



## RS Aero 6 & 9 UK National Championships 2024

Felpham Sailing Club

15 Blakes Road, Felpham, Bognor Regis PO22 7EE

Sat 25<sup>th</sup> - Mon 27<sup>th</sup> May 2024

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### NOTICE OF RACE

#### ORGANISING AUTHORITY

This event will be organised by Felpham Sailing Club in conjunction with RS Aero UK 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 (RRS).
- 1.2 Racing rules Race Signals AP, 28.1, A2, A3 and A5 may be changed. The changes appear, in full, in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.3 RRS Appendix P shall apply as changed by NoR 13.1

#### 2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on the club's event page;

<https://felphamsailingclub.co.uk/racing/open-meetings/>

#### 3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official noticeboard will be located in the clubhouse. Other documents are available on the club's event page.
- 3.2 Messages to competitors from the Race Committee may also be posted on the Competitor's WhatsApp group but these are for information only and errors, contradictions or anomalies will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a). The WhatsApp group may be joined using this link: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/GklvZa1HRrT2MkqGbUm8YF>
- 3.3 [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 Aero 6 & 9 Classes.
- 4.2 All competitors shall be a member of the RS Aero Class Association; <https://www.rsaerosailing.org/index.asp?p=membership>
- 4.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online form at <https://www.rsaerosailing.org/index.asp?p=event&eid=2738> before midnight on Wed 22nd May.
- 4.4 Racing will be held in separate fleets for RS Aero 6 and RS Aero 9 Classes. Boats shall specify their Class at registration. Should a competitor wish to change rig during the event they may do so once only within their original entry fee, but all races completed using the changed rig will be scored as a

separate entry.

- 4.5 To be considered an entry at an event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.6 Late entries after Wed 22nd May will be accepted only at the discretion of the Organising Committee.
- 4.7 Any competitors aged under 18 on Sat 25<sup>th</sup> May shall complete an Under 18s Consent Form. This can be downloaded from the RS Class Association website here <https://www.rsasailing.org/docs/1037195935.pdf> and should be completed and handed in at registration.
- 4.8 Should the Organising Authority cancel the event they shall refund at least 90% of the entry fee after deducting reasonable expenses.

## 5 FEES

Entry fees are as follows:

Up to midnight on Tue 30<sup>th</sup> April: £75

From Wed 1<sup>st</sup> May: £95

## 6 CREW LIMITATIONS

Points will accrue to the registered helmsman and not the entered boat.

## 7 ADVERTISING

[DP] [NP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

## 8 SCHEDULE

- 8.1 Registration: Friday 24<sup>th</sup> 18:00-20:00 and Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> 08:00-10:00 at Felpham Sailing Club clubhouse.
- 8.2 Briefing: A Briefing will be held just outside the clubhouse on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 10:30.
- 8.3 Racing:

Date	First Warning Signal	Planned Races
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> May	11:25	3
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> May	11:55	3
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> May	09:55	3

- 8.4 Nine Races are scheduled. Races may be sailed either in advance or arrears to complete the programme if weather other reasons dictate. The maximum number of races a day is four.
- 8.5 The scheduled time of the first warning signal of the first race on 25<sup>th</sup> May is 11:25.
- 8.6 On the last day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15:00.

## 9 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

Boats may be inspected at any time.

## 10 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times while afloat.

## 11 VENUE

The Sailing Area will be directly off the coast from the clubhouse.

## 12 COURSES

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

### **13 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 13.1 Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, shall apply, with RRS P2.1 to P2.3 deleted and replaced by:

#### **P2.1 First and Second Penalty**

When a boat is penalised under rule P1.2 for the first or second time during the event, her penalty shall be a One-Turn Penalty under rule 44.2. If she fails to take the penalty she shall be disqualified without a hearing.

#### **P2.2 Third and Subsequent Penalties**

When a boat is penalised a third or subsequent time during the event, she shall promptly retire. If she fails to do so she shall be disqualified without a hearing and her score shall not be excluded.

- 13.2 Appendix T, Arbitration, shall apply.

### **14 SCORING**

- 14.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 14.2 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2.
- 14.3 When four to seven races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.
- 14.4 When eight or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst two scores. This changes RRS A2.

### **15 [DP] [NP] SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS**

- 15.1 Support teams, including all support persons and support person vessels shall stay 150m outside the race course 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.
- 15.2 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.

### **16 LOANED EQUIPMENT (THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE CHARTERED EQUIPMENT)**

Loaned equipment may have sail numbers differing from the hull number, for the purpose only of supporting the loaning of equipment and reducing wastage. However, competitors shall request permission in writing to the Technical Committee (or event Measurer) to use a different sail number to the hull number. Permission will only be granted for specific circumstances and the Technical Committee (or event Measurer) decision shall be final.

### **17 DATA PROTECTION**

The Data Processing Policy is available on the class website.

### **18 RISK STATEMENT**

- 18.1 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.

## 19 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.

## 20 PRIZES

Prizes may be awarded, dependant on entries and at the discretion of the Race Committee, in each class as follows:

First, Second and Third

First Youth (under 22 on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024)

First Female Helm

First Master (Male 55 or over on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024, Female 45 or over on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024)

The RS Aero 6 & 9 UK National Champion trophies and titles shall be awarded to the first competitor who is British or has their main residence in the UK.

## 21 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact

### **Felpham Sailing Club:**

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### **RS Aero Class:**

Peter Barton: [manager@rsaerosailing.org](mailto:manager@rsaerosailing.org)

Event page: <https://www.rsaerosailing.org/index.asp?p=event&eid=2736>

## END OF NOTICE OF RACE

### **Charter RS Aeros**

RS Sailing offers Charter RS Aeros at the price of GBP £500. Applications to secure a Charter RS Aero may be made to RS Sailing here: <https://www.rssailing.club/eventlisting/?class=22> and charter enquiries may be made by email to: [info@rssailing.com](mailto:info@rssailing.com)

### **Accommodation, Camping, Motorhomes**

<https://felphamsailingclub.co.uk/racing/open-meetings/>

### **Socials**

We have a Karaoke evening and a meal included in the entry fee for all paid entries on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May. Extra tickets can be purchased for guests at registration and on the Saturday evening. There will be afternoon music with Sarah Saville from 16:00 on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May.