

UK RS Classes Associations

GENERAL NOTICE OF RACE 2015

for National Circuit events and Winter, Inland, Southern, Northern & End of Season Championships

Organising Authority – UK RS Classes Associations in conjunction with various yacht and sailing clubs.

1. PROGRAMME

- 1.1 The UK RS Class Association will organise events for all RS classes throughout the year in conjunction with various yacht and sailing clubs. Events governed by this notice will be RS Association organised RS National Circuit events and Championships. Details of the events and their locations will be published on the UK RS Associations websites, below:

uk.rs100sailing.org

uk.rs200sailing.org

uk.rs300sailing.org

uk.rs400.org

uk.rs500.org

uk.rs600.org

uk.rs700.org

uk.rs800.org

uk.rsvareo.org

- 1.2 The UK RS Class Associations may organise additional events or cancel scheduled events if it thinks fit. Members of the UK Class Associations will be informed of such changes through the RS Class Newsletter, Fast News or mailings.
- 1.3 As set out in All Class Rules, to compete, either the helm or crew shall be a member of one of the following RS Associations - RS200, RS300, RS400, RS600, RS700, RS800, RS Vareo International, or the International RS100, RS500 Class Associations.

2. RULES

- 2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

2.2 The RS Standard Sailing Instructions set out under 'Documents' on the UK RS Class Associations websites, see links in 1.1 above, will govern each event. In addition an Event Appendix will be available at registration with additions and amendments specific to the event.

2.3 The racing rules will be changed as follows:

Rule 31 changed so that marks other than starting and finishing marks may be touched without penalty.

Rule 32 changed to allow the race to be shortened at the Committee Boat on station at the finish.

Rule 35 changed to score boats finishing outside the time limit in their observed position on the course.

Rule 40 changed so that personal Floatation Devices must be worn at all times while afloat.

Rule 44 for certain classes the two turn penalty may be changed to a one turn penalty.

Rule 63.1 changed so that for breaking certain rules boats can be disqualified without a hearing.

The changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions and Event Appendices. These may also change other racing rules.

3. ADVERTISING

3.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 RS All Class Rules for membership to be eligible to compete in this event shall apply.

4.2 Competitors may enter either before registration by obtaining an entry form by mail or on-line where available, or at registration. Information regarding the time and place of registration and the entry fee will be available from the RS Office.

4.3 Any competitors who are aged under 18 shall complete an Under 18s Consent Form (this replaces the previous Parental Disclosure Form, Photography Consent Form and Medical Consent Form). This can be downloaded from the UK RS Class Association websites and should be completed and handed in at the event.

5. FEES

5.1 Details of fees applicable for each event will be available from the host club or RS Office at least 3 weeks before each event.

6. SCHEDULE

6.1 Details of the schedule for each event will be available on the RS website or from the RS Office at least 6 weeks before each event.

6.2 The RS Racing events will comprise of a maximum of 6 races for a two-day event except the Sprint Championships, and a maximum of 9 races for a three-day event.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

7.1 The RS Standard SIs set out under 'Documents' on the UK RS Class Associations websites, see links at 1.1 above, will govern each event. In addition an Event Appendix will be available at registration with additions and amendments specific to the event.

8. VENUE

8.1 Additional information specific to each venue, including the time of the briefing and the first warning signal, is given under 'Events' on the UK RS Class Associations websites, see links at 1.1 above.

9. COURSES

9.1 Standard RS Courses will be sailed. Details will be provided in the Event Appendix A, available at registration at each event.

10. SCORING

10.1 Appendix A of the Racing Rules of sailing will be amended so that discarded races will be taken into account when breaking a tied series result - see Sailing Instructions for full details.

10.2 Points will accrue to the registered helm, or helm and crew team, and not the entered boat. The registered helm and crew may swap roles without restriction.

11. CIRCUIT SCORING

11.1 For the 2015 National Circuits, the number of events that can be discarded are as follows:

RS100 National Tour	6 events, 4 to count
RS200 National Circuit	7 events, 5 to count
RS300 National Tour	6 events, 3 to count
RS400 Championship Tour	7 events, 4 to count.
RS800 Grand Prix	8 events, 5 to count
RS Vareo Grand Prix	6 events, 2 to count

11.2 If one or more events in the Tours at 11.1 are cancelled then the number of events to count should be reduced by one.

11.3 For the 2015 RS200 and RS400 Eurocup, there will be 3 events (UK Nationals; Irish Nationals; YC Carnac Eurocup) with 2 to count.

12 RADIO COMMUNICATION

12.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

13 PRIZES

13.1 Details of prizes for each event will be detailed in the Event Appendix, available at registration at each event.

14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

14.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

15 INSURANCE

15.1 Each participating boat shall be adequately insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

16.1 For further information please contact Heather Chipperfield on heatherc@rs-association.com or 01590 610273, Sally Campbell on sally@rs-association.com or 07901 853491, or Clare Sargent on clare@rs-association.com