



Noble Marine RS Vareo National Championships 2021
Friday 23rd July to Sunday 25th July 2021
Hosted by Itchenor Sailing Club

NOTICE OF RACE

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

This event will be organised by Itchenor 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, 33, 35, 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.itchenorclub.co.uk/booking/type/open-events>

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The Official noticeboard is located by the club bandstand.
- 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 RS Vareo class.
- 4.2 Helm must be a member of the RS Class Association.
- 4.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online form at
<https://www.itchenorclub.co.uk/booking/type/open-events>
- 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 and should be completed and handed in at registration.
- 4.6 No entries will be accepted after Friday 23rd July 2021.
- 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 1 any refunds will be at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority.

5 FEES

Entry fees are as follows:

Class	Early entry fee until 1 st June	Standard Fee
RS Vareo 3 Day Entry	£100.00	£120.00
RS Vareo 2 Day Entry	£75.00	£95.00
Youth entry	£90.00	£110.00

Youth helm is aged 22 at the start of the championship.

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 Thursday 22nd July 12:00 to 17:00. Friday 23rd July 09:00 to 17:00 and Saturday 24th July 09:00 to 11:00.
- 9.2 Briefing – A briefing will be held at 11:00 on Friday 23rd July.
- 9.3 Racing:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Race</i>
Thursday 22 nd July	Free Practise 12:00 – 17:00
Friday 23 rd July	Races 1 to 3
Saturday 24 th July	Races 4 to 6
Sunday 25 th July	Races 7 to 9

- 9.4 9 Races are scheduled.
- 9.5 The scheduled time of the first warning signal of the first race on Friday 23rd July is 11:55. The scheduled time of the first warning signal of the first race on remaining race days is 11:00.
- 9.6 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15:30.

10 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 10.1 Boats may be inspected at any time.

11 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times while afloat.

12 VENUE

The Sailing Area will be in Chichester Harbour.

13 COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be Windward Leeward or Trapezoid.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 No Changes RR

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

16.1 [DP] Support Person Vessels shall be marked with white numbered flag collected from ISC Office.

16.2 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.

16.3 When the engine of a support vessel is running, all support persons on that vessel, shall wear a personal flotation device and the support vessel driver shall use a kill cord.

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:

National Champion

Master Helm (46-55 years old)

1st Grandmaster (56 years old plus)

END OF NOTICE OF RACE

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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