
The Organising Authority is Royal Harwich Yacht Club.

1. RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020* and by the RYA Racing Charter. Competitors shall also abide by RHYC club rules, RS Tera class rules and any special instructions announced by the Organising Committee.
- 1.2 In the event of any conflict between these Rules, those of the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 This event is part of the RS Tera Eastern Traveller Series but it is open all RS Tera Sport and RS Tera Pro sailors.
- 2.2 Only the person listed on the entry form for a boat shall helm that boat whilst it is racing.
- 2.3 Eligible boats and competitors are encouraged to enter early using the entry form available on the RHYC website at <http://www.royalharwichyachtclub.co.uk>. Alternatively entry can be made at the Eastern RS Tera Group on Club Organiser <http://www.cluborganiser.co.uk>.
- 2.4 Entry fees will be payable as follows:
£12 when entered online by mid-day Friday 21 September.
£15 when entering on the day.

3. SCHEDULE

- 3.1 Registration, and signing-on for pre-registered boats, will be from 0800 to 0900 on the day of the event. The RHYC registration form must be completed, plus for members of the Eastern RS Tera Group only, an RS Tera Parent/Guardian consent form, if not already held by the Eastern RS Tera Group. A competitor briefing that all competitors (and parents/guardians) must attend will be held at 0900.
- 3.2 The planned scheduled of racing for the fleets is as follows (subject to change):

High Water	Competitor briefing	First Start not before	Start Lines	Finish Lines	Number of races
1150	0900	1025	Committee Boat	Committee Boat	4

- 3.3 It is intended that all races will be sailed back-to-back (without returning to shore).
- 3.4 If conditions are suitable the Race Committee may run additional races without further notice, or make changes to the Sailing Instructions.

4. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Sailing Instructions will be available on the RHYC website before the event, and will also be available at registration/signing-on.

5. VENUE AND COURSES

- 5.1 Racing will take place in the vicinity of the Royal Harwich Yacht Club. The courses to be sailed will be as detailed by the Race Officer at the competitor briefing.

6. PRIZES

- 6.1 Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places will be awarded for both RS Tera Sport and RS Tera Pro, plus an endeavour prize at the conclusion of the event at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

7. SUPPORT BOATS

- 7.1 Support boats will be provided. Only support boats registered with the Organising Committee will be permitted in the race area.

8. RISK STATEMENT

- 8.1 Rule 4 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 (and their parents/guardians in the case of competitors under 18 years of age) 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, support boats and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
 - f) The provision of support 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.

9. PERSONAL SAFETY

- 9.1 Properly fitting personal buoyancy aids of at least CE50 Newton must be worn by all persons at all times while afloat and on the pontoon jetty, except briefly while adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- 9.2 All competitors will be required to sign on and off the water.

10. INSURANCE

- 10.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per incident or equivalent.

11. PARENTAL DUTY OF CARE

- 11.1 Parents/guardians of competitors under 18 years of age remain responsible for their children at all times during the event. An adult may act in *loco parentis* for children other than their own.

12. ROAD TRAILERS

- 12.1 For competitors arriving by road, road trailers can if necessary, be taken into the dinghy park for unloading but must then be left in the car park, allowing access to boats in the dinghy park.

13. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 13.1 There is limited space for tents on the club lawn on a first come first served basis. However, we cannot accommodate camper vans or caravans. Overflow camping and pitches for camper vans and caravans, with electric hook-ups, is available at Woolverstone Marina (next door to the club). Tel: (01473) 780206.
- 13.2 For further information about this event, please contact the RHYC Office on 01473 780319 or email office.manager@royalharwich.co.uk

