



NOTICE OF RACE
for
The Club Championships
to be held
on 19th & 20th September 2009

1.0 Rules

1.1. The championships will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)* and the Sailing Instructions of Datchet Water Sailing Club.

1.2. The prescriptions of the RYA shall apply.

1.3. Competitors must comply with the Sailing Instructions and the Datchet Water Sailing Club Safety Regulations. Both are posted permanently on the sailing notice boards located in the Wet Bar.

2.0 Eligibility and entry

2.1. The championships are open to any class of boat owned by (i) a current member of Datchet Water Sailing Club or (ii) a visiting sailor and for which a current boat fee has been paid.

2.2. To take part or to enter the championships, competitors must either:

- be current members of Datchet Water Sailing Club: or
- have paid the current day sailing fee,; or
- have been invited to crew by a member of Datchet Water Sailing Club on his own craft

2.3. All competitors including Club members must enter by completing the Club Championship entry form.

2.4. Competitors automatically grant to the organising authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event.

3.0 Fees

There is no entry fee for current paid up members of Datchet Water Sailing Club.

4.0 Schedule of Races

4.1. 6 races are scheduled, of which 2 must be completed to constitute a series. It is the intention that 3 races will be sailed on the Saturday and 3 on the Sunday, but the Race Committee may in its absolute discretion sail fewer or more races on any day.

4.2. The Warning Signal for Race 1 on Saturday 19th September 2009 will be not before 11:55.

4.3. The first Warning Signal on Sunday 20th September will be not before 09:55.

5.0 Racing organisation

5.1. The starts to race, the classes in the starts and the class flag for each start are published in the Sailing Instructions.

5.2. The organising authority may in its absolute discretion allocate any class, permitted to enter the championship, to a particular start.

5.3. The courses that may be sailed are set out in the sailing instructions.

5.4. All dinghies will be using Portsmouth yardstick and all catamarans will sail under SCHRS handicaps.

6.0 Scoring

6.1. 2 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

6.2. To qualify, competitors must count 1 at least 1 race on the Saturday, and 1 on the Sunday, provided that racing takes place on both days.

6.3. The Low Points Scoring System set out in RRS Appendix A will apply.

6.4. The following discards will apply:

- If 3 or less races are sailed, no discard will be allowed;
- If 4 or more races are sailed, 1 discard will be allowed.

6.5. Members of Datchet Water Sailing Club who undertake a club duty will be awarded average points of all races they started for the race or races they missed because of the club duty. This will be indicated by scoring code OOD in the published results.

6.6. Points for race ties will not be divided. This changes Appendix A7.

6.7. The RYA Portsmouth Yardstick Scheme and Portsmouth Numbers as set out in the current YR2 will normally be used.

6.8. For catamarans, the ISAF Small Catamaran Handicap Rating System (SCHRS) will be used except that the penalty for the use of carbon masts will not apply. The values will normally be as published on the ISAF SCHRS web site (www.schrs.com).

6.9. The race committee may, in their absolute discretion:

- _ Vary any handicap rating;
- _ Allocate a rating to any class not listed in YR2 or SCHR system.

6.10. Competitors sailing multi-hulled boats in start 4 shall declare the SCHRS value under which they propose to race on the race declaration form on each day of racing.

6.11. Competitors will be ranked in individual races in ascending order of corrected time, where the corrected time [CT] is calculated from the elapsed time [ET] for the race and the rating value [RV] using the formula:

- _ $CT = 1000 * ET / RV$ for starts using RYA YR2;
- _ $CT = ET / RV$ for starts using SCHR.

7.0 Support boats

Support boats for competitors competing in the series are not allowed.

8.0 Prizes

8.1. The Club Championship Trophy will be awarded to the competitor or competitors with the lowest net score, after any discards, in the races sailed. Only members of Datchet Water Sailing Club are eligible for this award.

8.2. Prizes will be awarded

- for any class with 6 or more boats in the championship provided that a minimum of 6 boats of that class started 50% of the races sailed;
- for the overall handicap within each of the designated starts set out in the sailing instructions.

9.0 Disclaimer of liability

9.1. Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event

9.2. It is for competitors to decide whether their boat is fit to sail in the conditions in which it will itself. By launching competitors confirm the boat is fit for the conditions and they are competent to sail and compete in them.

9.3. Nothing done by the organizers can reduce the responsibility of the owners and/or competitors, nor will it make the organizers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury; however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organizers encompass everyone helping to run the event.

9.4 The provision of patrol boats does not relieve owners and/or competitors of their responsibilities.

9.0 Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 (pounds sterling) per event or the equivalent

8th September 2009