



THE SAILING CHANDLERY DEVOTI D-ZERO EUROPEAN & NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Notice of Race (NoR)



WEYMOUTH & PORTLAND NATIONAL SAILING ACADEMY (WPNSA)
EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 27 - 30 June 2024
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 28 – 30 June 2024

The Organising Authority is Weymouth & Portland National Sailing Academy (WPNSA)

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the RYA available at www.rya.org.uk will apply.
- 1.3 COVID Statement - By taking part in any of the events covered by this notice of race, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force from time to time in respect of COVID-19 and for complying with WPNSA COVID-19 procedures where applicable. Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols, or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions. A breach of this rule shall not be grounds for protest by another boat. A boat may not protest another boat for breaking this rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available by 1st June 2024 on the Class Association website and other sites that will be advised. The sailing instructions may change some of the RRS.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board (ONB) at WPNSA or online via the D-Zero Class Assoc website.
- 3.2 From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The Event is open to boats of the Devoti Sailing D-Zero dinghy class, using the Class approved North Sails standard Grey 8.1m² or North Sails reduced size Blue 6.9m² sail or the new North Sails reduced size Black 7.1m² sail in the same races without a handicap/PY number, except where the number of entries for each sail size exceeds 6 (six) whereupon the Event will be amended to a specific Event for each size of sail. Where an entrant elects to use a specific size of sail in the first race of either the European Championship or the National Championship they will race the entire event using only that

size of sail and cannot change regardless of a change in conditions or damage. Should a sail become damaged beyond repair or reasonable use, the D-Zero Class Association Committee will agree the direct replacement to be used.

- 4.1 Boats may enter the event by registering online here [D-Zero Class Association: Open Events \(webcollect.org.uk\)](https://webcollect.org.uk) and to be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees including the D-Zero Class Association annual subscription fee as advised here [D-Zero Class Association: Home \(webcollect.org.uk\)](https://webcollect.org.uk). Note there are separate fees for UK and Non-UK entrants
- 4.2 Entries received after 23:59hrs 1st February 2024 will not be eligible for the Early Entry Fee. Entries received after 23:59hrs 1st June 2024 will not be eligible for the Standard Entry Fee.
- 4.4 Only boats belonging to a UK sailing club recognised by the RYA shall be eligible to register for the UK National Championships. Entrants wishing to enter for the European Championships shall be members of a club recognised by their own national sailing body (i.e. similar to the RYA)

5 FEES

- 5.1 Entry fees are as follows:

Class	Early Entry Fee until 23:59hrs 1st February 2024	Standard Entry Fee until 23:59hrs 31st May 2024	Late Entry Fee from 00:00hrs 1st June 2024
D-Zero Europeans	£180	£195	£210
D-Zero Nationals	£140	£155	£170

6 ADVERTISING

- 6.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority and will be provided upon registration as follows:
- a) European Championships - Either Wednesday evening from 18:00hrs until 19:00hrs or Thursday morning 08:00hrs until 09:00hrs; or
- b) National Championships – Thursday evening from 18:00hrs until 19:00hrs or Friday morning 08:00hrs until 09:00hrs
- 6.2 In alignment with Class rule C.4.1, and where supplied by the headline sponsor all boats will be required to carry port and starboard bow stickers placed approximately 400mm back from the bow and between the sheerline of the boat and the waterline.

7 SCHEDULE

- 7.1 Dates of the Event.

On-Water Event	Event Dates & Times	
Race Day One - Europeans	1 st start not before 11:00hrs Scheduled 3 races	Thursday 27 June 2024 Back-to-back starts
Race Day Two – Europeans Race Day One - Nationals	1 st start not before 11:00hrs Scheduled 3 races	Friday 28 June 2024 Back-to-back starts
Race Day Three – Europeans Race Day Two - Nationals	1 st start not before 10:00hrs Scheduled 3 races	Saturday 29 June 2024 Back-to-back starts
Race Day Four – Europeans Race Day Three - Nationals	1 st start not before 10:00hrs Scheduled 3 races	Sunday 30 June 2024 Back-to-back starts

- 7.2 Number of Races

Class	Total Number of Races	No. Of Races Scheduled Thursday	No. Of Races Scheduled Friday	No. Of Races Scheduled Saturday	No. Of Races Scheduled Sunday	Max No of Races per Day
D-Zero Europeans	Up to 12	3	3	3	3	4
D-Zero Nationals	Up to 9	0	3	3	3	4

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7.3 The scheduled time of the first warning signal on Thursday & Friday is not before 11:00hrs, and on Saturday & Sunday not before 10:00hrs. The length of each race is to be estimated at 40 minutes for the lead boats.

7.4 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 14:30

8 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

8.1 Boats may be inspected by one or more Committee members of the D-Zero Class Association at any time during the event for the assurance of Class Membership and in accordance with the D-Zero Class Association Rules. Boats that are considered to not comply with the rules will be given the opportunity to correct their boats or face disqualification. The views of the Committee members of the D-Zero Class Association are final.

8.2 The fact that Class Association Committee members and/or race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this notice of race.

9 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

9.1 Buoyancy aids of an appropriate sailor weight / buoyancy ratio will be worn at all times during the Regatta on-water events.

10 VENUE

10.1 The Venue is Weymouth & Portland National Sailing Academy (WPNSA), Osprey Quay, Portland DT5 1SA, UK.

10.2 Launching and Recovery will be via the slipway. Directions will be advised by the Race Officer on the day or on the ONB.

11 COURSES

11.1 The racing area will be either be in Weymouth Bay or Portland Harbour and will usually be located within the area indicated in NoR Addendum 1 – NoR Race Area. This area is for guidance only.
The courses will be defined in detail in the Sailing Instructions and may include trapezoid or triangle/sausage configurations as agreed with the Race Officer/s.

11.2 Both events will use the same race-course and the same start times / start line. The Europeans will be a 4 (four) day event and the Nationals a 3 (three) day event and both will be scored accordingly and separately.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1 The Post-Race Penalty and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures shall apply (for full information on the procedures, go to www.rya.org.uk/go/rules). The outcome of an RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee, but an arbitration cannot be reopened or appealed.

12.2 Protest hearings and RYA arbitration may take place virtually, competitors shall need to be able to access a device suitable for running popular commercially available video conferencing software.

13 SCORING

13.1 The following number of races are required to be completed to constitute a series:

- a) European Championships – 4 races
- b) National Championships – 2 races

13.2 Races completed and series score

- a) Europeans - When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- b) Nationals – When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores
- c) Europeans - When 6 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- d) Nationals – When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score
- e) Europeans - When 10 races or more have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two (2) worst scores.

f) Nationals – When 8 races or more have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two (2) worst scores

g) If the first race day of the Europeans is cancelled for any reason, additional races for the Europeans entry boats may be held and will be advised in changes to the Sailing Instructions accordingly. National entry boats will not compete or take part in these additional races.

14 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 14.1 Support Boats shall register with the organising authority and pay any appropriate charges including berthage fees. They shall not launch before this requirement has been met.
- 14.2 Support Boats may be subject to controlled entry to the race area, further details will be included within the Sailing Instructions.
- 14.3 All support boat helms shall attend safety boat briefings details of which will be provided upon registration.
- 14.4 To ensure fairness to all competitors, all support boats may be required to carry drinks, snacks and spares for competitors who do not have their own support boat.

15 BERTHING

- 15.1 Boats shall be kept in the assigned location on the designated concrete area near the slipway for the duration of the event and will be subject to the owner's responsibility and liability as regards safety and security of equipment. Road trailers will also be stored where advised by WPNSA for the duration of the event and will also be subject to the owner's responsibility and liability as regards safety and security. Competitors may store them at their accommodation if practicable.

16 DATA PROTECTION

- 16.1 Competitors will be required when entering to consent to use by the Organising Authority and by the D-Zero Class Association of their personal data.

17 RISK STATEMENT

- 17.1 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."
- 17.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
- (a) 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;
 - (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
 - (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
 - (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, inspection and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
 - (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
 - (g) 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.

18 INSURANCE

- 18.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

19 PRIZES

- 19.1 Prizes will be awarded to the first three boats in each Class for the Series. Further details of prizes will be posted on the event website.

FURTHER INFORMATION

D-Zero Class Association

Website [Home \(d-zerosailing.org\)](http://d-zerosailing.org)

email: chairperson@d-zerosailing.org

Weymouth & Portland National Sailing Academy (WPNSA)

Website [WPNSA - Weymouth & Portland National Sailing Academy](http://wpnsa.org.uk)

e-mail: reception@wpnsa.org.uk

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Social Events

Off-Water Events	Event Date & Time
	17:00hrs - 19:00hrs Wednesday 26 June 2024

Registration – Euros and Nationals Opening Ceremony & Reception	19:00hrs	
Registration – Euros & Nationals Payable Breakfast Evening Meal	08:00hrs – 09:00hrs or 18:00hrs – 19:00hrs From 09:00hrs At your leisure	Thursday 27 June 2024
Nationals Registration Payable Breakfast Pre-payable BBQ Evening Meal	08.00 – 09.00 hrs From 09:00hrs After 18:00hrs	Friday 28 June 2024
Payable Breakfast Inclusive Class Association Evening Meal AGM	From 08:30hrs After 18:00hrs After the Evening Meal estimated at 20:00hrs	Saturday 29 June 2024
Payable Breakfast Prizegiving & Closing Ceremony	From 08:30hrs Estimated 15:00hrs	Sunday 30 June 2024

NoR ADDENDUM 1 – RACE AREA'S – For guidance only and should be used as an estimation of the racing area.

