



NOTICE OF RACE  
for  
The Club Championships and  
"Bart's Bash"  
to be held on  
Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> September 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 a current member of Datchet Water Sailing Club
- 2.2. To take part or to enter the championships, competitors must either:
  - be current members of Datchet Water Sailing Club: 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. 4 races are scheduled, of which 2 must be completed to constitute a series. It is the intention that 2 single start handicap races will be sailed back to back in the morning and 2 single start handicap races will be sailed back to back in the afternoon, but the Race Committee may in its absolute discretion sail fewer or more races on the day.
- 4.2. The Warning Signal for Race 1 on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2017 will be not before 10:25 hrs. The time of the Warning Signal for Race 3 will be announced at the competitors' briefing at 9.30 am. No warning signal will be sounded after 16:00 hrs.
- 4.3. Race 1 will be designated as the "Bart's Bash" Race.

### 5.0 Racing organisation

- 5.1. The starting procedures are published in the Sailing Instructions.
- 5.2. The courses that may be sailed are set out in the sailing instructions.

### 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 2 or less races are sailed, no discard will be allowed;
  - If 3 or more races are sailed, 1 discard will be allowed.
- 6.4. The RYA Portsmouth Yardstick Scheme and Portsmouth Numbers as set out in the current YR2 will normally be used.
- 6.5. 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](http://www.schrs.com)).

6.8. 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 shall declare the SCHRS value under which they propose to race on the race declaration form on each day of racing.

### **7.0 Support boats**

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

### **8.0 Prizes**

8.1. Prizes will be awarded

- the overall winner of the Series who will be awarded the Club Championship Trophy
- to the first Youth Sailor
- further prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.

### **9.0 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, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

### **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

4<sup>th</sup> August, 2017