



NOTICE OF SERIES

2018 UK 18FT SOLENT GRAND PRIX SERIES

1 STATUS OF EVENTS AND ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 1.1 The 2018 UK 18ft Skiff Grand Prix will consist of six rounds, all to be held at Calshot Activity Centre and organised by the UK 18ft Skiff Class Association

Round	Date
1	31 st March – 1 st April
2	21 st – 22 nd April
3	21 st – 22 nd July
4	11 th – 12 th August
5	7 th – 9 th September
6	29 th to 30 th September

Notes: Round 5 will also constitute the Open UK 18ft Skiff National Championship

- 1.2 The Organising Authority at each round is the UK 18 Foot Skiff Class Association.

2 Overall Scoring

2.1.1 Counting events

The National Championship plus the lowest four scores of the other series events shall count toward a team's Grand Prix score. In the event a Grand Prix event is cancelled, for the purpose of overall score, all boats shall be scored DNS.

2.1.2 Overall Scoring system

The winner of the 2018 UK Grand-Prix will be the team having the least points as defined by the low point scoring system as defined by Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-2020.

2.1.3 Non UK Teams

Events are open to Non-UK teams. Non-UK teams will be eligible for UK Grand Prix points or prizes.



3 RULES

3.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of the Royal Yachting Association, the rules of the UK 18ft Skiff Class Association, this Notice of Series and the Sailing Instructions. In the event of conflict between this Notice of Series and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will prevail.

3.2 Alterations to Class Rules

The rules of the 18ft Skiff Class Association will be altered as follows:

Rule 6 **Wings** will be altered by: Wings must be registered and attached to the hull in such a way that they are not capable of adding additional righting moment, from whatever sources, beyond their own weight, and the weight of the crew they support.

Wings must be constructed from up to including 6000 series Aluminum, GPR/Carbon Fibre. Wings must be constructed from circular/round tubing. The minimum diameter of the tubing will be **68mm**. Wings Joints must be constructed in such a way as to allow tubes to be easily replaced and can be constructed from any material.

Rule 9 **Masts** will be altered by: Each skiff shall be allowed to register two masts, No. 1 Rig Mast and a No. 2 Rig Mast. Each mast will have fixed maximum length.

Each mast will have fixed maximum length which is measured from the sheerline of the mast step base.

No.1. **10.255m**

No.2. 9.200m

Both masts may be constructed from up to including 6000 series aluminum or GPR/carbon fibre

4 CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

4.1 The safety of a yacht and her entire management shall be the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner/competitor racing the yacht, who must ensure that the yacht and crews are adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of the race. Neither the establishment of the sailing instructions nor any inspection of the yacht in any way limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner/competitor for his crew, his yacht and the management thereof. Neither the Organising Authority, its officers employees or agents nor the Race Committee shall be responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/competitor, his skipper or crew as a result of their taking part in the regatta. Moreover every owner/competitor warrants the suitability of his yacht for the regatta.

4.2 In the event that assistance is rendered to any competitor no liability is accepted by the Organising Authority, the Race Committee or the person rendering assistance.

4.3 Competitors will be required to certify to the Race Committee that they have adequate insurance including third party cover for not less than Two Million Pounds Sterling throughout the regatta.

4.4 Each skiff must carry, securely fixed, a sheathed knife on the port side of the rudder gantry.

5 ELIGIBILITY

5.1 All Yachts entering will be 18ft Skiffs in accordance with the current rules of the International 18 ft Skiff Class Association, including amendments made in this Notice of Series.

5.2 All teams must be paid up members of the UK 18ft Skiff Class Association.

5.3 All skiffs must pay the required entry fee prior to the first race of the first round.



6 PROGRAMME

6.1 Registration

All competitors must register on the first day of each round.

6.2 Measurement

A maximum of two full suits of sails may be used during the UK Grand Prix Series. All competitors must be able to present 1 complete set of sails, (1 or 2 mainsails, 2 jibs, and 2 spinnakers) for registration and marking at each event. This registration will take place at the discretion of the UK Class Association between 10am and 11am at the start of each round.

Random spot checks of weight may be taken at any time.

6.3 Programme of Racing

The first start of each event is scheduled to be (and will not be earlier than) at 13:00 on the first scheduled day of an event.

The last start of an event will not be later than 15:00 on the final scheduled day of an event.

6.4 Briefing

The competitors briefing will be held no later than 11.00am on the first day of each round in the boat park or the hangar of Calshot Activity Centre unless otherwise designated. A representative of each team is required to attend.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1 Sailing Instructions will be made available at registration for each round and electronically beforehand via email.

8 THE COURSE

8.1 The course configuration and the order of rounding will be as shown in the Sailing Instructions.

9 WIND CONDITIONS

9.1 The minimum wind speed for starting will be that in which the race committee considers the boats have sufficient capability for pre-start manoeuvres.

9.2 Races should not start, or races in progress should be abandoned when:

- (a) Wind gusts exceed 25 knots continuously for more than 30 seconds.
- (b) Wind gusts exceed 30 knots for any duration.
- (c) The race committee considers conditions are unsafe for sailing.
- (d) Wind is lower than 3 knots for more than 50% of 5 minutes on the race committee boat

10 ADVERTISING

10.1 All registered teams agree to affix the series or event logos supplied by the organising authority.

10.2 It is the responsibility of each team to properly affix and ensure the correct adhesion of each logo. If a logo is damaged or falls off, a team must make their best effort to replace the logo as soon as practically possible.

10.3 Teams failing to display event or series branding shall be penalised a 10% scoring penalty (minimum 1 place) in each race sailed without branding.

10.4 Only current event or series branding relating is permitted. All branding relating to previous events and or previous sponsorship are to be removed.

11 ALTERATIONS TO THE RRS

11.1 Where there are conflicts between the Racing Rules, Notice of Series, Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.



- 11.2 Touching a mark (other than a starting or finishing line mark) with any part of the boat or crew shall not constitute an infringement of the Rules and does not require a 1 turn penalty; Manhandling a mark which results in an advantage is not allowed nor is displacing it and a boat so doing shall promptly retire. If a boat touches a start or finish mark they shall complete a 1 turn penalty. This alters RRS 31.2
- 11.3 RRS 42 is deleted.
- 11.4 RRS 44 is modified from a 2 turn penalty to a 1 turn penalty to include one tack and a gybe. If the penalty is incurred whilst sailing downwind with the spinnaker flying the penalty shall be taken before rounding the leeward mark, or if approaching the finishing line to finish, before crossing the finish.
- 11.5 RRS 41 is modified to allow verbal outside assistance from coach and support boats. The following exception should be added to RRS 41

e) solicited or unsolicited verbal information from any coach or support boat

12 PRIZES

- 12.1 The winner of each round will be awarded trophies as follows:

Round 1	Trophy
1	TBD
2	TBD
3	TBD
4	TBD
5	Teinmouth Cup
6	TBD

- 12.2 The overall winner of the series will be awarded the RMW Grand Prix Series Cup.
- 12.3 The UK National Championship Cup (Teinmouth Cup) will be awarded for the round that also represents the UK 18ft Skiff National Championship
- 12.4 There will also be a prize for the Most Improved in the Grand Prix Series (defined as the skiff team which improved its overall placing by the highest number of places over last year's Grand Prix result).
- 12.5 Where possible the updated cumulative results of the Grand Prix Series will be published on the association web site.