



## **NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2019**

### **STONE SAILING CLUB**

### **GENERAL SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (“GSI”)**

#### **1. RULES**

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)

#### **2. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY**

- 2.1 Entrants must be RS Class Association members at the time of entry  
2.2 The Entry Fee will be £ 120.  
2.3 An Online Early Entry Fee of £100 shall apply until 00.01am 2nd June 2019. Visit [www.rs600.org](http://www.rs600.org)

#### **3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on Official Notice Board situated outside the Sailing Club Race Office.  
3.2 A Competitors Briefing will be held on Friday 28th June at 11:30 hrs, outside the Sailing Club Race Office. Subsequent briefings may be held and will be advised on the Official Notice Board

#### **4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 4.1 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be posted for at least two hours before the scheduled start time of the race or races concerned; except that any change to the schedule of races shall be posted by 20:00 hrs on the day before it will take effect

#### **5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole situated on the club race box

#### **6. CLASS FLAGS**

- 6.1 The class flag will be RS600 - pink flag with black ‘RS600’

#### **7. RACING AREA**

- 7.1 The racing area will be to the east of the Clubhouse

## 8. SCHEDULE

8.1. Race start times are scheduled as follows with the warning signal being 5 minutes prior to the start time

DATE	REGISTRATION TIME	NUMBER OF RACES	FIRST SCHEDULED START TIME
Thursday 27th June	17:00 - 18:00	PRACTICE ONLY	13:00
Friday 28th June	09:00 - 11:00	3	13:00
Saturday 29th June		3	11:00
Sunday 30th June		3	10:30

- 8.2 One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that the class becomes no more than one race ahead of schedule, and the change is made in accordance with SI 3.1.  
No more than 4 races will be sailed in any one day
- 8.3 The warning signal for the first scheduled race on 28th June will be at 12:55 hrs. On subsequent days the warning signal for the first scheduled race will be at 10:55 & 10:25 hrs
- 8.4 On the last day of racing no warning signal will be made after 14:00 hrs
- 8.5 In the event of a race being recalled, restarted, re-sailed or abandoned the next race sailed will be that race with subsequent races being sailed thereafter in their scheduled order

## 9. THE COURSES

- 9.1. The diagrams in Appendix A show the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left
- 9.2. The number of laps to be sailed will be indicated on the Committee Boat for each course either written on a notice board or by flying the appropriate numeral pennant
- 9.3. The Race Officer will aim for each race to last approximately 45 mins for the leading boat.
- 9.4. The approximate bearing of the windward mark may be displayed on the committee boat prior to the warning signal

## 10. COMMITTEE/ BOAT & MARKS

- 10.1. The Committee Boat will be a Blue Hanse 45' Yacht called 'Celebration'
- 10.2. The Race Officer for the Event is Neil Fulcher
- 10.3. The course marks are described in Appendix A of these SIs

## **11. MINIMUM WIND STRENGTH**

11.1. Races will not be started unless the Race Officer is satisfied that the wind strength over the whole of the course is in excess of 4 knots

## **12. THE START**

12.1. The starting line will be between a mast displaying an orange flag on the Committee Boat at the starboard end and the port-end starting mark

12.2. When an inner limit mark is laid near the Committee Boat it is a starting limit mark and shall be left to starboard when starting

12.3. A boat starting later than 10 minutes after the starting signal will be scored DNS 'Did Not Start' without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.1 & A5

## **13. CHANGE OF NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

13.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finish line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by the original mark

## **14. SHORTENING COURSES**

13.1 The race may be shortened in accordance with RRS 32.2. All competitors shall complete the number of rounds equal to the leading boat before proceeding to the finish

## **15. THE FINISH**

15.1. The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the committee boat and the finishing mark

## **16. PENALTY SYSTEM**

16.1. Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty

16.2. Boats may touch a mark other than the starting or finishing mark. A boat shall not manhandle a mark when it results in an advantage. This changes RRS 31

## **17. TIME LIMITS**

17.1. The time limit shall be 90 minutes from the valid start for the first boat that sails the course and finishes. If one boat finishes within that limit then the time limit will be amended to 10 minutes after the finishing time of the first boat.

17.2. Boats failing to finish within the amended time limit shall be scored in their observed positions on the course. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5. Boats finished in this way will be advised of the fact by a safety boat and should stop racing thereafter

## **18. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 18.1. Protest forms will be available from the Race Office. They shall be delivered there within the protest time limit
- 18.2. The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later
- 18.3. Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the expiry of the protest time to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties to, or named as witnesses. It shall be the responsibility of competitors to check the notice board for such notices, obtain their copy of the protest form and make sure that they and their witnesses attend the hearing
- 18.4. Where a Class judge a NJ, IJ or official arbitrator is appointed to an event the Exoneration Penalty and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration procedures of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. See official notice board for details
- 18.5. For infringements of the rules other than in Parts 1 and 2 of the RRS, the protest committee may award a lesser penalty than disqualification
- 18.6. Breaches of instructions 19.2, 22.1, 22.2 and 26 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a)

## **19. SCORING SYSTEM**

- 19.1. Points will accrue to the helm named on the entry form and not the boat entered
- 19.2.
  - (a) Three races are required to be completed to constitute the series.
  - (b) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a competitor's series score will be the total of her race scores
  - (c) When from 4 -7 races have been completed, a competitor's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score
  - (d) When 8 or more races have been completed, a competitor's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores
- 19.3. To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a competitor may complete a scoring enquiry form available at the race office. If a request for correction is rejected the time limit for requesting redress for the alleged error will run from the time that the rejection is advised to the competitor
- 19.4. **Series/event tie:** If, after discard, two or more competitors have the same points total the tie will be broken in accordance with RRS Appendix A8.1

## **20. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 20.1. Personal Flotation Devices for Helms shall be worn at all times whilst afloat without flag Y having been displayed. This changes RRS 40
- 20.2. A tally system will be in operation. Further details will be provided during the briefing
- 20.3. When the race committee considers that a boat or competitor is in difficulty it may instruct the boat or competitor to accept outside help, retire or sail ashore
- 19.4 In accordance with RRS 43.1 and WS Case 89, no clothing or equipment may be worn on the body of helm or crew to carry liquid of any description, even if for the purpose of re-hydration; this includes camelbacks, water bottles and cans of drink

## **21. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 21.1. For the event only the helm named on the entry form will be eligible. If a different helm completes a race in the same boat then they will be considered a separate entry and their results cannot be combined with another helm's results.
- 20.2 **Distinguishing Numbers.** Under exceptional circumstances, the Race Committee may permit a boat to use sails carrying a distinguishing number other than that required by RRS77 and RRS Appendix G. Such permission is only valid if sought in writing and granted at least 2 hours before the advertised start of that day's racing.

## **22. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

- 22.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.
- 21.2 When Class Association-approved scales are provided at the event, competitors in classes with equalisation shall be measured in accordance with the Class Rules before racing in the event but not more than 24 hours before the first scheduled start. The measurements and the corresponding wing and corrector weight settings shall be recorded on the form provided, available to view by all competitors, and will apply for the duration of the event.

## **23. ADVERTISING**

- 23.1. Boats shall display advertising supplied by the organizing authority as specified in the NOR.
- 23.2. When provided at registration, competitors shall make every reasonable effort to display event sponsors promotional items on their boat and sails as directed. If sponsor promotional items come off whilst racing, competitors must obtain replacement items from the RS Association before the start of racing the following day, if the Association has sufficient stocks available.
- 23.3. There will be no restriction on the number or coverage of advertisers logos or slogans except for the front 20% of the forward part of each side of the hull and the foremost 20% of the mainsail boom bottom , which are reserved for RS Association event sponsors. [see ISAF regulation 20 Advertising Code]

- 23.4. Any individual caught stealing sponsor promotional items, e.g. flags, banners, prizes, etc. shall be the subject of a report by the Race Committee to the Protest Committee requesting action under RRS 69.2(a).

## **24. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

- 24.1. A boat shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions, text messages or cellular phone calls while racing except in an emergency or when using equipment provided by the race committee.

## **25. SUPPORT BOATS**

- 25.1. Support boats shall be registered with the organizing authority and will be required to comply with event support boat regulations.
- 24.2. Support persons as defined in the RRS shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the starting sequence until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

## **26. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 26.1. The race organisers shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/competitor, his skipper or crew as a result of their taking part in the race or races. Moreover, every owner/competitor warrants the suitability of his boat for the race or races.
- 26.2. The safety of a boat and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/competitor racing the boat, who shall ensure that the boat is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by a crew sufficient in number and experience who are physically fit to face bad weather. The owner/competitor shall be satisfied as to the soundness of the hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. He shall ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and that all crew know where it is kept and how it is to be used.
- 26.3. Neither the establishment of these Sailing Instructions nor any inspection of the boat under these conditions in any way limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner/competitor for his crew, the boat and the management thereof. The crews are nonetheless advised to satisfy themselves as to the experience of the skipper and the adequacy of all safety equipment and insurance arrangements.

## **27. RUBBISH DISPOSAL**

- 27.1. Competitors and their support persons should not drop rubbish in the water or in the dinghy park including all pieces of tape used during the event.

## **28. INSURANCE**

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

## **29. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS**

29.1. By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

## **30. PRIZES**

30.1. The prizes are allocated as follows and Fleets will be decided after day one of racing

UK National Champion - first boat sailed by primarily resident in the UK

Top 6 places

First Silver Fleet Prize

First Bronze Fleet Prize

First Master - aged over 49 at the start of the event

First Youth - aged under 23 at the start of the event

## **31. USE OF DRONES**

31.1 Event drones (UAVs/UASs) may be used in close proximity to obtain media for an event. This may be on land and/or over water. Any material gained from their use can be used by the event team or sponsors for PR and Media purposes.