



NOTICE OF RACE
for
The Fleet Championships
to be held on
12th March and 18th June, 2017

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 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 Fleet 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.

2.5. Only 2017 Members of Datchet Water Sailing are eligible for the Fleet Championship Trophies.

2.6. The 2017 Catamaran Start Fleet Championships will be sailed separately as part of the Wednesday Evening Series. Further details will be published before the start of that series.

3.0 Fees

There is no entry fee for current paid up members of Datchet Water Sailing Club. Non-members must pay the current day sailing fee.

4.0 Schedule of Races

4.1. 8 races are scheduled, of which 2 must be completed to constitute a series. On each day it is the intention that 2 races will be sailed back to back in the morning and two after a lunch break, but the race committee will make a final announcement at the competitors briefing.

4.2. Up to four races will be sailed on each of the two days. If any races are not completed they will be abandoned and not carried over to Sunday 18th June.

4.3. The Warning Signal for the first race on Sunday 12th March and Sunday 18th June, 2017 will be not before 10.25 hrs.

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.

6.0 Scoring

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

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

6.3. The following discards will apply:

- If 3 or less races are sailed, no discard will be allowed;
- If 4 or 5 races are sailed, 1 discard will be allowed
- If 6 races are sailed, 2 discards will be allowed.
- If 7 races are sailed, 3 discards will be allowed.
- If 8 races are sailed, 4 discards will be allowed.

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

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

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

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

7.0 Support boats

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

8.0 Prizes

8.1. 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

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