



# UKWA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS & UKWA NATIONAL REGIONAL INLAND SERIES NOTICE OF RACE 2017

*The Organising Authority is the United Kingdom Windsurfing Association (UKWA)*

## **UPDATED – Amendments made on 15.04.2017 to 3.1 & 13**

### **1 RULES**

- 1.1** The events and the series will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*. These include Appendix B (windsurfing competition rules), the Prescriptions of the RYA, this Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions, and the rules of the relevant International classes as amended by national class rules where applicable.
- 1.2** Club, council rules and byelaws apply if displayed on the premises of the club or council hosting the event.
- 1.3** Under rule 87, International Raceboard class rule C.1.2 is changed with the permission of the International Class Association to allow competitors in the Raceboard fleet to use 3 sails per event for National competition – all other equipment limitations within this rule remain unchanged.
- 1.4** Competitors should note that the UKWA implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be expected to sail in compliance with it. The Charter can be found at the front of the RYA edition of the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (the yellow pages after the definitions), or on the RYA website at [www.rya.org.uk/racingrules](http://www.rya.org.uk/racingrules)
- 1.5** The Exoneration Penalty, Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available.

### **2 ADVERTISING**

- 2.1** Advertising will be allowed in accordance with the class rules of the competing classes. If no limitations are prescribed within the class rules, rule 80 shall take precedence.
- 2.2** Boards may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

### **3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 3.1** Racing will be in the following fleets and sub-divisions where notified: (Inland Series eligibility and entry is detailed in appendix A)
  - BIC Techno 293 - 6.8 Techno / 7.8 Techno / Techno+ 8.5
  - RS:X
  - Raceboard
  - Formula Windsurfing

#### **Within these fleets the following age categories (divisions) may be recognised:**

- Junior (aged 14 or under as at 31st December 2017) – Techno 293 6.8 only
- Junior (aged 16 or under as at 31st December 2017)
- Techno 293 OD 7.8 (over 17 born 2000 or before)
- Youth (aged 19 or under as at 31st December 2017) – 18 for RS:X Youth
- Master (35+ born 1981 or before)
- Veteran (50+ born 1966 or before)
- Super veteran (60+ born 1956 or before)

#### **Within these fleets the following National class divisions may apply:**

- Formula Windsurfing
  - Formula National
- Raceboard
  - 7.8 , Raceboard Lightweight, Raceboard Heavyweight, Div II

- 3.2** A sailor must be a member of the UKWA, or a non-UK resident who is a member of either their national windsurfing association or a World Sailing Member National Authority.

- 3.3** Entries should be made in advance through the UKWA website [www.ukwindsurfing.com](http://www.ukwindsurfing.com). Entries can be made on the day. No entry will be accepted after 09:30 am on the first scheduled day of racing, except at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

- 3.4 Before competing, each competitor shall register for the event at the Race Office, pay the required entry fee and complete, update or confirm an equipment registration form if required.
- 3.5 Competitors under the age of 18 must submit a completed Parent / Guardian Declaration at registration.
- 3.6 Fleets may race together on a single start, depending on the number of entries. Individual classes within a fleet shall be raced and scored as a single fleet.
- 3.7 Boards must display sail numbers on both sides of the sail in accordance with RRS Appendix G and in accordance with B9. For the purpose of Appendix G, this is not an International event. Breaches of NOR 3.7 shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 3.8 Competitors must enter and race under their allocated number, other than with the express permission of the Race Committee.
- 3.9 A competitor not complying with 3.7 will be scored DSQ but may seek redress via a results query form and accept a 20% place penalty for each race whilst in breach of 3.7 without written permission of the Race Committee. This amends A5.
- 3.10 Inland Series eligibility and entry is detailed in appendix A.

#### 4 FEES

- 4.1 Entry fees are set out on the event website and UKWA website.  
Before competing each competitor shall pay any appropriate parking / camping charges or face rejection of their entry with no refund of entry fees.

#### 5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Competitors shall register and confirm entry details at the Race Office on the first morning of racing from 08.00 - 09.30.
- 5.2 There will be a welcome and briefing for all competitors on the first morning of racing at 10:15.
- 5.3 Tally System: Tally numbers will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 5.4 The scheduled time of the first warning signal is 10.55 and 09.55 on each subsequent day.
- 5.5 On the last day of the event no warning signal will be made after 16:00.
- 5.6 The normal programme for each fleet will be 4 races per day, but 3 races on the last day of each event.
- 5.7 **Minimum Conditions:** The intention is that all racing takes place in suitable conditions. The Race Officer shall be the sole judge of the suitability of conditions, and will take into account the effect of the speed and direction of any current, and wind measurements from as many parts of the course as possible.

#### 6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions can be downloaded from the UKWA website ([ukwindsurfing.com](http://ukwindsurfing.com)), and will be posted on the ONB.

#### 7 VENUE

National Championship Series	National Regional Series
April 1 <sup>st</sup> – 2 <sup>nd</sup> at Weymouth Academy (WPNSA)	April 29 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> at Whitwell
May 27 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> at Christchurch	June 10 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup> at Datchet Sailing Club
July 1 <sup>st</sup> – 2 <sup>nd</sup> at Bridlington	September 9 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> at Grafham Sailing Club – separate NOR will apply
July 15 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> at Herne Bay Sailing Club	
August 26 <sup>th</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> at Pwllheli	September 30 <sup>th</sup> – October 1 <sup>st</sup> at Pitsford (NSC)
October 14 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> at Stokes Bay Sailing Club	

#### 8 COURSES

The course to be sailed will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

#### 9 SCORING

##### 9.1 GENERAL

- 9.1.1 The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply, except that rule B8.8 (Ties) is deleted.
- 9.1.2 A competitor does not become eligible for series or event points by 'pre entering', but only by registering at the event and being capable of sailing and intending to do so.

##### 9.2 NATIONAL SERIES SCORING EXCLUDING FORMULA

- 9.2.1 Each competitor's National Series score will be his or her fleet position in the same fleet/division at 4 of the 5 events. The competitor with the lowest score will win the title of National Champion in that fleet/division.

However a Techno sailor may make an irreversible decision to change division from 6.8 to 7.8 and roll over their 6.8 scores into their 7.8 series scores. From this time forward the sailor will be recognised as 7.8. Once this decision is taken a sailor may not reverse the decision.

**9.2.2** If fewer than 3 races are completed at any event for a fleet it will be discounted for the National Series, and the events to count reduced accordingly. (4/6, 3/5, 3/4, 2/3, 2/2, 1/1).

### **9.3 NATIONAL REGIONAL INLAND SCORING EXCLUDING FORMULA**

**9.3.1** Each competitor's Regional Inland Series score will be his or her fleet position in the same fleet/division at 3 of the 4 events. The competitor with the lowest score will win the title of National Champion in that fleet/division. However a Techno sailor may make an irreversible decision to change division from 6.8 to 7.8 and roll over their 6.8 scores into their 7.8 series scores. From this time forward the sailor will be recognised as 7.8 once this decision is taken a sailor may not reverse the decision.

**9.3.2** If fewer than 3 races are completed at any event for a fleet it will be discounted for the National Series, and the events to count reduced accordingly. (4/6, 3/5, 3/4, 2/3, 2/2, 1/1).

### **9.4 NATIONAL & REGIONAL INLAND SERIES SCORING FORMULA**

**9.4.1** Each competitor's National Series score will be his or her fleet position in the same fleet/division in all counting races at every event (all races count). Series discards will be permitted as follows

Number of races	3	7	10	13	17	20	23	27	30	Etc.
Discards	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Etc.

**9.4.2** Rule A9 does not apply. A board which does not finish a race will be awarded a score of the number of sailors entered for that event plus 1. A board not entered for that event will be awarded a score of the number of sailors who enter the series plus 1.

## **10 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

**10.1** All competitors who will be aged 17 or under on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017 shall wear a personal flotation device to an appropriate standard at all times when afloat.

**10.2** If the Y flag is flying, all competitors shall wear a buoyancy aid or life jacket to an appropriate standard at all times when afloat.

**10.3** If conditions dictate, the organisers may require all competitors to wear personal flotation devices and/or wet or dry suits. Failure to comply will result in disqualification.

**10.4** A tally system will be in use.

**10.5 Mandatory Instructions on the Water - Boards and Competitors in Difficulty.** When the race committee considers that a board, its equipment or crew are not adequate for the existing or anticipated conditions, or that a board or crew member is in difficulty, it may instruct the board or crew not to launch, or to retire or to sail ashore or to accept outside help. The board and crew shall comply with such instructions without delay.

## **11 ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION**

A board shall neither make nor receive radio or mobile telephone transmissions while racing.

## **12 PRIZES**

**12.1** Prizes will be awarded to the first competitor in each fleet with 3 or more registered at the event, provided that at least one race has been completed. Additional fleet prizes, and category /sub-division prizes, may be awarded depending upon the numbers of competitors.

**12.2** Series prizes will be awarded if one event has been completed.

## **13 SUPPORT & COACH BOATS / PERSONS**

No coach boats or support boats will be permitted. Except that a Class Chair or the RYA may appoint coach and or support boats but only with the prior approval of the Head of Racing ([racing@ukwindsurfing.com](mailto:racing@ukwindsurfing.com)). All applications must include completion of forms

a) UKWA coaches code of conduct

b) UKWA coach & support boat registration form

Applications and forms must be submitted no later than the Wednesday prior to the said event.

## **14 RISK STATEMENT**

**14.1** RRS 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

**14.2** Sailing is by its nature 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 board 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 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 board 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.

## **15 INSURANCE**

Each participating board shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3 million per event or the equivalent. This cover is automatically provided as part of UKWA membership.

## **16 RIGHTS TO NAMES AND LIKENESS**

Competitors automatically grant to the organising authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event.

## **17 FURTHER INFORMATION**

Further information relating to the event including news, directions to the event site, parking and camping, accommodation, and the social programme, will be published on the UKWA website prior to the event.

# **Appendix A**

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