



# TBYC RS Aero Eastern Area Championships

## Thorpe Bay Yacht Club

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6th/7th July 2024

#### Notice of Race

#### 1. Organising Authority

- 1.1. Racing will be under the burgee of Thorpe Bay Yacht Club in conjunction with the RS Aero Class Association

#### 2. Rules

- 2.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined by The Racing Rules of Sailing 2020-2024(RRS) and the rules of the Participating Class Associations, this notice of race and the event specific sailing instructions. In the event of a conflict between this NOR and the Event Sailing Instructions (ESI), the ESI will prevail.
- 2.2. The Prescriptions of the Royal Yachting Association will apply.

#### 3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1. The regatta is open to all RS Aero class dinghies. RS Aero Class Rules for membership to be eligible to compete in the event shall apply.
- 3.2. Competitors automatically grant TBYC & the RS Aero Class Association, without payment, the right in perpetuity to make use and show any motion picture, still and live taped or filmed television of, or relating to, the regatta, unless otherwise advised in writing prior to the regatta.
- 3.3. Parent/Guardian Declarations: All competitors aged under 18yrs shall complete an Under 18s consent form. This can be downloaded from the 'Document' area of the RS Aero UK Class Association website and shall be completed and submitted at registration. Parents acting in charge of a child shall be present at WSC at all times during the event.

#### 4. Fees

- 4.1. The entry fees are £35.00 per boat rising to £40.00 from midnight 30<sup>th</sup> June. There will be catering available for breakfasts and dinners as well as a full bar service.

#### 5. Registration

- 5.1. Registration will be held in the TBYC Clubhouse between 08:30 – 10:00 hrs on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July.

#### 6. Event Sailing Instructions

- 6.1. Event Sailing Instructions will be issued to each competitor upon registration.

#### 7. Race Schedule

- 7.1. Details of the course and starting sequence will be in the event sailing instructions.



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7.2. There are 6 races scheduled over 2 days. The racing will take place as follows:

Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> July HW 13:42	First Start no earlier than: Second Start Third Start	11:30 hours ASAP after R1 ASAP after R2
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> July HW 14:23	First Start no earlier than: Second Start Third Start	12:00 hours ASAP after R4 ASAP after R5

7.3. There will be 0 discards if less than 4 races are sailed and 1 discard if 4 or more races are sailed. A minimum of 1 race will constitute a series.

7.4. All races will be held in the Thames Estuary, the racing area being defined between the Mulberry Harbour (Phoenix Wreck) to the east and Southend Pier to the west. Competitors should ensure they allow sufficient time to reach the committee boat starting the race.

7.5. A windward-leeward course will be used for the series and will be outlined in appendix A of the Sailing Instructions.

7.6. Each day's races are scheduled to be sailed back to back.

7.7. A briefing will be held at 10:00 on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July in the TBYC main bar area.

## 8. Identification and Acknowledgement of Risk

8.1. Each owner/competitor is entirely responsible for their boat's own safety and the safety of its crew, whether the boat is afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.

8.2. It is for each owner/competitor to decide whether the boat and its crew are fit to sail in the conditions in which it might find itself. By launching or going to sea, the owner/competitor confirms the boat is fit for those conditions and that the crew is competent to sail and compete in them.

8.3. Each owner/competitor is responsible for ensuring the boat is equipped and seaworthy to be able to face extremes of weather and that the crew has sufficient experience and fitness to withstand such weather. Personal Buoyancy will be worn at all times while afloat.

## 9. Liability

9.1. Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of each owner/competitor nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. 'The Organisers' encompasses everyone helping to run the race and the event and includes the Organising Authority, The Class Association, the Race Committee, the Race Officer, safety boats and beach masters.

9.2. The provision of support boats does not relieve each owner/competitor of their responsibilities.



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## 10. Scoring

The series will be scored as provided in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2020-24, the low points scoring system will be used as amended by NoR 7.3

## 11. Prizes

11.1 Prizes will be awarded dependant on the number of entries and size of individual fleets.

## 12. Conditions of Entry

12.1. All boats shall have adequate Third Party Insurance cover to a minimum of £3,000,000.00 (three million pounds sterling). You may be required to show proof of insurance.

## 15. Boat and Car Parking

15.1. All competitors will be required to park their boats and road trailers in accordance with directions given by the TBYC Duty person. Any stickers issued at registration shall be displayed as directed at all times.

15.2. Further advice will be published as soon as possible and guidance will be available on arrival at the club.

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