team being coached.
- 17.2. The OA will not provide berths for coach boats.
- 17.3. Coach boats shall remain outside the racing area between the display of the Attention Signal (Foxtrot) and until all boats in a flight have finished racing.
- 17.4. Support persons and coach boats shall comply with reasonable requests from the officials.

18. Risk Statement

Rule 3 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 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 accepts responsibility for the exposure of themselves and their crew to such inherent risk while taking part in the event.
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew and any property they may bring, 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) 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.
- e) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- f) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for this event.
- g) It is their responsibility to ensure that they are familiar with the type of boat used, and the supplied equipment and are suitably experienced with its operation.
- h) It is their responsibility for ensuring all supplied equipment is carried on board.
- i) That they are fit to sail and that they believe the crew and the boat and crew is capable of competing in the anticipated conditions.

19. Privacy Statement

19.1. The personal information you provide to the organising authority, or its representative, 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, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

19.2. Details of the team managers will be shared with the NSSA and BSDRA.