

Smugglers Trophy Weekend

The organising authority is Royal Harwich Yacht Club.

20th and 21st July 2019

Notice of Race

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020*.

Competitors shall also abide by RHYC club rules and any special instructions announced by the organising committee.

1.2 Rule 78 will be changed by the Sailing Instructions so that strict compliance with class rules will not be required. In particular the use of replica sails and equipment will be permitted. Boats will however be expected to abide by the spirit of class rules and may be subject to protest or re-rating by the race committee if considered appropriate. Sail numbers will be required, but these will not be required to match the sail number of the boat, but will need to be different from that of any other boat racing in the same class.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

2.1 The regatta is open to all competitors sailing single-handed and two-handed monohull dinghies. The RHYC reserves the right to limit handicap entries*

2.2 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.

2.3 Racing fleets will be decided on the basis of entries received. Entries are expected to include:

Finn

Laser (full, radial and 4.7 rigs)

National 12

Phantom

RS200

Handicap (possibly split into fast and slow handicap, depending upon the number of entries*)

2.4 Handicaps will be at the discretion of the race committee, based on the RYA's PY list 2019, and for development classes (e.g. National 12) may vary between boats of the same class.

2.5 Eligible boats and competitors are strongly encouraged to pre-enter using the entry form available on the RHYC web site at <http://www.royalharwichyachtclub.co.uk>

Entry fees are £24 for a single-handed dinghy and £30 for a two-handed dinghy.

Entry fees are reduced if the booking is made on line at least one week before the event:-

-single handed is reduced to £16

-two-handed dinghy is reduced to £20.

There is an additional £1 class registration fee for National 12 entries>

3. SCHEDULE

3.1 Registration, and signing-on for pre-registered boats, will be from 09.30 to 11:30 on Saturday 20th July, and from 09:00 to 10:00 on Sunday 21st July. **A competitor briefing that all competitors (and parent in the case competitors under 18 years of age) must attend will be held at 11.00 hours on the Saturday.**

3.2 The planned scheduled of racing for the fleets is as follows (subject to change):

Competitor briefing	First points race not before	Number of races	High Water
Saturday 11.00	12.30	3	15.12
Sunday see 3.3	13.00	3*	15.44

3.3 One of the races will be a pursuit race, and is planned to be raced on Sunday at the Race Committee's discretion. **The pursuit race does not count towards the series.** The estimated time for this race's briefing is 10.00 and that the pursuit race will start at 11.00.

3.4 It is intended that all point's races on both days be sailed back-to-back (without returning to shore).

3.5 * If conditions are suitable on the Sunday then the race committee will run three races but the Race committee is also aiming to complete racing on the Sunday to allow for a **Prize giving at 4.15pm** and they may therefore reduce the number of races without further notice, or changes to the Sailing Instructions.

4. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1 Sailing instructions will be available on the RHYC website before the event, and will also be available at registration/signing-on.

5. VENUE AND COURSES

5.1 Racing will be on the River Orwell in the vicinity of the Royal Harwich Yacht Club. The courses to be sailed will be as detailed by the Race Officer(s) at the daily competitor briefing.

6. PRIZES

6.1 Prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of the event at the discretion of the organising committee.

7. SUPPORT BOATS

7.1 Support boats will be provided. Only support boats registered with the organiser will be permitted in the race area.

8. RISK STATEMENT

8.1 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 involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor (and their parents/guardians in the case of competitors under 18 years of age) 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 a float 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 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;
- 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 safety briefing held for the event.

9. INSURANCE

9.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per incident or equivalent.

10. PARENTAL DUTY OF CARE

10.1 Parents/guardians of competitors under 18 years of age remain responsible for their children at all times during the event. An adult may act in *loco parentis* for a maximum of 3 children in addition to their own dependents.

11. ROAD TRAILERS

11.1 Road trailers can, if necessary, be taken into the dinghy park for unloading but must then be left in the car park allowing space for boats in the dinghy park.

12. FURTHER INFORMATION

12.1 For further information please contact the RHYC Office on 01473 780319 or email office.manager@royalharwich.co.uk