

CADET NATIONAL AND OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP 2017 ABERSOCH, NORTH WALES



Organising Authority: South Caernarvonshire Yacht Club in
conjunction with UK National Cadet Class Association
Saturday 26th August – Thursday 31st August 2017

NOTICE OF RACE

1. **Rules**
 - 1.1 Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 - 2020 (RRS), the Class Rules of the International Cadet Class (including the Equipment Rule of Sailing 2017-2020 ("the ERS") where referred to), the current UKNCCA Standing Sailing Instructions (CCSSI), the Event Sailing Instructions (ESI) and this Notice of Race (NOR). In the event of conflict between this NOR, the CCSSI and the ESI, the ESI will prevail.
 - 1.2 The Prescriptions of the Royal Yachting Association will apply.
 - 1.3 The Class Rules of the International Cadet Class are on the International Cadet Class Association website (www.cadetclass.org), or on the UKNCCA website (www.cadetclass.org.uk).
The ERS are available on the World Sailing website (<http://www.sailing.org/documents/equipmentrules/index.php>).
The CCSSI and the Courses Appendix will be available on the UKNCCA website (www.cadetclass.org.uk) and a set will be posted on the Event Notice Board at the event.
The ESI will be posted on the Event Notice Board at the event, and may also be available on the UKNCCA website (www.cadetclass.org.uk).
 - 1.4 Competitors shall wear personal buoyancy at all times afloat, except briefly while adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Flag Y will not be displayed. This changes RRS 40.
2. **Advertising**
 - 2.1 Any decals provided by the Organising Authority must be displayed as provided in World Sailing Regulation 20.
3. **Eligibility and Entry**
 - 3.1. The regatta is open to all boats where both helm and crew are members of a National Cadet Class Association affiliated to the International Cadet Class Association.
 - 3.2. Helms and crews must be aged 17 or under on 31st December in the year of the event.
 - 3.3 Entry shall be made online and paid for as per NOR 3.4. Entry should be submitted no later than Friday 18th August 2017 midnight to qualify for the Discount Early Entry fee of £170. Entries received after 18th August will be charged the full entry fee of £190. Online entries close on the 22nd August.
 - 3.4 Payment for entering is now done online. It is **very important** that the correct bank reference is used. This will be: e.g.: **CN/1234/SURNAME for the Abersoch Nationals (1234 being the sail number)**. If you do not have a membership number you must obtain one by joining the class association before the event.
 - 3.5 Online entries close at midnight on the 22nd August 2017. At the discretion of the Organizing Authority (UKNCCA) entries may be accepted on the first day of the event **in cash only** with the addition of a further £20 (£210 on the day).
 - 3.6 Attention is also drawn to CCSSI 22 as to the activities of support boats and personnel and the possible sanctions for infringement of that rule.
4. **Classification**

4.1 Entries will be divided into Gold, Silver and Bronze fleets in accordance with the UKNCCA protocol in that regard, a copy of which is set out in the Appendix to this NOR.

5. Schedule

5.1 Registration

5.1.1 All helms and crews must register at the Event. Registration will be open on Saturday 26th August between 10.30 am and 12.00 noon at the race office located on the middle deck of South Caernarvonshire Yacht Club, The Headland, Abersoch, Gwynedd. A valid measurement certificate for the boat complete with current buoyancy endorsements shall be produced at registration.

5.2 Dates and Times of Racing

5.2.1. There will be a briefing for all competitors at 13.00 on Saturday 26th August at the South Caernarvonshire Yacht Club.

5.2.2. Ten races are scheduled of which three constitute a series.

Saturday 26 th August	Practice race	Time of first warning signal	1455
Sunday 27 th August	Races 1 + 2	"	1055
Monday 28 th August	Races 3 + 4	"	1055
Tuesday 29 th August	Races 5 + 6	"	1055
Wednesday 30 th August	Races 7 + 8	"	1055
Thursday 31 st August	Race 9 + 10	"	1055

5.2.3 It is likely that all races during a day will be held back to back without time to go ashore in between races.

5.2.4 Not more than four races will be sailed in one day.

5.2.5 The Race Committee may re-schedule any postponed or abandoned races on any day as per CCSSI 5.2 and may bring forward races as per CCSSI 5.3.

5.2.6 No warning signal will be made after 15:00 on the last day of the regatta.

5.2.7 The Gold and Silver Fleets will usually sail together. The Bronze Fleet will usually sail on the same course as the Gold and Silver fleets, but will start after them and will be scored separately. At its discretion the Race Committee may combine the Bronze Fleet with the Silver Fleet.

6 Measurement

6.1. A valid measurement certificate for the boat complete with current buoyancy endorsements shall be produced at registration.

6.2. Where a valid measurement certificate is not produced, RRS 78.2 is amended as follows:

6.2.1. A statement shall be signed by the competitor and his or her parent or guardian.

6.2.2. A certificate shall be submitted to the Race Organising Committee not later than 12:00 on the last day of the event.

6.2.3. A fee of £20 will be payable.

6.3. Equipment Inspection

Equipment may be inspected to check that it complies with the Cadet Class rules both prior to and during the event. **All boats will be required to present a maximum of 1 (one) suit of sails intended to be used during the event to measurement control which will be open between 10.00 -12:00 Saturday 26th August, and possibly at other times at the discretion of the Equipment Inspector for the Event.**

6.4. For this process competitors will be inspected on a first come first served basis at the measurement checkpoint. Competitors should ensure that sails have been certified by a measurer or have been subject to in-house certification and carry an ICC label or button as per Rule G2.2 and G2.3

6.5. It is intended three selected at random from the fleet (including their spars, sails and equipment and that of their helms and crews) shall be inspected, weighed and/or measured in such respects as the Equipment Inspector for the event in his discretion shall think fit.

7. Sailing Instructions

7.1. A limited number of sailing instructions will be available at registration. Competitors are encouraged to print their own from the Event Entry website.

8 Venue

8.1. Sailing will be held approximately 2nm east of the SCYC clubhouse.

9 Courses

The courses are shown in the UKNCCA Courses Appendix 2017.

10 Scoring

The scoring system is as defined in RRS Appendix A.

11 Prizes

11.1. Prizes will be awarded to (i) to at least the first six helms and crews overall in the combined Gold and Silver fleet; (ii) to the first three helms and crews in the Silver fleet; and (iii) to the first three helms and crews in the Bronze fleet. Prizes may also be awarded in various age categories.

11.2. The first helm and crew overall in the combined Gold and Silver Fleet will be the 2017 UK Cadet National Champions.

12 Risk Statement

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 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 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, 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.

Inspections

The fact that the race committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

13. Insurance

13.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 (three million pounds).

14. SCYC Variations

Contacts

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APPENDIX

UKNCCA Protocol as to Gold, Silver and Bronze Fleets 2017

1. This system shall apply to the following events:

<i>Event number</i>	<i>Event Name</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Date</i>
<i>Event 1</i>	<i>UKNCCA 1st Selector - Peter Scott Memorial Trophy</i>	<i>WPNSA - Weymouth & Portland</i>	<i>13 – 14 April 2017</i>
<i>Event 2</i>	<i>UKNCCA 2nd Selector - Alf Simmonds Memorial Trophy</i>	<i>Parkstone YC</i>	<i>29 – 30 April 2017</i>
<i>Event 3</i>	<i>UKNCCA 3rd Selector - Clemenson Nautilus Trophy</i>	<i>Royal Corinthian YC - Burnham</i>	<i>27 - 28 May 2017</i>
<i>Event 4</i>	<i>UKNCCA National Championships</i>	<i>South Caernarvonshire YC</i>	<i>26 – 31 Aug 2017</i>
<i>Event 5</i>	<i>RYA Eastern Zone Championships</i>	<i>Rutland Sailing Club</i>	<i>23rd – 24th Sept</i>
<i>Event 6</i>	<i>UKNCCA Inland Championships</i>	<i>Rutland Sailing Club</i>	<i>30th Sept – 1st Oct</i>

2. Allocation of Fleets Gold & Silver:

Event 1 & 2	
Gold Fleet	Silver Fleet
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boats the helms of which were in the Gold fleet in 2016 • Boats the helms of which were in the UKNCCA National Squad 2016/17 • Boats the helms of which were in the RYA Cadet National Junior Squad 2016/17 • Boats the helms of which were ranked less than or equal to 40% in the UKNCCA National Ranking Table at the end of 2016. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boats the helms of which are not in Gold fleet. • Boats the helms of which were in a UKNCCA Intermediate Development Squad for 2016/17 • Boats the helms of which were in a UKNCCA Junior Development Squad for 2016/17
Event 3, 4 & 5	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As events 1 & 2 • Boats the helms of which finished as helms in the top 3 in the Silver fleet in both of the 2 events to which this system applies immediately preceding the event in question • Boats the helms of which whose average percentage results in the combined Gold and Silver fleets 2 events immediately preceding the event in question (i.e. in events (1) and (2) for event (3) or in events (2) and (3) for event (4)) is less than or equal to 45%. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ (So, for example, a helm who came 27th out of 90 entrants overall in event (1) and 20th out of 50 entrants overall in event (2) would have an overall average percentage result for the two events for the purposes of this paragraph of $((27/90 \times 100) + (20/50 \times 100)) \div 2 = 35\%$) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As Events 1 & 2 • Boats the helms of which finished as helms in the top 4 in the Bronze fleet in both of the 2 events to which this system applies immediately preceding the event in question

3. Allocation of Bronze Fleet

The Bronze fleet shall consist of all other entrants.

4. Application by the helm to be considered for another fleet to that allocated

Any helm who qualifies for either the Silver Fleet or Bronze fleet, may apply to be placed in another higher ranked fleet. Such application will be assessed on the basis of the applicant's age, past results & sailing ability. Application must be made by letter stating age, past results and reasons for application. The application must be supported by a letter from applicant's Squadron Captain or other person suitably qualified to assess the applicant's sailing ability and suitability for a higher ranked fleet.

The applicant's letter and the supporting letter may be in hard copy or email form, but either must be received by the UKNCCA Chairman no later than Monday 21st August 2017.

Additionally sailors from the Junior Development Squad for whom these are their first UKNCCA events may apply to be in the Bronze fleet.

If an applicant is only entering say one event in the year e.g. The Nationals then the right to apply is extended up to and including the 14th day prior to the start date of that event. The UKNCCA Committee will, at its discretion, appoint a panel of 3 persons to assess the application and its decision will be final.

5. Allocation to a different fleet by the UKNCCA Committee

Notwithstanding the foregoing the UKNCCA Committee appointed panel may allocate a boat to a different fleet if it considers that fleet is more suitable for the boat concerned having regard to the results, age or ability of the helm and/or the crew, but such an allocation will not be made without the consent of the helm of the boat concerned.

6. Boats entered in the wrong fleet for an event

Any Helm/boat found to knowingly be entered and sailing in the wrong fleet under this system should advise the UKNCCA Chair immediately. Failure to notify the UKNCCA of your placement into the wrong fleet can carry the maximum penalty of disqualification for that race or races completed in the series whilst entered in the wrong fleet.

7. Sailors from other Classes

Sailors from other classes will be allocated to fleets by the UKNCCA Committee appointed panel having regard to the results, age or ability of the helm and/or the crew, but such an allocation will not be made without the consent of the helm of the boat concerned.