



K6 & Viper National Championships 2017

Notice of Race

The Organising Authority is the Weymouth & Portland National Sailing Academy in conjunction with the K6 Class Association.

1. Rules

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017 - 2020*.
- 1.2. The RYA Racing Charter will apply.
- 1.3. The racing rules will be changed as follows:
Rule 31 changed so that marks other than starting and finishing marks may be touched without penalty.
Rule 35 changed to score boats finishing outside the time limit in their observed position on the course.
Rule 40 changed so that personal floatation devices must be worn at all times while afloat.
Rule 44 the two-turn penalty is changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.
- 1.4. The changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.

2. Advertising

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1. Entries shall be made on the official entry form available on the K6 website at <http://www.k6class.org/events/2017/entryform.html>
- 3.2. The event is open to the following boats:

Class/ Rating/ Handicap System Name	Entry Fee	Reduced fee for Early Entry (before 2 September 2017)
K6**	£180	£139
Vipers	£200	£156

**For this Class, a boat shall be entered only by a current member of the relevant Class association.

4. Racing Schedule

- 4.1. The event is scheduled as follows:

Race Day	No. of Races Scheduled each day	Time of 1 st Warning Signal
Fri 8 Sept	2	K6 – 13:25 Viper – 13:30
Sat 9 Sept	3	K6 – 11:55 Viper - 12:00
Sun 10 Sept	3	K6 - 10:55 Viper - 11:00

Extra races may be sailed to maintain the original total number of scheduled races in the series.

- 4.2. Registration from 09:00 – 11:30 on Friday 8 September.
- 4.3. There will be a competitor briefing at 11:00 on Friday 8th September in Spinnakers.

5. Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions for the championship will be available at registration.

6. Venue and Course Area

- 6.1. The venue will be the Weymouth & Portland Nationals Sailing Academy, Osprey Quay, Portland Dorset, DT5 1SA.
- 6.2. The course areas will be in Portland Harbour or Weymouth.

7. Courses

- 7.1. The course will be windward/leeward.

8. Penalty System

- 8.1. The Sailing Instructions will specify any changes to RRS 44 and if RRS Appendix P applies.

9. Scoring

- 9.1. The minimum number of races to constitute a championship is 3.
- 9.2. The number of counted races and excluded races will be as follows:

No. of Completed Races	No. of Races to be excluded to determine a boat's score
0 – 3	0
4 – 7	1
8	2

10. Radio Communications

Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

11. Prizes

Prizes will be specified in the Sailing Instructions.

12. Risk Statement

- 12.1. Rule 4 of the RRS states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race 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:
 - (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 and other officials and volunteers by the race 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 competitors briefing held for the event.

13. Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,00 per incident or the equivalent.

14. Further Information

Further information is available from <http://www.k6class.org/events.html>