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RS Feva European Championship 2018

9th – 15th August 2018

The Organising Authority is the Weymouth & Portland National Sailing Academy (WPNSA) in conjunction with the RS Feva Class Association (IRSFCA).

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017–2020* (RRS).
- 1.2 The racing rules will be changed as follows:
 - RRS 40 changed so that RRS 40 applies at all times while afloat. Flag Y will not be displayed.
 - RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
 - RRS 63.7 is changed so that in the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.The changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.3 The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NoR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

2 ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies. [DP].

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the RS Feva XL Class.
- 3.2 Class Rule '3. Class Association Membership' of the RS Class Rules will apply for eligibility to compete in this event.
- 3.3 Eligible boats may enter online at <http://www.rssailing.org/rsgames/>
- 3.4 A Parent/Guardian Consent and Supervision Form must be completed and signed by the Parent or Guardian of any competitor under the age of 18 on the last day of the event and handed in at registration. Forms may be downloaded from <http://www.rssailing.org/rsgames/>.

4 FEES

- 4.1 The following fees will be applied to each entry:
 - 4.1.1 £290/€345 per boat for entry on or before midnight on 1st February 2018.
 - 4.1.2 £310/€370 per boat will apply for all entries received between 2nd February and midnight on 1st April 2018.
 - 4.1.3 £330/€395 per boat will apply for all entries received between 2nd April and midnight on 1st July 2018.
 - 4.1.4 Any entries after midnight on 1st July 2018 are at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority. Please contact secretary@rsfeva.org to request permission.
- 4.2 Refunds for cancellation of entries will be as follows:
 - 4.2.1 Fifty percent of the entry fee paid before midnight on 31st May 2018
 - 4.2.2 No refund available after 31st May 2018.
- 4.3 The entry fee includes a ticket for each helm and crew to the regatta dinner. Additional tickets may be purchased at Registration in the RS Games Office. Also included in the fee is after-racing snack for each sailor, two rash vests, IRSFCA membership levy and a national flag sticker to be applied to the mainsail.

5 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

If there are fewer than 130 entries, the fleet will be split into two equal flights and if there are 130 or more entries the fleet will be split into three equal flights for the qualifying series, re-fighting each day. The qualifying series will finish at the end of the day in which 6 races are completed for all flights. For the final series, the fleet will be split into two fleets (if fewer than 130 entries – gold and silver) or three fleets (gold silver and bronze) of equal size.

6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Registration will be from 09:00 to 18:00 Thursday 9th and Friday 10th August in the RS Games Office.
- 6.2 The competitors briefing will be held at 11:00 at the RS Stage on the first scheduled day of racing.
- 6.3

Day	Date	First Warning Signal	Number of Scheduled Races
Saturday	11 th August	13:00	2
Sunday	12 th August	11:30	3
Monday	13 th August	11:30	3
Tuesday	14 th August	11:30	3
Wednesday	15 th August	11:30	2

- 6.4 The race committee reserve the right to modify the programme due to extreme weather conditions or other causes. This may include bringing scheduled races forward, except the first race on the first scheduled day of racing for a class.
- 6.5 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15:00.

7 SCRUTINEERING

The International RS Feva Class Association reserve the right to nominate a representative to scrutineer competing boats before and during the regatta to ensure compliance with the class rules.

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on the event website.

9 VENUE

- 9.1 The venue is the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy (WPNSA). Further information on WPNSA is available online at www.wpnsa.org.uk.
- 9.2 Racing will be in Weymouth Bay or Portland Harbour.

10 THE COURSES

- 10.1 The course to be sailed will be outer or inner loop trapezoid, finishing near mark 3 (the outer loop leeward gate).
- 10.2 Line starts will be used for all starts.
- 10.3 The target time for the first finisher in each race is 50 minutes.

11 SCORING

- 11.1 One qualifying race is required to be completed by all fleets to constitute a regatta.
- 11.2 The total score of each boat will be the sum of her scores as follows:
- (a) Qualifying series:
 - i. Fewer than four completed races – all her race scores.
 - ii. Four or more completed races – all scores except her worst score.
 - (b) Final series:
 - i. Fewer than four completed final series races – her qualifying series rank plus all of her final series scores.
 - ii. Four or more completed final series races – her qualifying series rank plus all her final series scores except her worst final series race score.

12 SUPPORT BOATS

- 12.1 All support boats must register in advance of the event with the IRSFCA Secretary, Lucy Jameson at secretary@rsfeva.org.
- 12.2 Upon arrival Support Boats must report to the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy Reception. They must not launch before this requirement has been met.
- 12.3 All Support Boats must register in the RS Games Office during the registration times and pay the charge of £70 per boat for the event. In addition, all support boats are required to display an identification flag from whenever on the water during the event. Flags will be assigned when registering and a £20 cash refundable deposit is required for the flag.
- 12.4 Except when responding to the signal in NoR 12.9, support boats, coaches and other support persons shall stay at least 100 metres outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start on that course until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. [DP].
- 12.5 During the event, support boats shall not tow boats participating in the event unless the race committee have signalled that towing is allowed.
- 12.6 In order to prevent fuel spillage, refuelling of boats/tanks is not permitted on the pontoons at WPNSA. Boats may refuel at the Portland Marina fuel pontoon or removable tanks may be taken offsite to be refuelled at a Service Station.
- 12.7 Kill cords shall be worn at all times whilst engines are running. The Course Safety Leader will be looking out for compliance on this issue, there are no excuses and boats will be requested to leave the race area immediately if kill cords are not being used appropriately.
- 12.8 All Support Boat driver shall attend the Support Boat Briefing, the details of which will be advised at Registration.
- 12.9 All Support Boats will keep a listening watch on the safety channel, which will be advised at the briefing, and if requested to, by the race committee displaying flag V and a repeated rapid sound signals, assist with safety operations under the instructions of the Course Safety Leader.

13 **BERTHING**

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the boat park.

14 **RADIO COMMUNICATION**

Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. [DP].

15 **PRIZES**

The overall winning boat of the Championship fleet series will be awarded the first place trophy and the title European Champion.

Additional prizes may be awarded depending on fleet size and categories (e.g. age groups silver and bronze fleet etc).

16 **RISK STATEMENT**

Rule 4 of the RRS states "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".

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 boat to such inherent risk while taking part in the event;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss 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 and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any competitors briefing held for the event.

17 **INSPECTIONS**

The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

18 **INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

19 **RIGHTS AND COPYRIGHT**

By participating in this event, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority, the National and International Class Associations and the sponsors of the event the right in perpetuity to make, use and show at their discretion any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him/her during the championship, and of all of his/her material related to the championship, without compensation.

20 DATA PROTECTION

In order to manage the events, information provided by competitors will be held on a database. The management of personal information and images (as in NoR 19) will comply with the new General Data Protection Regulations that come into effect in May 2018. More details will be available in the Sailing Instructions.

21 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact Lucy Jameson, International Class Secretary on secretary@rsfeva.org or +44 (0) 7834 636095.

CHARTER BOATS

For further information on how to charter a boat, please contact Lucy Jameson as above. Charter boats are available for collection from Thursday 9th August 2018.