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RS Aero UK Open & National Championship 2020

28th – 31st August 2020

Eastbourne Sovereign Sailing Club

Organizing Authority: Eastbourne Sovereign Sailing Club
in conjunction with the RS Aero UK Class Association

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1. Documents governing this event, including this Notice of Race and any amendments thereto, will be available at the event website:
https://go.sailing-at-eastbourne.co.uk/?page_id=112
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 Appendix P, Special Procedures for RRS42 will apply and is amended by deleting clauses P2.2, P2.3 and P2.4 and by having P2.1 apply to all penalties incurred under P1.2.
- 1.4. RRS 31 is changed so that marks other than starting and finishing marks may be touched without penalty.
- 1.5. Competitors should note that Eastbourne Sovereign Sailing Club implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at <http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/pages/racingcharter.aspx>
- 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 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. All competitors must be a member of the RS Aero Class Association.
<https://www.rsaerosailing.org/index.asp?p=membership>
- 3.3. Entries will be limited to 120 boats and accepted in the order that valid fully paid entries are received, after complying with NoR 3.2. This limit may be altered up or down at any time by the Organising Authority. Any subsequently excluded sailors will receive a full refund.
- 3.4. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online form on the Class website and submitting the entry fee. <https://www.rsaerosailing.org/index.asp?p=event&eid=1824>
- 3.5. Should the event be cancelled, a refund of at least 90% of the entry fee will be made after transfer fees. This will be dependant on the expenditure committed by and at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 3.6. For the RS Aero UK Open & National Championship 2020 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 choice, but shall do so at the event registration. Should a competitor wish to change rigs during the championship, they may do so once only within their original entry fee, but all races completed using the changed rig will be scored as a separate entry.
- 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.
- 3.8. Entries will close at midnight on Friday 14th August 2020. However at the discretion of the Organising Authority online entry may remain open beyond this date and further entries may be accepted.

4. FEES

4.1. Entry fee per boat is £150

The overall event entry fee includes the Commodores Reception on Friday 28th August and an evening meal on Saturday 29th August.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1. Registration will take place on Thursday 27th August from 18:00 until 19:00 and Friday 28th August from 09:00 until 12:00

5.2. There will be a briefing for competitors on Friday 28th August at 11:30.

5.3. The race schedule will be as follows:

Date:	Event:
Friday 28 th August	Warning signal for the first race will be at 13:00
Saturday 29 th August Sunday 30 th August Monday 31 st August	Warning signal for the first race will be at 11:00

The Championship will consist of a maximum of 10 races.

5.4. No more than four races will be sailed on any day.

5.5. 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 South East of the Sailing Club approximately 1NM offshore.

8.2. Venue information is available at the event website:

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9. THE COURSES

9.1. The courses to be sailed will be a combination of windward/leeward leg 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. Series scoring

(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

14.1. The UK National Championship Title and 1st place Trophy in each Championship fleet shall be awarded to the highest placed competitor who is either (or both) British or whose main residence is within the UK.

14.2. 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 2020):

Master: 55 and over

Youth: under 19

Junior: under 16

14.3. Only the first 2 races of each day will count towards the Master's title.

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. COVID 19

17.1 The event will be run inline with the UK Governments regulations and RYA guidance in affect at the time of the event.

17.2 Guidance will be published on the club website and regatta notice board.

17.3 [DP] Competitors must adhere to all guidance and signage from the OA.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

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