## RS700 RS800 National Championship 2020 cancelled at Exe Sailing Club

In light of recent changes in the way government and local authorities are managing the Covid-19 pandemic Exe Sailing Club has been forced to review their position with regard to events. We have seen the imposition of restrictions and lock-downs with very little notice. With a heavy heart we've made the difficult decision to withdraw as the Organising Authority of the RS700/800 National Championship. This is probably the most difficult decision our Club has ever had to make.

Exe SC has closely monitored the evolving situation and whilst aware that other sailing events were being cancelled, we were optimistic that we would be able to run this event in mid-September given the gradually improving situation. Sadly, in the last few days it has become clear that the assumptions on which we were working are no longer valid. With the steady rise in the incidence of Covid-19 in the local area we have had no choice but to put the interests of our membership and local community ahead of our desire to host a prestigious National Championship.

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