



RS Tera



Thorpe Bay Yacht Club

Rooster UK RS Tera National Championships 2024

Sunday 18th - Tuesday 20th August 2024

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organising Authority is Thorpe Bay Yacht Club
in conjunction with the UK RS Tera Class Association.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. Rules:

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the *Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. The following documents apply:
 - 1.2.1. The International RS Tera Class Rules, available at <https://www.rstera.org.uk/documents>
 - 1.2.2. Thorpe Bay Yacht Club and the UK RS Tera Class Association implement the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Racing Charter, available at: <https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/rules/racing-charter>
 - 1.2.3. The RYA Arbitration, Advisory Hearing and Post-Race Penalty will be available (see <https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/rules/rules-disputes>). The Post-Race Penalty will be 30%.
 - 1.2.4. [DP, NP] In addition, 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 such guidelines guidance, protocols or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.
- 1.3. The Racing Rules will be changed as follows. The Sailing Instructions may also change other rules.
 - 1.3.1. RRS 63.7 is changed so that in the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

2. Sailing Instructions:

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available no later than midday, Tuesday 13th August 2024 on the official event noticeboard on the UK RS Tera Class Association website at <https://www.rstera.org.uk/nationals-2024-noticeboard>

3. Communication:

- 3.1. The official noticeboard for the event is at <https://www.rstera.org.uk/nationals-2024-noticeboard> and notices will also be displayed on the noticeboard in event hub.
- 3.2. A WhatsApp group will be established for communications with competitors and shall be regarded as the communication channel for the event. Joining instructions for the WhatsApp group will be sent to all entrants prior to the event.
- 3.3. [DP] While racing, 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 all boats of the UK RS Tera class.
- 4.2. All competitors must be a current member of the UK RS Tera Class Association. Evidence of membership will be checked prior to the event.
- 4.3. The following age limits apply:
RS Tera Sport - under 16 on 31st December 2024.
RS Tera Pro – under 18 on 31st December 2024.
- 4.4. **The current entry limit for this event is 120 boats** across both the RS Tera Pro and RS Tera Sport fleets. This may be increased at any time at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 4.5. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form at <https://www.rstera.org.uk/rs-tera-nationals-thorpe-bay-2024> making the required entry fee payment.

5. Entry Fees:

- 5.1. The entry fees are as follows and shall be paid in full by the relevant date:
 - 5.1.1. Early Bird Discount - £150 for the first sailor per family, additional sailors from the same family will receive a 10% discount on the entry fee. Entry up to midnight Sunday, 7th July 2024, or when the entry limit is reached.
 - 5.1.2. After midnight Sunday, 7th July 2024, £165 for the first sailor per family, additional sailors from the same family will receive a 10% discount on the entry fee. Entry up to midnight, Sunday 11th August 2024, or when the entry limit is reached.
Those who enter at the Early Bird entry will receive a complimentary competitor's T-shirt.
- 5.2. Online entry closes at midnight, Sunday 11st August 2024, or when the entry limit is reached.
- 5.3. The Organising Authority may at its sole discretion extend the latest date for entry.
- 5.4. Should the event be cancelled, a refund of at least 70% of the entry fee will be made after transfer fees. This will be dependent on the expenditure committed to and by and at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 5.5. Refund of entry fees:
 - 5.5.1. Any entry cancelled prior to midnight on Sunday, 7th July 2024, will be refunded in full (less admin charges)
 - 5.5.2. A refund of 50% will be refunded (less admin charges) for cancellations up to midnight on midnight, Wednesday 31st July 2024
 - 5.5.3. No refunds will be offered after midnight on Wednesday 31st July 2024.
- 5.6. A sailor shall compete with the rig as entered, unless specifically arranged with the Organising Authority.

6. Advertising:

- 6.1. [NP, DP] Advertising is permitted in accordance with the class rules and World Sailing Regulation 20.
- 6.2. [NP, DP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.
- 6.3. [NP, DP] The following parts of the hull and sail must be left clear for the display of advertising, if supplied, without exception. All competitors shall ensure this is carried out before arrival at the event.
 - 6.3.1. the front one metre of the bow;
 - 6.3.2. the bottom 10% of the mainsail;
 - 6.3.3. the front 50cm of the boom nearest to the mast.

7. Schedule:

- 7.1. Registration will take place from Saturday, 17th August from 1400 to 1900 and on Sunday, 18th August from 0730 to 0830.

- 7.2. There will be a competitor briefing outside the clubhouse after registration closes.
- 7.3. The dates of racing will be 18th, 19th and 20th August 2024.
- 7.4. The Championship will consist of between 10 and 14 races. This will be dependent on the courses sailed, which may be a mixture of standard and sprint courses at the discretion of the Organising Authority. The full event race schedule will be published in the Sailing Instructions.
- 7.5. The first warning signal for race one on Sunday 18th August will be 1030.
- 7.6. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1500.

8. Clothing and Equipment:

- 8.1. [NP, DP] RRS 40.1 will apply.
- 8.2. [NP, DP] Electronic compasses or variations thereof will not be permitted
- 8.3. [NP, DP] All sailors must wear a whistle attached to their buoyancy aids
- 8.4. [NP, DP] All boats shall carry a painter of 6mm floating line at least 8 m in length (measured from the fitment point) permanently attached to the standard fitment position in front of the mast
- 8.5. [NP, DP] Rear handles on the transom handles should have the plastic loops fitted as supplied by RS
- 8.6. The scrutineering process which is intended to assist in compliance with the RS Tera Class Rules will involve boats being selected at random for checks during the event. That delegated Technical Officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race

9. Venue:

- 9.1. The venue is Thorpe Bay Yacht Club, 115 Thorpe Bay Gardens, Southend-on-Sea SS1 3NW and the sailing area is on the Thames Estuary.

10. Courses:

- 10.1. The courses to be sailed will be presented to competitors at the competitors briefing shall be described in the Sailing Instructions.

11. Scoring:

- 11.1. The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply.
- 11.2. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.3. The Sport and Pro fleets will be scored separately.
- 11.4. The total score for each boat will be the sum of her scores as follows:
- 11.5. When 3 or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores;
- 11.6. When from 4 to 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score;
- 11.7. When 8-14 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her 2 worst scores.

12. Support Person Vessels:

- 12.1. The definition of a support boat is a craft that is on the water, in the vicinity of the Race Area, where there is a relationship between those on the craft and a sailor participating in the event.
- 12.2. [NP, DP] All Support boats must register in advance of the event with the UK RS Tera Class Association Secretary by completing the Support Boat Registration Form on the Event FAQ page at <https://www.rstera.org.uk/rs-tera-nationals-2024-faq>
- 12.3. Upon arrival, Support boats must report to the Race Office and confirm registration.
- 12.4. [NP, DP] Support boats will comply with the Support boat regulations as defined in the Sailing Instructions.
- 12.5. [NP, DP] Support boats shall be controlled within the race area, further details will be included within the Sailing Instructions.
- 12.6. [NP, DP] All Support boat helms are required to attend a compulsory briefing and all safety boat briefings and all support boats may be called in by the Race Officer or Safety Leader to assist with safety activities.
- 12.7. [NP, DP] 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.
- 12.8. [NP, DP] Support boats shall display an identification flag at all times while afloat. Flags will be assigned at registration (£20 cash refundable deposit will be required).
- 12.9. The official event photographer (if present) may move between the starting line and course marks in order to photograph the event, this boat will display a distinguishing flag.

13. Berthing:

13.1. [NP, DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the boat park unless instructed otherwise

14. Data Protection:

- 14.1. The personal information you provide to the organising authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the organizing authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.
- 14.2. In participating in the UK RS Tera National Championships – Thorpe Bay 2024, any competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority, the National and International Class Associations permission to make, use and show, from time to time, any still/motion pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the event without compensation, in perpetuity.

15. Risk Statement:

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 inherently 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 and other officials and volunteers by the event 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.
- All competitors should obey the instructions of the Event Safety officer (and/or team).

16. Insurance:

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

17. Prizes:

17.1. Prizes will be given dependent on number of entries, but as a minimum 1st – 3rd overall for the Sport and Pro Fleets.

17.2. The titles will be awarded as follows:

RS Tera Pro National Champion	First RS Tera Pro Overall (UK national)
RS Tera Sport National Champion	First RS Tera Sport Overall (UK national)
RS Tera Sport U10 Trophy	Competitors must be under 10 years of age at midnight on 20 th August 2024
RS Tera Club Trophy	Lowest combined score of 1 st 4 competitors from any one club (competitors who enter from more than one club will be scored as the first club listed on entry)

18. Further Information:

All enquiries should be sent to:-

UK RS Tera Class Association

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