



Bembridge Sailing Club

RS Elite Southern Area Championships 1st – 2nd June 2019 In Association with the RS Elite Class Association.

NOTICE OF RACE

1. THE ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 1.1. The Organising Authority shall be Bembridge Sailing Club.

2. RULES

- 2.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined by the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 – 2020 (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA, the rules of the RS Elite Class Association, this Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions and any amendments thereto. In the case of any discrepancies, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.
- 2.2. The Sailing Instructions may make permitted changes to any rules but the following are specifically subject to change: RRS 28.1, 29.2, 30.1, 32, 35, 41, 64.1(a), A2 & A5.

3. ADVERTISINGS

- 3.1 Boats may advertise in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.
- 3.2 Boats will not be required to display advertising supplied by the Organising Authority.

4. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 4.1. A boat shall only be entered by someone who is a current full, family or associate member of the RS Elite Class Association.
- 4.2. All boats shall comply with the RS Elite Class Rules.
- 4.3. Eligible boats may enter by completing and signing the Regatta entry form, including disclaimer, and sending it via email to BSC along with the entry fee of £50 which should please be paid direct into the BSC bank account, (bank details are on the entry form). There will be no refunds after 25th May 2019.
- 4.4. No authorization is required for the substitution of crew or equipment, except as required by class/handicap or rating rules.
- 4.5. In completing the entry form, the entrant confirms that he/she holds adequate insurance and in particular holds insurance against third party claims in the sum of a minimum of £2 million.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES, BRIEFING & WARNING SIGNALS

- 5.1 The warning signal and class flag will be Navy Numeral 4 with a start sequence of 5,4,1 Go, as per RRS 26

5.2 The schedule will be as follows:

Date	Administration	Racing	Social
Saturday 1 st June	(12:00 – 12:15): Regatta Briefing from RO via VHF Channel 77	First Warning Signal 12:25; 3 races	Post race cash bar in BSC Club Bar 19:00 for 19:30 three course buffet dinner in the dining room at BSC. Cash bar.
Sunday 2 nd June	(08:45 - 09:00): BSC Launch service to moorings	First Warning Signal 09:55; 3 races	On completion of the last race, crews depart for their home club.
All Committee boat communications with the race fleet will be via VHF Channel 77			

6. SCORING

- 6.1. One race is required to be completed to constitute a Southern Area Championships.
- 6.2. When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 6.3. If four to six races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores with one discard of her highest score.
- 6.4. Low points scoring system will be used.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1. Sailing Instructions will be available on the Bembridge Sailing Club Website www.bembridgesailingclub.org no later than 11th May 2019.

8. RACING AREA AND COURSES

- 8.1. The racing area will be the East Solent within the Bembridge Bay area.
- 8.2. Courses will be windward/leeward, using the standard RS Elite course format, with a spreader at the windward mark and a gate below the start line, which does not require competitors to pass through the line on subsequent windward legs.
- 8.3. The courses to be sailed will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

9. PRIZES

- 9.1. The presentation of regatta prizes will take place at the RS Elite Nationals in Ireland in July.

10. MEASUREMENT, INSPECTIONS & HAULING OUT

- 10.1. Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.

11. MOORING & ACCOMMODATION

- 11.1 Mooring during the regatta will be available at the Under Tyne moorings, Bembridge near to the lifeboat station; a launch service will be provided to and from moorings by BSC. If the launch is not on station at the time, it can be raised on VHF Channel M2, P4, Callsigns Delta and India. The Club can be contacted on 01983 872237.
- 11.2 Please see the BSC list of accommodation which has been provided and the RS Elite Association website for accommodation during the regatta.

12. SAFETY & DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 12.1. Each boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in this Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces that responsibility.
- 12.2. It is for the skipper of each boat to decide whether the boat is seaworthy and/or fit to sail in any conditions that may be encountered. By going to sea, the skipper confirms that the boat is seaworthy and fit to sail and that its crew is competent to sail in any conditions that may be encountered.
- 12.3. Nothing done by the Organising Authority can reduce the responsibility of the skipper nor will it make the Organising Authority responsible for any loss, damage or personal injury, however the same may have occurred, as a result of the boat's participation in the event.

The term 'Organising Authority' shall include any person helping to run and/or assist with the event and it includes, but is not limited to, the Bembridge Sailing Club, the Race Committee, Principal Race Officer, trustees, support boat, sponsor, supporters and other companies and organisations officially involved with the event.

If any provision in this Section (Safety & Disclaimer of Liability) is deemed for any reason to be invalid, void or deleted, the remainder of this Section shall nevertheless remain in force.

- 12.4. The provision of support boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities.
- 12.5. A boat that retires from a race shall make every effort to ensure that the Race Committee is notified as soon as possible and before returning to her berth. Failure to comply may result in disqualification from the series.
- 12.6. A boat shall comply with the Class Rules and prescriptions with regard to safety and shall carry a personal floatation device (PFD) for each person aboard. Buoyancy aids shall be a minimum buoyancy ISO 12402 (formally EN 393) performance level 50 (Newtons) and life jackets will be a minimum buoyancy ISO 12402 performance level 150 (Newtons). PFD's will be carried whilst aboard a BSC launch and worn on a BSC RIB.
- 12.7. The fact that the Race Committee may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of the boat set out in this Notice of Race.
- 12.8. All boats shall carry a functioning marine VHF with at least channels 16, 72, 77 & 37 (M1). Safety and race management information will be passed on channel 77.