



Contender National Championships
3rd to 6th September 2021
Hosted by Plymouth Youth Sailing at the
Mount Batten Centre, Plymouth

Organising Authority – Plymouth Youth Sailing

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 - 2024* (RRS) and the Prescriptions of the RYA.
- 1.2 The Dockyard Port of Plymouth Order and Plymouth Local Notices to Mariners will also apply. Copies will be available to view in the Race Office.
- 1.3 RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times.
- 1.4 The racing rules will be changed as follows:
RRS 35 changed to score boats finishing outside the time limit in their observed position on the course.
RRS P5 shall apply. The specified wind speed shall be 10 knots measured on the Committee Boat deck level.
The changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Contender class that comply with the obligations of the class rules and their National Authority.
- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter on-line at the Contender Class Association website.
- 3.3 The closing date for entries shall be Friday 27th August 2021. Entries received after this date may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 3.4 All competitors shall be a member of the Contender Class Association.
- 3.5 Any competitors who are aged under 18, shall complete a Parental Disclosure Form, Photography Consent Form and a Medical Consent Form. These should be completed and handed in at the event.

4 FEES

4.1 The entry fee is as shown on the Contender Class Website.

5 SCHEDULE

5.1 Registration will be between 1600hrs and 1900hrs on Thursday 2nd September and between 08.30hrs and 10.00 hrs on Friday 3rd September in the Race Office adjacent to the Boat Park at Mount Batten Centre.

5.2 A Competitors Briefing will be held at 10.30 on Friday 3rd Sept at the Mount Batten Centre.

5.3

Date	Race	First Warning Signal	Time of High Tide
Friday 3 rd Sept	Races 1 and 2 back-to-back	12.55	LW – 0948 – 2.3m HW – 1603 – 4.7m
Saturday 4 th Sept	Races 3, 4 & 5 back-to-back	11.55	LW – 1047 – 1.9m HW – 1701 – 5.0m
Sunday 5 th Sept	Races 6, 7 & 8 back-to-back	11.55	LW – 1137 – 1.5m HW – 1747 – 5.3m
Monday 6 th Sept	Races 9 and 10 back-to-back	10.55	LW – 1223 – 1.2m HW – 1828 – 5.52m

No warning signal will be made later than 13.55 on the final day of the championship.
Races may be run ahead of schedule at the discretion of the Race Officer in the case of an adverse weather forecast.

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available on the Class Website by Friday 28th August at the latest. Competitors are advised to download and print the SI's as paper copies will not be issued.

7 VENUE

7.1 Sailing will be in Plymouth Sound including the area South of Plymouth Breakwater.

7.2 The venue for the event will be The Mount Batten Centre, Plymouth.
Venue information is available on-line at – www.mount-batten-centre.com

THE COURSES

8.1 The courses to be Triangle/Sausage/Triangle with a finish at the Leeward end.

9 SCORING

- 9.1 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 9.2 (a) When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When five to eight races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- (c) When nine or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

10 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 10.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

11 PRIZES

Prizes to be awarded will be listed in the Sailing Instructions

12 RISK STATEMENT

- 12.1 Rule 3 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: -

- 12.2.1 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;
- 12.2.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- 12.2.3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- 12.2.4 Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;

- 12.2.5 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;
- 12.2.6 The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- 12.2.7 It is their responsibility to familiarize 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 competitor briefing for the event.
- 12.2.7 The boat is required to hold adequate insurance against third party claims, with a minimum cover of £3,000,000.

13. PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO

- 13.1. Photography and video filming may take place during, prior to or after the event which may be placed in the public domain, including use for future advertising material.

14 MEASUREMENT

- 14.1 All boats must comply with the Contender Class Measurement Rules in force at the start of the event.
- 14.2 The Race Committee may measure any boat and/or her sails during the Championship.
- 14.3 All boats must display on their mainsails their own registered sail number with which they were entered, except by prior permission of the Race Committee.
- 14.4 The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in the Notice of Race.