



RYA National Match Racing Series 2019 Notice of Race

1. The Organising Authority

1.1. The Organising Authority (OA) will be the Royal Yachting Association in conjunction with the relevant Sailing Clubs.

2. Event Information

Dates 2019	Event (Title/Grade/Venue)	Fees/Damage deposit (DD)**	Boats/Max Entries	Crew/Weight	Key Timings (Registration/Briefing)
1/2 December 2018	Winter Match Racing 1 (G4) PEYC, Scotland	£300 per Team £500 DD	707s 9 Teams	4/5 Crew Max weight 350kgs	Registration: 0830-0900 Saturday Briefing: 0900 Saturday
12/13 January	Winter Match Racing 2 (G4) WPNSA, Portland	£120/ Person (Inc H/B accom) £500 DD	Elliott 6M 9 Teams	3/4 crew Max weight 260kgs	Registration: 1830-1900 Friday Briefing: 2000 Friday
9/10 February	Winter Match Racing 3 (G4) WPNSA, Portland	£120/ Person (Inc H/B accom) £500 DD	Elliott 6M 9 Teams	3/4 crew Max weight 260kgs	Registration: 1830-1900 Friday Briefing: 2000 Friday
9/10 March	Winter Match Racing Womens (G4) WPNSA, Portland	£120/ Person (Inc H/B accom) £500 DD	Elliott 6M 9 Teams	3/4 crew Max weight 260kgs	Registration: 1830-1900 Friday Briefing: 2000 Friday
23/24 March	Winter Match Racing 4 (G4) WPNSA, Portland	£120/ Person (Inc H/B accom) £500 DD	Elliott 6M 9 Teams	3/4 crew Max weight 260kgs	Registration: 1830-1900 Friday Briefing: 2000 Friday
5/6/7 April	BUCS Championships* (G3) WPNSA, Portland www.busa.co.uk	£550 per team (Inc H/B accom) £500 DD	Elliott 6M 18 Teams	3 crew Max weight 225kgs	Registration: 1830-1900 Friday Briefing: 2000 Friday Training from 1200 on Friday.
TBC	National Match Racing Championships Qualifier 1 (G4) RCYC, Burnham	£350 per Team £500 DD	707s 10 Teams	4/5 Crew Max weight 350kgs	Registration: 0830-0900 Saturday Briefing: 0900 Saturday
31 Aug/1 Sept	Harken Youth Championships* (G3) WPNSA, Portland	£300 per Team £500 DD	Elliott 6M 10 Teams	3/4 crew Max weight 260kgs	Registration: 0830-0900 Saturday Briefing: 0900 Saturday
7/8 September	Marlow Ropes Women's Championships* (G3) WPNSA, Portland	£300 per Team £500 DD	Elliott 6M 10 Teams	3/4 crew Max weight 260kgs	Registration: 0830-0900 Saturday Briefing: 0900 Saturday
5/6 October	Ceilidh Cup (G4) RN&CYC, Helensburgh www.mcy.com	TBC £500 DD	Sonars 10 Teams	4/5 Crew Max weight 350kgs	Registration: 0800-0900 Saturday Briefing: 0900 Saturday Contact: Craig MacDonald
12/13 October	National Match Racing Championships Qualifier 2 (G4) QMSC, London	£350 £800 DD	J80s 10 Teams	4/5 Crew Max weight 350kgs	Registration: 0830-0900 Saturday Briefing: 0900 Saturday
15/16/17 November	RYA National Match Racing Championship Grand Finals (G3) QMSC, London INVITATION ONLY	£450 (£50 reduction for 1 st placed qualifiers) £800 DD	J80s 16 Teams	4/5 Crew Max weight 350kgs	Registration: 0830-0900 Friday Briefing: 0900 Friday
30 Nov/1 Dec	Moody Decking Schools Championships (G4) WPNSA, Portland	£300 per Team £500 DD	Elliott 6M 9 Teams	3/4 crew Max weight 260kgs	Entry deadline: 01/11/19 Registration: 0830-0900 Saturday Briefing: 0900 Saturday

*Restrictions apply see NOR 5 e.g. Youths (under 22 on 31/12/19, born after 31/12/97), BUCS – Separate NOR and entry, Schools regs, Women's – all female teams, or who identify as female.

**Damage Deposits (DD), limited stated above is per racing incident.

3. Event Grading

World Sailing Grading, as stated in NOR 2, for each event has been applied for.

This grading is subject to review by World Sailing. The events may be re-graded at any time when there is clear reason to do so.

4. Provisional Programme

4.1. Schedule

- a) The Race Office will be open from 0800 on each day of the events.
- b) Registration for each event will be, as per NOR 2.
- c) Crew weighing to be completed by the close of registration for each event, as detailed in NOR 2.
- d) Practice may be available for events sailed in Elliott 6M on the afternoon prior to the first day each event. Contact the OA for availability.
- e) First briefing for each event will be, as per NOR 2.
- f) First briefing with the umpires for each event will be immediately after completion of the first briefing.
- g) Racing days for each event will be, as per NOR 2.



- h) The time of the first race on all days will be 0930.
- i) Daily press conference may take place 60 minutes after the completion of the final race of the day.
- j) Prize giving on completion of the Sunday press conference.

4.2. Unless excused by the OA attendance at the following is mandatory.

- a) First briefing for skippers.
- b) Daily briefing for skippers.
- c) Daily press conference for skippers.
- d) Prize giving for final skippers and crews.

5. Skippers Eligibility and Entries

- 5.1. The number of skippers to be invited to each event is detailed in NOR 2. Only skippers accepted by the OA will be eligible to enter the appropriate event.
- 5.2. The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency. Such an emergency shall be reported to the OA immediately after completion of that race.
- 5.3. For an entry to be valid the online entry form must be completed correctly and must be submitted to the OA with all the required information completed.
 - a) The non-refundable entry fee shall be paid upon entry and agreement to the damage deposit indemnity shall be required for this to be valid.
 - b) Withdrawal: When a skipper accepted an invitation and later withdraws within two months of the event or leaves before the end without written approval from the OA, a zero score may be applied to their Ranking points for that event by World Sailing (World Sailing Regulation 27.2).
 - c) All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of World Sailing Regulation 19.2.
 - d) Skippers shall obtain a World Sailing Sailor ID by registering online at www.sailing.org/isafsailor. Skippers shall inform the OA of their World Sailing ID no later than registration.
 - e) Any sailor under the age of 18 years old shall complete a parent/guardian declaration form with the online entry.
 - f) Damage Deposit, see addendum A
- 5.4. The OA intends to accept entries in the following order (Entry deadline at least 1 month before each event):
 - a) In the first instance, teams who have not already qualified for the Grand Finals 2019.
 - b) For the Winter Match Racing programme places are allocated based on one entry per skipper. Places may become available 2 weeks before the event.
 - c) Other event entries will be on a first come first served basis until the event entry deadline.
 - d) If more entries are received than the number of places available as per NOR2, then entries will be allocated based on the latest skippers World Sailing Match Racing Open Ranking (or Womens, for the Marlow Ropes Womens Championships).
- 5.5. All crew and skippers for the Harken Youth Championships shall be aged over 15 but under 22 years old, by 31st December 2019, i.e. born after 31/12/1997.
- 5.6. Requirements for the Moody Decking Schools Championships:
 - The entry fee will be £300 per Team. (Note: Accommodation and food is not provided by the OA).
 - All sailors must be at least 14 years old at the event and in full time secondary education (i.e. in full time education up to and including A levels).
 - The OA intends to accept entries in the following order (Entry deadline 1st November 2019):
 - a) In the first instance, one team per school/association. A Team comprises of sailors from the same school or association (where the associations core membership is school aged sailors).
 - b) If more than 9 teams from 9 school/association. enter, then entries will be allocated based on the skippers World Sailing Match Racing Open Ranking in October 2019.
 - c) If there are less than 9 ranked Skippers, then priority will be given to the remaining skippers who have attended the following event:
 - i. Harken Youth Match Racing Championships 2019
 - d) Other teams may be accepted, including second teams, if space, if they have completed the entry requirements and on a first come first served basis.
 - Competitors must have an adult to be responsible for them at the venue.
 - Parents must complete the parent/guardian declaration form and return it before registration at the event (no form = no racing).
 - Teams that have not sailed a keelboat before will be required to do some training on the Saturday morning, before racing starts.
- 5.7. Skippers Eligibility for the RYA National Match Racing Championship **Grand Finals**
 - a) Only skippers invited by the OA are eligible for the Championship Grand Finals. Up to sixteen (16) skippers' entries will be accepted. Skippers shall be British passport holders, or eligible to receive a British passport. Their crew shall be British passport holders, or eligible to receive a British passport, or resident in the UK, for at least 6 months in the previous 12 months prior to 31st March 2019.
 - b) A skipper qualifies for the Finals from:-



- Is placed first GBR Team in a qualifier that has taken place before the Finals (as listed in NOR 2),
 - by the World Sailing Match Racing Ranking list (July 2019)
 - the defending champion
 - a past winner of the Finals.
- c) Should a skipper qualify for the Finals from more than one event, the skipper shall qualify for the Finals, from their first qualifying event.
- d) Finalists qualifying in 1st place through 2019 qualifiers will receive a discounted entry fee of £400. Finalists invited from the World Sailing Match Racing rankings, past winners and wildcards will be required to pay an entry fee of £450.
- e) The OA reserves the right to allocate wildcard entries and remaining places to the Finals, in a manner that it sees fit. Applications for wildcards must be received by the Keelboat Racing Team (keelboatracing@rya.org.uk) by 1st October 2019.

6. Rules

6.1.

- a) The events will be governed by the rules as defined in the RRS, including Appendix C.
- b) The 'Rules for the Handling of Boats' will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing.
- c) The RYA prescriptions and RYA Racing Charter shall apply.
- d) The bye-laws of the host club for each event shall apply. (**Note: Personal floatation devices approved by the National Testing Authority or equivalent must be worn at all times whilst afloat and when on the pontoons.**)
- e) The right of appeal is denied in accordance with RRS 70.5(a).

6.2. Major Alterations to the RRS:

- a) Add to RRS 41: (e) help to recover from the water and return on board a crew member, provided the return on board is at the approximate location of the recovery.
- b) Add to RRS 41: (f) information provided by the designated RYA Coach or umpires.
- c) RRS C8.6 and C6.3 will be changed in the sailing instructions.

7. Boats and Sails

- 7.1. The events will be sailed in the boats stated in NOR 2.
- 7.2. 4 to 6 boats will be provided.
- 7.3. The following sails will be provided for each boat:- Mainsail, Jib and spinnaker.
- 7.4. Boats will be allocated by draw either daily or for each round as decided by the Race Committee.

8. Crew (including skipper)

- 8.1. The number and total weight of crew (including skipper) is stated in NOR 2 for each event, dressed in at least shorts and shirts, shall not exceed the maximum weight limit, determined at the time of registration or such time as required by the RC. All registered crew shall sail all races.
- 8.2. Crew weight may be checked during the event. At any re-weighing the total weight limit is increased by 10kgs. Any crew weighing in excess of this increased limit shall not be penalised, but they shall reduce their weight to the increased limit before racing again.
- 8.3. When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorise an original crew member to be their substitute.
- 8.4. When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

9. Event Format

- 9.1. Skippers will be seeded into a round robin or divided into groups based on the World Sailing ranking list 30 days before the appropriate event.
- 9.2. Each event will likely consist of the following stages:-
- a) Series 1 - Single Round Robin
- b) Series 2 - Semi-Finals
- c) Series 3 – Finals
- 9.3. The RC may change the format, terminate or eliminate any stage or the event when, in its opinion, it is impractical to attempt to hold the remainder of the matches under the existing conditions or the remaining time scheduled. Early stages may be terminated in favour of later stages.

10. Course

- 10.1. The course will be windward/leeward with starboard roundings, finishing downwind.
- 10.2. The intended course area will be published in the relevant event's Sailing Instructions.

11. Advertising

- 11.1. As boats and equipment will be supplied by the OA, World Sailing Regulation 20.4. applies. Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.
- 11.2. Competitors may be permitted to display advertising ashore at the venue, but this is subject to individual negotiation with the OA.
- 11.3. Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising (amends RRS 60.1).





12. Prizes

- 12.1. Prizes will be awarded at the Championships Grand Final. Prizes may also be awarded at the BUCS, Harken Youths, Marlow Ropes Women's and Moody Decking Schools events.
- 12.2. The OA may reduce a prize in the case of misconduct or refusal to comply with any reasonable request, including attendance at official functions.

13. Media, Images and Sound

- 13.1. If required by the OA:
- The OA may require television personnel and equipment (or dummies) to be carried on board while racing and may require competitors to be available for interviews.
- 13.2. The OA have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.

14. Coach Boats

- 14.1. Coach boats shall conspicuously display identification of the team being coached.
- 14.2. The OA will not provide berths for coach boats.
- 14.3. Any interference by a coach boat with the racing or event organisation may result in a penalty applied at the discretion of the Protest Committee to the appropriate skipper or team.

15. 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 racing is hers alone."

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- 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;
- They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

ADDENDUM A:

Damage Notice:

By entering the event, the skipper expressly agrees to follow and comply with this system without delay or dispute. A failure to comply with an instruction or invoice issued may result in disqualification from the Championships without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.

- A.1. Each team is liable for up to £1000, or less (as per NOR 2), of damage costs per racing incident (this includes boats, equipment and property).
- A.2. Any decision on liability or the quantum of any damage is solely for the Organising Authority to determine. Subject to rule 62, the decision of the Organising Authority is final and teams and competitors agree to accept it without dispute.
- A.3. In the event of damage occurring, the Race Committee may require a payment from the responsible team at the event to be made towards the damage costs. Teams shall make any such payment when required to do so.
- A.4. If a team is assessed to be solely liable for damage costs, and these are not paid at the event, the RYA will issue an invoice to the skipper. Invoices must be paid (without set off or deduction) within 14 days unless an extension is agreed with the Organising Authority.
- A.5. Failure to comply with a damage invoice within 14 days (or any extension period) is a breach of this agreement and the Organising Authority may:
- 1.1 disqualify the team in question without a hearing;
 - 1.2 reject any future entries from the Skipper, and or his crew.
- A.6. The Organising Authority may amend or cancel a damage notice at any time and may reinstate a team disqualified.