

Notice of Race - Newport Boat Club - 2024

The organising authority is Newport Boat Club, Newport Pembrokeshire.

Discretionary Penalties: 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 All races will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2021-2024, including the prescriptions of the RYA.
- 1.2 The rules of the Newport & Nevern Moorings Association will apply, particularly the 6kt speed limit in the channel.
- 1.3 Racing rules 1.2, 32.1, 33, 35, 40.1, 41 and 44.1 will be changed as follows:
 - Rule 1.2 is deleted and Rule 40.1 is replaced by "Each competitor shall wear in a proper manner a personal flotation device adequate for the conditions, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal floatation devices." (i.e. no signal is required).
 - Rule 32.1 (Shortening the course) is changed to allow the race committee to shorten course in accordance with NoR 9.3.
 - Rule 33 (Changing the next leg of the course) is replaced as follows: "Marks may be moved up to 150m without a course change being signalled, although if possible a race committee vessel will be positioned near the previous mark to make repetitive sound signals and indicate the new mark position by pointing to it."
 - Rule 35 (Race time limits) is changed as set out in NoR 9.3.
 - Rule 41 (Outside help) is changed to the extent set out in NoR 12 (Support boats).
 - Rule 44.1 (Taking a penalty) is changed for multihulls and boats flying a spinnaker to the extent set out in NoR 10 (Penalty system).

2 ADVERTISING: Competitor advertising will be restricted to Category C.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 Races are open to all sailing craft, although eligibility for some trophies may be limited to specific classes or types of craft. Eligibility for some trophies or prizes may be limited by age, sex or other characteristics.
- 3.2 To enter, boats should sign on to the day's entry sheet, usually located outside the club entrance, and pay any required entry fee (NoR 4).
- 3.3 Late entries will be accepted afloat up to one minute prior to the start.

4. FEES:

There is normally no entry fee for Club races, other than the Sandra Thomas race in aid of the Paul Sartori charity and a race to raise funds for the RNLI.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1 Dates of racing: As set out in the Club programme or otherwise notified.

5.2 Number of races: On any day, one or more races may be run back-to-back. Trophies for the day may be awarded based on one or more races.

6. MEASUREMENT

Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate if asked.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on the club website (www.newportboatclub.co.uk) and will be displayed on the Sailing & Boating noticeboard to the left of the main clubhouse door.

8. **RACING AREA:** Racing will usually take place in Newport Bay.

9. THE COURSES

9.1 The course to be sailed may be specified on the club whiteboard situated outside the main clubhouse door.

9.2 If no course is displayed in accordance with NoR 9.1 by 45 minutes before the advertised start time, the course will be as follows:

Start line – between the flag staff position on a boat at the starboard end and a slim orange pillar buoy at the port end; then to

Windward mark – an orange mark to be left to port; then to

Gybe mark - an orange mark to be left to port; then to

Leeward mark - an orange mark to be left to port; then to

Start/finish line as above.

9.3 Unless otherwise specified on the whiteboard,

a) Races will run for a duration of approximately 35 minutes (rather than for a specified number of laps). Around the target duration, the race committee will fly flag S with two sounds, and all boats will finish when they next cross the finishing line.

b) There is no time limit, but if one or more boats are likely to finish more than 15 minutes after the shortened course signal is made then the race committee may award them positions as though they had finished at the end of the last lap which they completed. Rule 35 is amended accordingly.

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

For multihull classes and boats flying a spinnaker, RRS 44.1 is changed as follows:

- a) The Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- b) If a boat is flying a spinnaker at the time of the incident the penalty may be delayed until the spinnaker is lowered.

11 SCORING

11.1 Other than for trophies restricted to a single class and configuration, handicap results will be calculated using:

- a) The published RYA yardstick numbers as modified by the organising authority from time to time; and
- b) The boat's average lap time.

11.2 Only one race need be completed to constitute a series.

11.3 When 1 or 2 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

When 3 or 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

When more than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores from one more than half the races completed.

11.4 When, in a series run over more than one day, a competitor performs a race management or safety duty, then provided that at least one race is completed on the day of that duty they are entitled to one race score that is the average of their score in the other races they complete in the series.

11.5 Series points will be allocated to the helmsman, except that each helm/boat-class combination in a series will count as a separate entry.

12 SUPPORT BOATS

A support boat may be used for coaching novice helms, but prior approval must be given by the race officer. When approved, this will not constitute outside help, and rule 41 is amended accordingly.

13 BOAT PARKING AND MOORING

Boats kept ashore on Club premises or (when there is a roped-off area for this purpose) on the Barony land at the side of the Green must be on a well-maintained trolley or trailer, with fully inflated tyres. [DP]

A fee of £10/week or £30 for the season is payable at the bar for members storing a boat on Club premises, and a boat park tag must be displayed on the boat's trolley. Non-members may only park boats on the premises during organised events and if space allows.

Boats kept afloat in the river must use a mooring obtained from the Moorings Association (www.cganah.co.uk) and abide by their conditions.

14 RADIO, INTERNET, TEXT AND TELEPHONE COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make or receive voice or data transmissions relevant to the current or planned races. [DP]

15 PRIZES

Prizes will be given at the discretion of the organising committee, and may be presented depending on the circumstances at the time.

Club trophies will only be awarded to NBC members.

16 RISK STATEMENT

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 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 severe 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 event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any briefing held for the event.

17 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £5m per incident.