

# Junior Race Week 19<sup>th</sup> August – 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2024 - Notice of Race



ROYAL HARWICH  
YACHT CLUB  
WOOLVERSTONE



## 1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 [DP] The Port of Ipswich and the Harwich Haven Authority Byelaws also apply.
- 1.3 RRS 77 Identification on Sails does not apply. [DP] Boats shall however display a sail number or other clearly visible marking on their main sail that is distinct from that of any other boat in the same class entered in the event, and shall inform the race committee of that sail number or marking when signing on for racing each day.
- 1.4 A boat may not protest another boat for a breach of class rules. This changes RRS 60.1(a). The penalty for any breach of class rules may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.2. Competitors should note in particular that use of replica equipment that does not convey a competitive advantage will not normally be penalised.

## 2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available on the club website at least two weeks before the event starts.

## 3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The event is open to all competitors born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2005 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016, sailing monohull dinghies of no more than 5m in length with a 2024 RYA Portsmouth Yardstick of no less than 1000 (unless otherwise agreed with the organising committee in advance).
- 3.2 Competitors entered to race in the main racing fleets must be able to sail triangular and windward-leeward courses, be able to right their boat unassisted after a capsize, and have at least a basic understanding of the racing rules. Only the competitor (or in the case of a two-handed boat either one of the two competitors) listed on the entry form for a boat shall helm that boat whilst it is racing.
- 3.3 Racing fleets will be decided on the basis of entries received. Racing fleets are expected to include:
  - Optimist (to race on a separate race course)
  - ILCA (full, radial and 4.7 rigs racing together)
  - Slow Handicap (Toppers and Teras etc.)
  - Fast Handicap
- 3.4 Handicaps will be at the discretion of the race committee, based on the club's PY system, and for development classes (e.g. National 12) may vary between boats of the same class.

- 3.5 In addition to the main racing fleets there will also be a Regatta Fun fleet (for those who want to be on the water without having to race).
- 3.6 Boats are encouraged to pre-enter the event by registering online at <https://royalharwichyachtclub.org.uk/training-products/> . Entry fees are as detailed on the entry form. The deadline for early entry is 1200 pm on 8<sup>th</sup> July.
- 3.7 Entries received after this deadline will be subject to a late entry surcharge and subject to availability.
- 3.8 Entry is limited to 120 sailors to include all fleets and Regatta fleet.

#### 4 SCHEDULE

- 4.1 Registration will be on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August from 16.00 to 18.00 or Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August from 08.00 to 09.00. A safety briefing that all competitors and guardians must attend will be held at 09.00 on the Tuesday.
- 4.2 The planned schedule of racing for the main racing fleets is as follows (subject to change):

|                            | Competitor Briefing | Launch Signal | First Start | Number of Races | High Water |
|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------|-------------|-----------------|------------|
| Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>    | 09.15               | 10.00         | 10.30       | 3               | 12.25      |
| Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>   | 09.45               | 10.30         | 11.00       | 3               | 13.10      |
| Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> | 10.45               | 11.30         | 12.00       | 3               | 14.00      |
| Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>  | 11.30               | 12.15         | 12.45       | 3               | 14.45      |
| Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>    | 12.15               | 13.00         | 13.30       | 2               | 15.25      |

- 4.3 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 16.00
- 4.4 The planned schedule of racing for the Oppie racing fleet is as follows (subject to change):

|                            | Competitor Briefing | Launch Signal | First Start | Number of Races | High Water |
|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------|-------------|-----------------|------------|
| Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>    | TBC                 | FOR           | OPPIES      |                 | 12.25      |
| Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>   |                     |               |             |                 | 13.10      |
| Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> |                     |               |             |                 | 14.00      |
| Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>  |                     |               |             |                 | 14.45      |
| Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>    |                     |               |             |                 | 15.25      |

#### 5 VENUE AND COURSES

- 5.1 Racing will be on the River Orwell in the vicinity of Royal Harwich Yacht Club. Courses will be a variety of laid courses (such as windward-leeward and trapezoid).

#### 6 SCORING

- 6.1 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series
- (a) When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When four to seven races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

(c) When eight to ten races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

(d) When eleven races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her three worst scores.

## **7 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS**

7.1 Only designated support person vessels shall be allowed on the racecourse.

## **8 DATA PROTECTION**

8.1 The personal information you provide to the organising authority will be used to facilitate your participation in this event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the organising authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

## **9 RISK STATEMENT**

9.1 Rule 3 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 this 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, support boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;

(f) The provision of support boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances; and

(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 competitor briefing held for this event

## **10 INSURANCE**

10.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3m per incident or the equivalent

## **11 COMPETITOR BEHAVIOUR**

11.1 Competitors shall not behave in any way that brings the Royal Harwich Yacht Club into

disrepute.

*Competitors shall not be in possession of alcoholic spirits or drugs on Club premises during the event. Those found to be in breach of this rule will be disqualified immediately from all races of the event, will be denied access to the Club's premises, and anything found will be confiscated.*

The organisers reserve the right to disqualify immediately from the event any competitor who is in breach of this rule, and further action may be taken at the discretion of the General Committee.

## **12 PARENTAL DUTY OF CARE**

- 12.1 Parents/guardians remain responsible for their children at all times during the event. Parents/guardians are, in particular, solely responsible for their children at all times when those children are not taking part in an official event activity on the water. (NB Camping is NOT an official event activity).

*Please note that for safety reasons, it is the Club's preference that 15s and over camp on the lawn rather than live aboard a yacht in the marina during race week.*

Parents/guardians shall advise the organising committee of two telephone numbers via which an adult who is available to take responsibility for their child may be contacted immediately at all times whilst the child is on site, including overnight if camping, and the responsible adult(s) shall ensure that the relevant phones are switched on, manned and working at all such times. An adult may only act in *loco parentis* for a maximum of 3 children in addition to their own dependents.

## **13 PRIZES**

- 13.1 Prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of the event at the discretion of the organising committee

## **14 FURTHER INFORMATION**

- 14.1 For further information please contact the RHYC Office on 01473 780319 or email [office.manager@royalharwich.co.uk](mailto:office.manager@royalharwich.co.uk)