

**RS NOTICE OF RACE 2009**  
**Vareo open Meeting**  
**Northampton Sailing Club July 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> 2009**

**1. PROGRAMME**

1.1 The RS Association will organise events for all RS classes throughout the year in conjunction with various yacht and sailing clubs. Details of the events are detailed on the RS Class Association website – [www.rs-association.com](http://www.rs-association.com), under 'Events' for each fleet. Events will be either Racing Circuit Events, Eurocup Events, RS Feva GKO Grand Prix, Gul RS Championships, Allen Bros. RS Feva European Championship, or Sekonda RS Feva National Championship. Additional information specific to each venue, including the time of the briefing and the first warning signal, is given on the website.

1.2 The RS Association may organise additional events or cancel scheduled events if it thinks fit. Members of the Class Association will be informed of such changes through the RS Class Newsletter, Fast News or mailings.

1.3 Racing Circuit Events will comprise a maximum of 6 races for a two day event. RS Eurocup Events will comprise a maximum of 10 races. National Championships will comprise a maximum of 10 races.

1.4 No more than 5 races will be sailed in any one day.

**2. RULES**

2.1 All events will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.

2.2 The RS Standard Sailing Instructions set out in the Yearbook will govern each event. In addition an Event Appendix will be available at registration with additions and amendments specific to the venue.

2.3 RYA Racing Charter. Competitors will be required to sail in compliance with the RYA Racing Charter which can be found at [www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter](http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter)

**3. CLASS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP**

3.1 The owner of a boat competing in any event shall be a member of the RS Class Association.

3.2 In addition, for all Championships, RS Racing Circuit, Eurocup Events and European Championships, either the helm or crew shall be a member of the RS Class Association. Competitors in breach of this rule will be disqualified without a hearing (changing Rule 63.1). The Organizing Authority will be advised as to whether a competitor is or is not a member of the RS Class Association by the designated representative of the Association and shall comply with his or her instructions in this respect.

#### 4. ENTRIES AND REGISTRATION

4.1 Competitors may enter either before registration by obtaining an entry form by mail or at registration. Cost of entry £20 per boat.

4.2 Information regarding the time and place of registration and the entry fee will be available from the RS Office.

#### 5. SCORING

5.1 Each event will be scored as provided in Appendix A of the Racing Rules using the Low Point System.

#### 6. COURSES

6.1 Standard RS Courses will be sailed. Details will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

#### 7. PRIZES

7.1. Details of the prizes for each event will be available at the event.

#### 8. SAFETY

8.1. The Sailing Instructions will require all competitors to wear adequate personal buoyancy at all times while racing. Neither a wetsuit nor a drysuit constitute adequate personal buoyancy. In addition wetsuits or drysuits shall be worn by all competitors while racing between 1st November and 30th April. This changes Rule 40.

#### 9. LIABILITY

9.1 A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.

9.2 It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that

she is fit for those conditions and that her crew is competent to sail and compete in them.

9.3 The boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least [£2,000,000].

9.4 Nothing done by the organizers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the organizers 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 organizers encompass everyone helping to run the race event, and include the organizing authority, the race committee, the race officer, patrol boats and beachmasters.

9.5 The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities.

9.6 The fact that the race committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of the boat set out in this paragraph.

9.7 Camping will be available free of charge on site, and an evening meal and breakfast, will be available at reasonable cost, along with galley and bar service throughout the event.

9.8 Please note that no dogs are allowed on site.