



Noble Marine RS700 and RS800 National Championships 2025
Wednesday 10th September to Sunday 14th September 2025
Hosted by Eastbourne Sovereign Sailing Club

NOTICE OF RACE

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

This event will be organised by Eastbourne Sovereign 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.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing, 2025-2028*.
- 1.2 Racing rules Race Signals AP, 26, 32.2, 33, 34, 35, 36, 40.1, 40.2(c), 44.1, 60.1, 60.3(b), 61.1(a), 61.2(b), 61.4(b)(1), 63.1, 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 on the official noticeboard and here: [RS700](#) and [RS800](#).

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official noticeboard is located upstairs in the clubhouse.
- 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 classes.
- 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 here: [RS700](#) and [RS800](#)
- 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 [here](#). The Under 18s Consent Form should be completed and handed in at registration.
- 4.6 Online entry will close at 0001 on Mon 8 Sept. Paper entry will be available at registration. No entries will be accepted after 0930 on Sat 13 Sept.

5 FEES

Entry fees are as follows:

Class	Early online entry fee until 0001 Mon 14 July 2025	Standard entry fee until 0001 Mon 8 Sept 2025
RS700	£200	£240
RS700 Youth	£190	£230
RS700 Weekend	£100	£120
RS800	£260	£300
RS800 Youth	£250	£290
RS800 Spinlock 1999	£250	£290
RS800 Weekend	£130	£150

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 below 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.

8 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

Does not apply.

9 SCHEDULE

9.1 Registration will be held upstairs in the clubhouse on Wed 10 Sept 1500-1800, Thurs 11 Sept 0900-1100, and Sat 13 Sept 0830-0930.

9.2 Briefing – A briefing will be held at 1100 on Thurs 11 Sept 2025. There will be a briefing before release daily.

9.3 Racing:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Race</i>
Thurs 11 Sept	Races 1 to 2
Fri 12 Sept	Races 3 to 5
Sat 13 Sept	Races 6 to 8
Sun 14 Sept	Races 9 to 10

9.4 Ten races are scheduled.

9.5 The scheduled time of the first warning signal of the first race on Thurs 11 Sept is 1255. The scheduled time of the first warning signal of the first race on Fri 12 Sept and Sat 13 Sept is 1155, and on Sun 14 Sept is 1055.

9.6 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1400.

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 and 40.2(c) shall apply at all times while afloat.

12 VENUE

The Sailing Area will be Eastbourne Bay.

13 COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be 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 all 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.

16 [DP] [NP] SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

Does not apply.

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 RS Class Association Data Processing Policy is available on the class website.

22 RISK STATEMENT

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.

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 will be awarded, dependent on entry numbers and at the discretion of the organizing authority, as follows.

RS700 National Champion

RS700 1st – 6th

RS700 1st Silver

RS700 1st Bronze

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

RS700 1st Youth (aged 22 or under at start of the Championship)

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

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 13th Sept and Sun 14th Sept 2025)

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 13th Sept and Sun 14th Sept 2024)

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

25 FURTHER INFORMATION

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

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