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Weston Sailing Club Cat Open Incorporating Nacra 15 National Championship

Organising Authority: Weston Sailing Club (WSC)

Dates: 16th and 17th September 2023

Location: Abbey Hill, Netley Abbey, Southampton, SO31 5FB

Notice of Race (NoR)

The notation '[NP]' in a rule 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 will be governed by the rules as defined in 'The Racing Rules of Sailing'.
- 1.2. Competitors should note that WSC:
 - 1.1.1. [DP] implements and expects competitors to sail in compliance with the RYA Racing Charter
 - 1.1.2. shall apply the Post-Race Penalty and the Advisory Hearing of the RYA Rules Disputes procedures
 - 1.1.3. [DP] expects competitors to sail in accordance with the Southampton Water by-laws for Racing

2. Sailing Instructions

- 2.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available after 12:00 on 14th September at [Weston Cat Open 2023](#)

3. Communication

- 3.1. The Official Notice Board (ONB) is located near the WSC Race Office.
- 3.2. The Race Office is located at WSC, Abbey Hill, Netley Abbey, Southampton, SO31 5FB, between the WSC Club room and the Changing rooms. When not open please telephone: 023 8045 2527
- 3.3. [DP] While racing from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, 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 all catamaran classes with a valid PY or SCHRS number.
- 4.2. Fleet splits will be announced at the briefing on Saturday 16th September, 3 starts are anticipated (depending on entry numbers/fleet sizes), and will be a '5-4-1-Go' sequence
 - 4.2.1. There will be a Nacra 15 Class start (National Championship)
 - 4.2.2. There will be one or two Handicap starts which will be split by PY/SCHRS range
- 4.3. Competitors must Pre-register online at [Weston Cat Open 2023](#) and pay for entry before midnight on Tuesday 12th September.
- 4.4. Late entries and payments after midnight 12th September will be at the organiser's discretion
- 4.5. The entry limit is 50 boats.
- 4.6. [DP] Competitors wishing to use sail numbers other than those declared when they registered must notify the Race Officer before the warning signal of race concerned.

5. Fees

- 5.1. Double-handers: £60 / Single-handers: £40/ Youth (Both under 18): £50
- 5.2. Entry fees is to be paid online

6. Crew Limitations

- 6.1. Crew limitations must comply with Class rules

7. Advertising

- 7.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.
- 7.2. The organizing authority may provide bibs that competitors are required to wear as permitted by the World Sailing Advertising Code.

8. Qualifying Series and Final Series

- 8.1. Not Applicable

9. Schedule

- 9.1. Registration –
 - 9.1.1. Pre-registration is required using the booking system on the WSC website. Entries after the limit is reached will be held on a waiting list.
 - 9.1.2. The deadline for registration and fee payment is midnight on Tuesday 12th September. Any late entries will only be accepted at the discretion of the Organiser and subject to the entry limit at 4.6. above.
 - 9.1.3. Registration at the Race Office between 0830 and 1030 on Saturday 16th September to collect tally numbers etc.
 - 9.1.4. Parents of competitors under 18 are to complete parental forms at registration.
- 9.2. Equipment Inspection Schedule - Not Applicable
- 9.3. Dates of racing: 16th and 17th September 2023.
- 9.4. Number of Races:
 - 9.4.1. 3 races per day are scheduled. The maximum number of races per day is 4.
 - 9.4.2. Racing will be "Back-to-Back" (B2B), without coming ashore between races, although this may be modified at the organiser's discretion.
- 9.5. The scheduled time of the **first start** on Saturday 16th September is 11:30 and on Sunday 17th September is 12:00.
- 9.6. An event briefing will be held on Saturday 16th September at 10:30 and may be held on Sunday 17th September if requested by competitors.
- 9.7. On Sunday 17th September, no race will be started after 15:30.

10. Equipment Inspection

- 10.1. Each boat shall produce or verify the existence of a valid measurement certificate
- 10.2. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race, and sailing instructions
- 10.3. [DP] Boats shall also comply with RRS 78.1

11. Clothing and Equipment

11.1. Not Applicable for this NoR.

12. Venue

12.1. The racing area is Southampton Water, within approx. a 1-mile radius of WSC (see Addendum 1).

12.2. [DP] Competitors must keep clear of the commercial shipping channel in Southampton Water.

13. Courses

13.1. The racecourse, number of laps, start line, and finish line, will be announced at the briefing and/or displayed on boards on the lower SE wall of the WSC Race Box.

13.2. Racing marks shall be:

13.2.1. Large yellow or orange inflatable triangular buoys, and/or,

13.2.2. Orange inflatable cylindrical buoys, and/or,

13.2.3. Any of the fixed Southampton Water buoys/posts

13.3. It is intended to have a Committee Vessel (CV) start and to set windward/leeward courses or trapezium/ square courses. Please refer to the Sailing Instructions for more details.

14. Penalty System

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

15. Scoring

15.1. For handicap fleets, scoring will be calculated using handicap corrected average lap times.

15.2. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

15.3. When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

15.4. When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores but excluding her worst score.

15.5. Rule A5.3 applies

16. Support Person Vessels

16.1. [DP] Support vessels should be identified to the organising authority at least 24 hours before the event and may be required to carry markings as directed by the organising authority or Race Officer

17. Chartered or Loaned Boats

17.1. Not Applicable

18. Berthing

18.1. [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the boat park and not moved without prior written approval of the Race committee or Pound Manager

19. Haul-out Restrictions

19.1. Not Applicable

20. Diving Equipment and Plastic Pools

20.1. Not Applicable

21. Data Protection

21.1. Weston SC adheres to the principles and lawful basis of processing data under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). We will hold your personal data relating to the event on our systems and we will review your personal data periodically to establish whether we are still entitled to process it. If we decide that we are not entitled to do so, we will stop holding your personal data except that we will retain it in an archived form in order to be able to comply with future legal obligations. We will only ever share your data for the purpose of depicting the racing, results, analytics, and in media reports distributed to appropriate publications and regular social media platforms.

22. Risk Statement

- 22.1. RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone." By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on the unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.
- 22.2. The provision of safety equipment and boats by Weston Sailing Club is neither a guarantee that assistance can be rendered to any competitor in need, nor an acceptance of any responsibility for rescue of competitors.
- 22.3. Further, in the event that any assistance is rendered to a competitor, no liability for any loss, damage or injury to the competitor and/or boat and its equipment is accepted by either the Club or the crew of such rescue craft.

23. Insurance

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

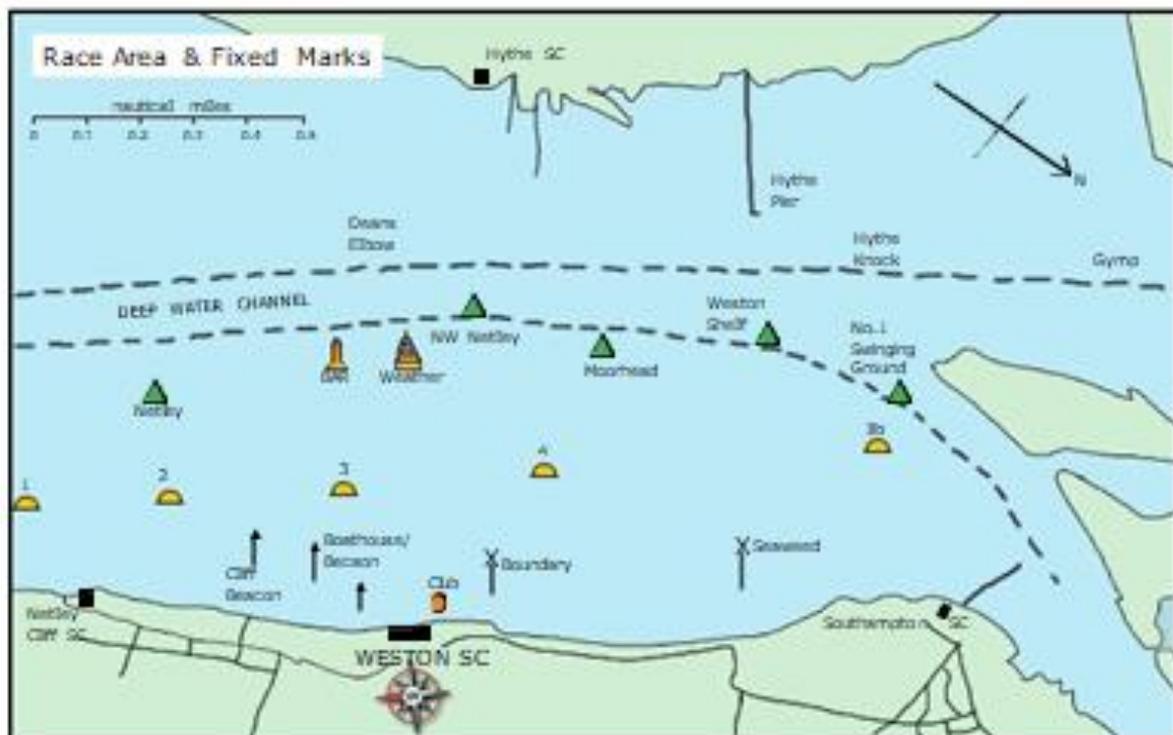
24. Prizes

- 24.1. WSC Prizes will be given (depending on numbers) for the leading 3 boats in each fleet.
- 24.2. Additional prizes may be made available by WSC or by Class associations.
- 24.3. The prize giving ceremony will be as soon as possible after the completion of the last race and in accordance with any applicable government social distancing guidance.

25. Further Information

- 25.1. For further information please contact: administrator@weston.org.uk

Addendum 1 – WSC Race Area



Note: Not for navigation and mark positions for guidance only