

RYA SPRING SERIES 2014

NOTICE OF RACE

Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy
Event 1 - 8th & 9th March and Event 2 - 12th & 13th April
 Hayling Island Sailing Club
Event 3 - 3rd & 4th May

The Organising Authority shall be the RYA and WPNSA for the WPNSA Events and the host sailing club in conjunction with the RYA for the HISC Event

1. Rules

The races will be governed by the rules as defined in the RYA Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

2. Advertising

Boats may be required to display bow numbers and advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

3. Classes

Racing at all or some of the nominated events in the RYA Spring Series 2014 will be in the following classes: 2.4mR, SKUD, Sonar, 470 men, 470 women, 470 mixed, Finn, 49er, 49er FX, Nacra 17, RSX 8.5, RSX 9.5.

Information regarding which classes will be competing and any other events that will be used for a classes RYA Spring Series 2014 can be found in the RYA Olympic Classes Fixture Booklet, which is updated on the Skandia Team GBR website. <http://www.rya.org.uk/britishsailingteam/crewroom/Pages/default.aspx>

4. Eligibility and Entry

- 4.1 Entries for the event should be made online via www.ryaracingevents.org.uk no later than Monday before the event.
- 4.2 Late entries will incur an increased entry fee.
- 4.3 Three class entries are required for racing to take place for that class.
- 4.4 All sailors under 18 years of age must produce a completed parent/guardian consent form available on the RYA Events website. Without a completed form, sailors under the age of 18 will not be allowed to register.

5. Fees

5.1 The entry fees with details of the early entry discount system are as follows:

	Entry on the day	Early entry for 8 th & 9 th March by 3 rd March	Early entry for 12 th & 13 th April by 7 th April	Early entry for 3 rd & 4 th March by 28 th April
Single Hander	£50	£35	£35	£35
Double Hander	£55	£40	£40	£40
Triple Hander	£60	£45	£45	£45

5.2 If the class is cancelled by the Organising Authority, a full refund will be offered.

6. Format

6.1 For all classes there will be a maximum of 5 races per day using a shorter race format. Addendum Q will apply at nominated events as outlined in the Sailing Instruction.

7. Schedule

- 7.1 Registration for competitors will take place in the Race Office between 0900 and 1000 on the first day of racing.
- 7.2 The first competitors briefing will take place at 1030.
- 7.3 The warning for the first race is scheduled to be no earlier than 1200 on the first day of racing.
- 7.4 On the last day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1500.
- 7.5 The prize giving is scheduled to begin as soon as possible after racing.

8. Measurement

- 8.1 Each boat shall have a valid measurement certificate (if required by class rules). Boats shall use the approved National Code Letters on their sails as required by the RRS.
- 8.2 Equipment shall only be replaced with permission of the Jury.

9. Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions and Local Instructions will be available at Registration.

10. Venue

10.1 The regatta will be held at Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy for Events 1 & 2 and Event 3 will be held at Hayling Island Sailing Club.

10.2 The racing areas will be Portland Harbour and Weymouth Bay for the WPNSA events and the racing areas will be Chichester Harbour and Hayling Bay for the HISC event.

11. The Courses

The courses will be Windward/Leeward or Trapezoid.

12. Penalty System

For the 49er and Nacra classes the rule 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only one turn, including one tack and gybe, is required.

13. Scoring

13.1 The Low Points Scoring System will be used at all events.

13.2 The RYA Olympic Classes Spring Series winner will be scored on the total points of the final finishing position in all nominated class National Ranking events.

14. Support Boats

Support boats will need to register, if called upon support boats will be required to act as rescue boats.

15. Electronic Equipment

The organisers may require competitors to carry electronic recording equipment.

16. Prizes

Prizes for the RYA Olympic Classes Spring Series winners will be awarded at the end of racing on the 4th May at HISC.

17. Risk Statement

17.1 A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.

17.2 It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and her crew is competent to sail and compete in them.

17.3 Nothing done by the Organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the Organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The Organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the Organising authority, the race committee, the race officer, patrol boats and beach masters.

17.4 The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities

17.5 The fact that the race committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of the boat set out in this paragraph.

18. Insurance

The boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £2,000,000.