



Noble Marine RS700 and RS800 National Championships 2023
Wednesday 6th to Sunday 10th September 2023
Hosted by Brightlingsea Sailing Club

NOTICE OF RACE

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

This event will be organised by Brightlingsea 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:

<https://www.rs700.org/championships/index.asp?eid=2344> and

<https://www.rs800.org/championships/index.asp?eid=2344> .

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official noticeboard is located in the race management centre. The online noticeboard is at: <https://www.rs700.org/championships/index.asp?eid=2344> and <https://www.rs800.org/championships/index.asp?eid=2344> . The physical noticeboard takes precedence.
- 3.2 [DP] 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 RS700 and RS800 class.
- 4.2 Helm must be a full member and crew must be either a full member or crew member of the RS Class Association.
- 4.3 Eligible boats may enter online at: <https://www.rs700.org/championships/index.asp?eid=2344> and <https://www.rs800.org/championships/index.asp?eid=2344> . Online entry will close 0001hrs Fri 1 Sept 2023. Entries after this date can be made on paper at registration.
- 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 website document library here:
<https://www.rs700.org/documents/p1gluc1f6muuh1a161spc110vmea3.pdf>

and should be completed and handed in at registration.

- 4.6 No entries will be accepted after 1100hrs Thurs 7 Sept 2023 for full event and 1000hrs Sat 9 Sept 2023 for weekend event.
- 4.7 The Organising Authority may cancel the event, cancel classes and reject or cancel entries in its absolute discretion, subject to RRS 76.
- 4.8 Should the Organising Authority cancel a class 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:

<i>Class</i>	<i>Early online entry fee until 0001hrs Wed 21 June 2023</i>	<i>Standard entry fee until 000hrs Fri 1 Sept 2023</i>
RS700	£170	£210
RS700 Youth	£160	£200
RS700 Weekend	£85	£105
RS800	£200	£240
RS800 Youth	£190	£230
RS800 Spinlock 1999	£190	£230
RS800 Weekend	£100	£120

On paper entry will be available at registration but will be subject to £10 late fee for full event and £5 late fee for weekend event.

Youth is aged 22 or under at the start of the championship. RS800 youth entry requires helm to be youth.

Spinlock 1999 entry is open to old style deck RS800s with a sail number lower than 1118.

6 CREW LIMITATIONS

Does not apply.

7 ADVERTISING

[DP] [NP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority. Old sponsor stickers should be removed: Volvo, Gul, Allen, FatFace and Magic Marine. Exception is made to this if a boat is currently individually sponsored by one of these previous event sponsors.

8 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

Does not apply.

9 SCHEDULE

- 9.1 Registration: 1400-1700hrs Wed 6 Sept 2023, 0830-1100hrs Thurs 7 Sept 2023, 0830-0930hrs Sat 9 Sept 2023 in the race management centre.
- 9.2 Briefing: A briefing will be held at 1030hrs on Thurs 7 Sept 2023 in the clubhouse.
- 9.3 Racing:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Race</i>
Thurs 7 Sept 2023	Races 1 to 2
Fri 8 Sept 2023	Races 3 to 5
Sat 9 Sept 2023	Races 6 to 8
Sun 10 Sept 2023	Races 9 to 10.

- 9.4 Ten races are scheduled.
- 9.5 The scheduled time of the first warning signal of the first race is 1155hrs on Thurs 7 Sept 2023. The scheduled time of the first warning signal of the first race on remaining race days is 1025hrs.
- 9.6 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1500hrs.

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. If a helm or crew is substituted during the event, the new sailor will be measured before racing and the boat's rack and corrector weight settings adjusted and recorded to suit.

11 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times while afloat.

12 VENUE

The Sailing Area will be the Colne Estuary.

13 COURSES

The course to be sailed will be inner and outer loop windward leeward.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty for both fleets.
- 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 from eight to eleven 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.

15.3 The RS700 and RS800 weekend prizes shall be awarded to the weekend entry boat who has the lowest total race score from races completed across Sat 9 Sept and Sun 10 Sept 2023.

16 [DP] [NP] SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

16.1 Support teams, including all support persons and support person vessels shall stay 150m outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

17 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

Does not apply.

18 BERTHING

[DP] 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] [DP] 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

Prizes may be awarded, dependant on entries and at the discretion of the Race Committee, as follows:

RS700 National Champion

RS700 1st – 5th

RS700 1st Silver

RS700 1st Master (over 50 at start of the Championship)

RS700 Fidelis Trophy (1st helm outside main prizes who has competed in at least 3 previous RS700 nats)

RS700 1st Apprentice (1st helm at their first RS700 nats)

RS700 Endeavour (highest score having completed all races)

RS700 1st Weekend (weekend entry boat with lowest total race score from races completed across Sat 9 Sept and Sun 10 Sept 2023)

RS800 National Champion Helm and Crew

RS800 1st – 6th Helm and Crew

RS800 1st Silver Helm and Crew

RS800 1st Lady Helm

RS800 1st Lady Crew

RS800 1st Youth Helm (under 22 at start of Championship)

RS800 1st Youth Crew (under 22 at start of Championship)

RS800 1st Master Helm (over 44 at start of the Championship)

RS800 1st Master Crew (over 44 at start of the Championship)

RS800 Endeavour Helm and Crew (highest score having completed all races)

RS800 Spinlock 1999 Award (best placed old style deck RS800 with sail number lower than 1118)

RS800 1st Weekend Helm and Crew (weekend entry boat with lowest total race score from races completed across Sat 9 Sept and Sun 10 Sept 2023)

The overall winner of the Championship fleet series will be awarded the first place keeper prize. The first UK boat will be awarded the title National Champion(s) and the National Champion trophy.

Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

25 DRONES, VIDEOGRAPHY AND PHOTOGRAPHY

25.1 Competitors give absolute right and permission for video footage – which may be taken by drone – or photographs of themselves or their boat to be published in any media for press, editorial or advertising purposes.

25.2 All those who take part in the event as competitors as well as support crew or spectators agree to be overflown by a drone or drones during the duration of the event, this includes your person and your property.

26 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact Clare Sargent on clare@rs-association.com

END OF NOTICE OF RACE