

NOTICE OF RACE (NOR) FOR CLUB DINGHY RACING 2019

(Racing organised with Hayling Island Sailing Club is additionally subject to the provisions in Appendix A)

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY & RULES

- 1.1 The Organising Authority is MRSC ('the Club') and this term includes its officers, the sailing committee, the race officers and assistants, the patrol boat crews and any other person involved in running the racing. The Dinghy Sailing Committee shall be the Race Committee.
- 1.2 The 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) shall apply.
- 1.3 Sailing Instructions (SI) for dinghies shall be available on the Club website.

2 CONDITIONS OF ENTRY & ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 Competitors are required to agree to be bound by the 'rules' and thereby accept that they participate of their own volition (RRS 4). By participating they agree to this condition, and specifically acknowledge that:
- a) they are aware of the inherent risks involved in dinghy racing and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves and the boat to such risks and for the safety of the same whilst afloat;
- b) they accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss caused by their own actions or omissions, and have valid third-party liability insurance with minimum cover of £3m.
- c) their boat is fit, and its crew competent, to sail in the conditions likely to be encountered;
- d) the provision of a race management team and patrol boats does not relieve them of their own responsibilities, and that patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practicably provided in the circumstances.
- 2.2 Junior racing is open to members under 18 on 1st January.
- 2.3 Racing wholly or partly outside the Harbour shall be limited to boats with PY 1162 and below.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 The official notice board shall be in the Club Foyer.
- 3.2 Signals shall be made from the Club flagstaff, except that signals for a club start shall be made from the flagstaff flying an orange flag.
- 3.3 **Temporary changes** to the NOR or SIs shall be posted at least 30 minutes before the race.
- 3.4 **Permanent changes** to the NOR or sailing instructions shall be posted on the official notice board and on the club website permanently, at least one hour before first applying.
- 3.5 The date and time of **races postponed or abandoned** to another day shall be posted as in NOR 3.4 at least 7 days previously, this forming notice to original entrants (changing RRS 81).

4. CLASSES AND CLASS FLAGS, SCHEDULE OF RACES, HANDICAPS.

- 4.1 **Classes and class flags** shall be

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| Fast Handicap | (PY 1088 and below) | Numeral P 2 |
| | (PY 1112 and below if no slow H'cap) | Numeral P 2 |
| Slow Handicap | (PY 1089 to 1390) | Numeral P 3 |
| Mixed Handicap | (PY 1438 and below) | Numeral P 9 |
| Mixed 2 Handed | (PY 1020 to 1240) | Numeral P 6 |
| Junior | | Code Flag R |

- 4.2.1 **Warning signals** shall be five minutes before the start time in the club programme.
- 4.2.2 A Fast Handicap race may be started with the Slow Handicap without signalling a postponement by flying the Mixed Handicap warning signal.
- 4.2.3 Two or more races programmed for a class on one day shall be sailed back to back.
- 4.3 **Handicaps** shall be current RYA PY numbers unless otherwise posted as in NOR 3.4.

5. COURSES

- 5.1 Courses shall be according to the sailing instructions.
- 5.2 Racing may take place in either Chichester Harbour or Hayling Bay.

6 SHORTENING OR ABANDONING RACES (AMENDING RRS 32)

- 6.1 Races may be shortened or abandoned at the race officer's discretion.

7 SAFETY

- 7.1 Before racing each day helms shall enter and **sign on** as accepting the conditions of entry and as and going afloat.
- 7.2 After the last race each day helms shall **sign off** within 30 minutes of returning to the Club (or such extended period as the race committee may allow) as coming ashore.
- 7.3 The penalty for failure to sign on or off shall be a £2 (£1 juniors) donation to the Jeremy Strugnell fund or, if not paid, disqualification without hearing (amending RRS 63.1) which shall not be discarded under NOR 8.1.2 or 8.1.5.
- 7.4 Code Flag Y shall signal that the wearing of lifejackets is advised (changing RRS Signals).

8 SCORING SYSTEM AND STARTERS (CHANGING RRS A4)

- 8.1.1 **A series** shall consist of two or more races. Boats eligible to sail in more than one class may only count a race in one series.
- 8.1.2 **Discarded races** shall be, subject to 9.: series races sailed 2: 0; 3 – 4: 1; 5 – 7: 2, 8-11: 3; and for each additional 1-3 races one additional discard.
- 8.1.3 Boats not finishing (DNF) shall score points equal to the number of starters plus 1.
- 8.1.4 Boats not starting shall score DNC.
- 8.1.5 A helmsman on race/training duties during races in a series shall receive points for those races equal to the average points of the other races in the series excluding the number of races that could have been discarded if those other races had constituted the series.
- 8.2.1 Three starters are required for a single race.
- 8.2.2 Three starters are required for at least two races in a series; the number of races with three or more starters that may be discarded under 8.1.2 shall be limited to the greater of one or the number that could have been discarded if the races with three starters had constituted the series; races with less than three starters not counting as a consequence shall score SRD (equal to DNC) but the score of the other boat shall not change.

9. PRIZES

- 9.1 Trophies shall be awarded as per programme and prizes shall be awarded according to the number of entries.
- 9.2 Trophies for club races shall only be awarded to Club members.
- 9.3 Class and junior champions for the season shall be determined by a series being all club weekend fast, two handed or slow handicap class races except the frostbite races, with 50% (rounded down)+1 of races sailed to count (subject to average points under NOR 8.1.5).
- 9.4 The Brooks Trophy (Finns) shall be determined by the Spring, Summer, Autumn and Harbour points races with 50% (rounded down)+1 of races sailed to count (subject to average points under NOR 8.1.5).