



The DeWALT Scorpion National Championship 2023

6th – 11th August 2023

Eastbourne Sovereign Sailing Club

Organizing Authority: Eastbourne Sovereign Sailing Club
in conjunction with the National Scorpion Class Association (UK)

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=2149
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. 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>
- 1.5. 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.
- 1.6. The RRS will be changed as follows:
 - (a) RRS 33 is changed so that when a change of course is signalled and mark 1 is changed, all other marks may be moved to adjust the geometric axis of the course.
 - (b) RRS 35 is changed so that after the first boat has finished, boats may be finished based on their observed position on the course.
 - (c) RRS 40 changed so that crew shall wear their PFD complying with CR C.4.1 at all times while afloat, except that the PFD need not be worn briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment, or taking a comfort break. Flag Y will not be displayed. [DP]
 - (d) In RRS 44.2 insert after the first sentence: "However, if Mark 1a is a mark of the course, a boat may delay taking a penalty for an incident (i) in the zone around Mark 1 or (ii) on the leg between Mark 1 and Mark 1a, until she has passed Mark 1a"
 - (e) RRS G1.3 and others are changed as stipulated in the Class Rules.
 - (f) RRS 62.1 changed so that failure to achieve target time is not grounds for redress.
 - (g) 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.
 - (h) RRS 63.7 is changed so that in the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions and the Class Rules, the Class Rules shall prevail.
 - (i) RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply as amended in the SIs.
 - (j) The Sailing Instructions may also change other RRS.
- 1.7. RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply as amended in the SIs. For UK competitors this Appendix is only available on the 'World sailing' website
- 1.8. Each crew shall ensure that their support person/s comply with the SI and RRS. [DP]
- 1.9. For infringements of rules other than in Parts 1 and 2 of the RRS, the protest committee may give a penalty less than disqualification.
- 1.10. The notation '[DP]' denotes that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.
- 1.11. The notation [NP] denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This may change RRS60.1(a).

2. ADVERTISING

2.1. Advertising is permitted in accordance with the class rules and World Sailing Regulation 20. If/when provided by the OA, boats and competitors shall carry, display or wear the following as instructed:

- (a) Event and Class sponsor advertising
- (b) Coloured bibs for Event and/or category leaders [NP];
- (c) Cameras and sound equipment [NP]; and
- (d) Tracking and timing system equipment [NP]:
 - i) Allocated Competitors shall collect any tracking module from their assigned tracking desk before racing each day.
 - ii) On return to shore competitors shall within the protest time limit return the tracking module to the same place that they received it.

3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 3.1. The regatta is open to boats of the National Scorpion Class that have a valid measurement certificate. When RRS 78.2 is applied the certificate shall be produced or verified to the satisfaction of the NSA no later than 10:00 on Sunday 6th August 2023 this changes RRS 78.2
- 3.2. At least one of the helm or crew must be a full or full junior member of the National Scorpion Class Association, and the other must be at least an associate member of the National Scorpion Class Association.
- 3.3. Entries will be limited to 70 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.
- 3.5. Competitors aged less than 18 shall complete an Under 18s Consent Form. This can be downloaded from the 'Document' area of the Scorpion Class Association website and shall be completed and submitted at the event before racing.
- 3.6. Entries will close at midnight on Sunday 30th July 2023. However at the discretion of the Organising Authority online entry may remain open beyond this date and further entries may be accepted.
- 3.7. Competitors shall register and complete all required measurement formalities before racing.
- 3.8. Each boat shall carry a tow line of minimum 6 metres length and 6mm diameter. Spinnaker sheets may be used as long as they are readily detachable and comply with the minimum length and diameter requirements.
- 3.9. Competitors shall tally on and off at the designated tally board, located adjacent to the clubhouse, prior to launching and after recovering from the water.

4. FEES

- 4.1. Entry fee per boat is £285 for an adult entry.
- 4.2. Entry fee per boat is £150 for a junior entry (under 21 on 6th August 2023)
- 4.3. If an entry is cancelled by a competitor, the entry fee will be refunded as follows:

Cancellation Date	Entry Fee Refund
Up to and including 16 th July 2023	100%
After 16 th July 2023	15%

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1. Registration will take place on
 - 5.1.a. Saturday 5th August from 10:00 until 12:00 and 14:00 until 16:00
 - 5.1.b. Sunday 6th August from 09:00 until 10:00
- 5.2. There will be a briefing for competitors on Saturday 5th August at 18:00.
- 5.3. The race schedule will be as follows:

Date	Race	Warning Signal	High/Low Water
Sunday 6 th August	Practice Race Points Race 1 Points Race 2	11:55 Back to back	HW 15:31 LW 09:46
Monday 7 th August	Points Race 3 Points Race 4	11:55 Back to back	HW 16:15 LW 10:32
Tuesday 8 th August	Points Race 5 Points Race 6 Crews Race	11:55 Back to back	HW 14:59 LW 11:17
Wednesday 9 th August	Points Race 7 Points Race 8	11:55 Back to back	HW 17:50 LW 12:08
Thursday 10 th August	Points Race 9 Points Race 10	11:55 Back to back	HW 18:53 LW 13:41
Friday 11 th August	Lay Day – to be used if less than 6 Championship races completed.	T.B.A.	HW 07:39 LW 14:37

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 Friday 11th August no warning signal will be made after 14:55 unless fewer than three races have been completed.

6. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

6.1. The OA, Measurer, and representatives of the SCA (UK) may weigh, measure or inspect any boat and/or equipment and sails before, during or after any race at their discretion.

6.2. Changes to sail numbers shall be requested in writing to the race office and approved by the Organising Authority. This changes RRS Appendix G1.1.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1. The sailing instructions will be published on the event website.

7.2. A SCA (UK) WhatsApp group will be established for the Event to inform competitors when announcements have been posted on the official noticeboard. The official notice board takes precedence in case of a discrepancy. It is also hoped that a daily announcement will be made on this group.

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 and starting systems will be defined in the Sailing Instructions. The courses to be sailed will be a combination of Windward / Leeward Legs and triangles. Full details will be in the Sailing Instructions together with race mark descriptions.

9.2. The starts will be either Line or Gate starts at the discretion of the race committee. Depending on numbers and conditions the intention is to have Gate Starts.

10. SCORING

10.1. Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

10.2. Series scoring

(a) When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When from five (5) to eight (8) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score

(c) When nine (9) or ten (10) 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 entered boat. Any helm or crew changes need to be requested in writing to the race office and approved by the Organising Authority.

11. SUPPORT BOATS

- 11.1. [DP] Support boats shall register at the Race Office during the registration period
- 11.2. [DP] Support person vessels shall remain clear of racing.

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 winning boat will be awarded the first-place trophy and the title "National Champion". Additional trophies and prizes, daily prizes and novelty prizes will be awarded according to a list to be published by the Class Association.

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 £3 million against third-party claims, or the equivalent in other currencies.

17. DRONES

17.1. The Organizing Authority may arrange for one or more drones to film all or part of the racing. You consent to drones flying within 10 meters of you and other competitors. Drones are inherently potentially dangerous, and competitors recognize this risk and should avoid any contact with them and in particular should not try to touch them.

17.2. Use of drones by anyone in the vicinity of the course without and in accordance with approval of the OA is prohibited.

18. ANTI DOPING

Testing under World Sailing regulation 21.16 Anti-Doping Code by the Royal Yachting Federation or its representatives may be implemented.

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

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END OF NOTICE OF RACE

AMENDMENT HISTORY

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