



**Volvo Noble Marine RS Vareo National Championships 2020  
Hosted by Itchenor Sailing Club**

Organising Authority – Itchenor Sailing Club in conjunction with the UK RS Vareo Class Association

**NOTICE OF RACE**

*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.*

**1 RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the RYA will apply.
- 1.3 The Rules of the RS Vareo Class will apply.
- 1.3 The racing rules will be changed as follows. The changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.  
RRS 31 is changed so that marks other than starting and finishing marks may be touched without penalty.  
RRS 35 is changed so that boats finishing outside the time limit may be scored with their observed position on the course.  
RRS 40 changed so that Personal Floatation Devices shall be worn at all times while afloat except when changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.  
RRS 63.1 changed so that for breaking certain rules boats can be disqualified without a hearing.  
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**2 ADVERTISING**

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

**3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 3.1 Entry is open to all boats of the RS Vareo Class.
- 3.2 The helm must be a member of the RS Vareo Class Association.
- 3.3 Eligible boats may enter on-line at <https://www.itchenorsc.co.uk/booking/type/open-events> Select RS Vareo Nationals.
- 3.4 Due to the current situation entries can be taken on the day.

3.5 Any competitors aged under 18 shall complete an Under 18s Consent Form. This can be downloaded from the RS Vareo Class Association website and should be completed and handed in at registration.

#### 4 FEES

Required fees are as follows:

3 Day entry £110.00

2 Day entry £75.00

Youth entry £100.00 (for helms aged 22 or below at start of Championship).

#### 5 SCHEDULE

5.1 Registration will be between 1000hrs and 1700hrs on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July and between 1000hrs and 1700hrs on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> July.

5.2 A competitor briefing will be held at 1200hrs on 10<sup>th</sup> July.

5.2 Dates of racing, number of races, and first scheduled warning signal:

Date	Race	Warning Signal	HW (BST)	Height
09/07/2020	Practice Sessions 1 and 2	12:00 – 14:00 15:00 – 17:00	15:22	4.8
10/07/2020	First race of 3 b2b races	13:25	16:02	4.5
11/07/2020	First race of 3 b2b races	11:55	16:43	4.3
12/07/2020	First race of 3 b2b races	11:55	17:26	4.2

#### 6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available online at <https://www.itchenorsc.co.uk/event/437393> and on the Official Notice Board.

#### 7 VENUE

7.1 Sailing will be in Chichester Harbour.

7.2 Venue information is available on-line at <https://www.itchenorsc.co.uk/>

#### 8 THE COURSES

8.1 Windward Leeward or Trapezoid Courses will be sailed. Details will be provided in the Sailing Instructions available at registration.

## **9 SCORING**

- 9.1 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 9.2 (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 eight or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

## **10 SUPPORT BOATS AND PERSONNEL [DP]**

- 10.1 All support boats shall clearly display identification supplied by the Organising Authority at all times while afloat.
- 10.2 Support boats with team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay at least 150m outside the race area from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

## **11 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]

## **12 PRIZES**

The overall winner of the Championship fleet series will be awarded the first place trophy and the title National Champion. Other prizes may be presented at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

## **13 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 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.

#### **14 INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be adequately insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

#### **15 FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please contact:

Clare Sargent on [clare@rs-association.com](mailto:clare@rs-association.com)

### **INFORMATION FOR COMPETITORS**

#### **1. BERTHING AND TRAILERS**

- 1.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned area on the ISC landing stage.
- 1.2 Please note that the staging could get wet at high water so all gear and valuables should be left secure. Boats staying on the stage overnight should be tied down.
- 1.3 Trailers must be manhandled from the road to the Club stage as vehicles are not permitted down the Club Lane. Parking for cars is available at the Harbour Conservancy car park (Pay & Display).

Road Trailers may remain on the staging; however the staging may flood at high water Spring Tides.

- 1.4 For sailors arriving at the club with a boat on a road trailer, especially at busy times, it is simplest to go straight into the Conservancy Pay and Display Car Park, unhitch and wheel the boat plus sailing kit down Club Lane on to the stage. Road trailers may be left in the car park or on the stage under your dinghy. Cars are not permitted in the club lane.

#### **2. CLUBHOUSE**

All competitors and their families are invited to use the facilities of the Club, during their stay. They will be deemed to be Temporary Members for the duration of the event, and as such, shall abide by all the Club's rules and traditions.

#### **3. DRESS**

Members and visitors to the club are asked to change from their sailing clothes in the evenings and dress appropriately for the time of day. It is recommended that valuables are not left in the changing rooms. Items of value may be deposited with the Office for safe keeping, at owner's risk.

#### **4. ACCOMMODATION**

Accommodation in the Club is available. Please arrange with the Office: 01243 512400.

5. **CATERING**

Bar and catering facilities will be available for the duration of the event. A supper for sailors and their families is planned for the Saturday evening. Please book for this supper either on the Entry Form or at the club office.

6. **FURTHER INFORMATION. Please Contact:** Itchenor Sailing Club, Itchenor, Chichester, West Sussex, PO20 7AG.

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