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UK RS Feva Class Association Winter Championship

25th & 26th November 2017

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organising Authority is the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy in conjunction with the UK RS Feva Class Association

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 – 2020.
- 1.2. International RS Feva Class Rules will apply.
- 1.3. Competitors shall sail in accordance with the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Racing Charter.
- 1.4. The two turn penalty as described in RRS 44.1 is replaced by one-turn penalty (one tack and one gybe).

2. ADVERTISING

Advertising is permitted in accordance with the class rules and World Sailing Regulation 20. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and/or supplied by the Organising Authority *The following parts of the hulls and sails must be left clear for the possible display of supplied advertising without exception, please could all competitors ensure that this is carried out prior to arrival at the event:*

- i) Front 20% of the forward part of each side of the hull
- ii) Foremost 20% of the mainsail & jib
- iii) Lower part of the mainsail below the bottom batten, save that country letters and flags in their normal position shall be allowed

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The event is open to all boats of the RS Feva class.
- 3.2. All competitors (helm & crew) must be a current member of the UK RS Feva Class Association. Evidence of membership may be required at registration.
- 3.3. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form at www.rsfeva.org.uk and making the required entry fee payment.
- 3.4. At registration all competitors shall supply a completed Medical Information declaration and a completed Parent/Guardian Consent form signed by the responsible parent or guardian. Forms are available for download at www.rsfeva.org.uk

4. Fees

- 4.1. £50 before midnight on Friday 17th November 2017.
- 4.2. £60 after midnight on Friday 17th November 2017.
- 4.3. Online entry closes at midnight on Thursday 23rd November 2017.
- 4.4. Late entries will only be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority and will be subject to an additional fee (£20), which must be paid at registration (no credit or debit card payment facilities will be available for late entries).
- 4.5. Refund of entry fees:
 - 4.5.1. Any fully paid entry cancelled prior to midnight on 17th November 2017 will be refunded in full.

4.5.2. No refunds will be offered after midnight on 17th November 2017.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1.

Day	Date	Event	Time
Saturday	25 th November 2017	Registration	09:30 – 10:30
		Competitors Briefing	10:30
		Race 1 – warning signal	11:55
		Race 2	asap after race 1
		Race 3	asap after race 2
Sunday	26 th November 2017	Race 4 – warning signal	09:55
		Race 5	asap after race 4
		Race 6	asap after race 5
		Prize giving	asap after racing

5.2. The Championship will consist of six races. The intention is that there will be no more than three races a day. However, additional races may be sailed either in advance or arears in order to complete the programme if weather or other reasons dictate.

5.3. On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 15:00.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available at registration, posted on the official notice board and may be posted on the UK RS Feva Class Association website within two weeks of the start of the event.

7. RACE AREAS

The race area will be in Portland Harbour.

8. THE COURSES

The course will be a trapezoid.

9. SCORING

9.1. The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply.

9.2. One race shall be completed to constitute a series.

9.3. The total score for each boat will be the sum of her scores as follows:

9.3.1. When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

9.3.2. When from five to six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

10. SUPPORT BOATS

10.1. All Support Boats must register in advance of the event with the UK RS Feva Class Association Secretary by email to secretary@rsfeva.org.uk.

10.2. Upon arrival Support Boats must report to the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy reception and pay appropriate charges. They must not launch before this requirement has been met.

10.3. Support Boats will comply with the support boat regulations as defined in the Sailing Instructions. Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel will be required to register at the Race Office during Registration.

10.4. Support boats shall be controlled within the race area, they will not be free to roam up and down the course during racing, further details will be included within the Sailing Instructions.

10.5. All support boat helms shall attend all safety boat briefings.

10.6. To ensure fairness to all competitors, all support boats may be required to carry drinks, snacks and spares for competitors who do not have their own support boat.

10.7. The official event photographer may move between the starting line and course marks in order to photograph the event, this boat will display a distinguishing flag.

11. BOATS AND TRAILER STORAGE

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the dinghy park for the duration of the regatta unless instructed otherwise.

12. 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.

13. PRIZES

13.1. Prizes will be given dependent on number of entries, but as a minimum 1st – 3rd overall.

13.2. The title of RS Feva Winter Champion will be awarded.

14. RISK STATEMENT

Rule 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.”

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 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 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.

15. INSURANCE

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

16. RIGHT & COPYRIGHT

In participating in this event any competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority, the National and International Class Associations permission to make, use and show, from time to time, any motion pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the event without compensation, in perpetuity.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact UK RS Feva Class Association Secretary, Lucy Jameson at secretary@rsfeva.org.uk