



Noble Marine RS600 National Championships 2023
Thursday 22nd June to Sunday 25th June 2023
Hosted by Stone Sailing Club

NOTICE OF RACE

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

This event will be organised by Stone Sailing Club in conjunction with the RS Class Association.

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

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Racing rules Race Signals AP, 31, 33, 35, 44.1, 60.1(a), 60.1(b), 61.3, 62.1(a), 62.2, A2 A5.1 and A5.2 will be changed. The changes appear, in full, in this notice of race or in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available at www.rs600.org

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on an Official Notice Board situated outside the Sailing Club Race Office at the entrance to the club.
- 3.2 While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to boats of the RS600 class.
- 4.2 Helms must be a full member of the RS Class Association.
- 4.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online form at <https://rs-association.com>
- 4.4 To be considered an entry at an event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.5 Any competitors aged under 18 shall complete an Under 18s Consent Form. This can be downloaded from the RS Class Association websites and should be completed and handed in at registration.
- 4.6 Online entry will close at midnight on 17th June 2023
- 4.7 Entry may be possible at registration, at the discretion of the organising authority.

- 4.7 The Organising Authority may cancel the event and reject or cancel entries in its absolute discretion, subject to RRS 76.
- 4.8 Should the Organising Authority cancel or reject an entry they shall refund the entry fee in full.
- 4.9 Should the Organising Authority cancel the event within 36 hours prior to the scheduled start of race one any refunds will be at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority.

5 FEES

Entry fees are as follows:

Class	Early entry fee until 31st May 2023	Standard Fee
RS600	£ 120.00	£ 145.00

6 CREW LIMITATIONS

Does not apply.

7 [NP] ADVERTISING

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

8 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

Does not apply.

9 SCHEDULE

- 9.1 Registration: Thursday 22nd June - 16:00 to 18:00 hrs

Friday 23rd June - 09:00 to 11:00 hrs

- 9.2 Briefing – A Briefing will be held at 10.30 hrs on Friday 23rd June 2023

- 9.3 Racing:

Date	No of Races	Start time
Thursday 22nd June	Practice Day	13:00
Friday 23rd June	3	13:00
Saturday 24th June	3	11:00
Sunday 25th June	2	11:00

- 9.4 A total of 8 races are scheduled.

- 9.5 The scheduled time of the first warning signal will be 5 mins prior to the start of the first race. On Friday 23rd June this will be 12:55 hrs and on the remaining race days it will be 10:55 hrs.

- 9.6 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 14:00

10 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

10.1 Boats may be inspected at any time.

10.2 When Class Association-approved scales are provided at the event, competitors in classes with performance 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 rack 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.

11 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times while afloat.

12 VENUE

The Sailing Area will be to the east of the club house.

13 COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be Trapezoid.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn

14.2 The Post Race Penalty and the RYA Arbitration Procedures of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. See the official notice board for details. Decisions from Arbitration can be referred to the protest committee but cannot be reopened or appealed.

15 SCORING

15.1 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

15.2 (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 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

This changes RRS A2.

16 [NP] SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

No Support Person Vessels will be permitted at this event.

17 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

Does not apply.

18 BERTHING

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the dinghy park.

19 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Does not apply.

20 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Does not apply.

21 DATA PROTECTION

The Class Data Processing Policy is available on the class website.

22 RISK STATEMENT

22.1 RRS 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone".

Sailing by its nature is 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 omissions;
- (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 organiser 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 familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules or information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

22.2 [NP] COVID Statement

By taking part in any of the events covered by this notice of race, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force from time to time in respect of COVID-19 and for complying with the venue/OA/sailing club COVID-19 procedures. Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols, or legislation, even if they later prove to be unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.

23 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 Pounds Sterling per incident or the equivalent.

24 PRIZES

The Prizes are allocated as follows and Fleets will be decided after day one of racing as follows:

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

Top 6 places

1st Grandmaster (over 60 at start of Championship)

1st Master Helm (over 49 at start of the Championship)

1st Youth Helm (under 23 at start of Championship)

1st Lady Helm

1st Silver Fleet Prize

1st Bronze Fleet Prize

25 CAMPING/MOTOR HOMES/ACCOMMODATION

Visitors to Stone Sailing Club are allowed to use the car park for parking their touring caravans or mobile homes. Tents are only allowed in the camping area behind the changing rooms. No reservations are taken and space is taken on a first come first served basis.

Stone Sailing Club request that visitors abide by the following rules:

No BBQ's, Fires or Fireworks to be lit anywhere on club grounds.

No loud music or gatherings outside of vehicles or tents after 10pm.

Accommodation must not be left unattended overnight.

A list of local accommodation can be found on the club website. See

www.stonesc.org.uk/about-ssc/info

26 CLUB RULES

No wet gear is permitted in the Lounge Deck.

No smoking or vaping is allowed in the club buildings.

No children under the age of 12 are allowed in the Lounge Deck unless accompanied by an adult.

Dogs are not allowed in the Clubhouse and must be kept on a lead while in the club grounds and not left unattended.

27. SOCIALS/GALLEY INFORMATION

Thursday

Galley Open for Lunch and Dinner

6pm Club Bar Opens

Friday

Galley Open for Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

5pm Club Bar Opens

7.30pm - Commodores Reception, Cheese & Wine

8.30pm - Live Band in the Clubhouse

Saturday

Galley Open for Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

5pm Club Bar Opens

6pm RS600 Annual AGM in the Clubhouse

7.30pm RS600 Class Meal in the clubhouse

(Free for Competitors) Additional tickets available to book in advance

8.30pm Danny Grew Magic Show

Sunday

Galley Open for Breakfast and Lunch

12-4pm Bar Open

Prize Giving as soon after Racing as possible

28. CLUB DETAILS

Stone Sailing Club

Tinnocks Lane

St Lawrence Bay

Essex

CM0 7NF

Website: www.stonesailingclub.org.uk

29 FURTHER INFORMATION

If you require any further information please contact Ian Montague - 07770 600190

If you intend to arrive earlier than Thursday please contact Ian in order that access to the club can be arranged.

END OF NOTICE OF RACE