



ITCHENOR SAILING CLUB

66th SCHOOLS SAILING CHAMPIONSHIPS

NOTICE OF RACE for Firefly Championship Wednesday 27 June - Friday 29 June 2018

1. RULES

1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing and the special Sailing Instructions for the event. Class Rules will also apply except that membership of the Firefly Association will not be enforced. In the event of any conflict with the Sailing Instructions, the latter shall prevail.

1.2 The Exoneration Penalty (with the minimum penalty changed from two to three places) and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available.

2. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority is Itchenor Sailing Club.

3. PERSONAL BUOYANCY

Adequate personal flotation shall be worn at all times when afloat.

4. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

4.1 The event is for open to schools, which are invited to enter by the Organising Authority.

4.2 Each competitor shall be a current pupil representing the school at which he or she is a pupil, throughout the duration of the Championships and shall be certified as such on their respective entry forms by the Member of Staff in Charge of Sailing.

4.3 Entries will be accepted on a first come first served basis by Itchenor Sailing Club's capacity to accommodate numbers ashore and on the water.

4.4 The online entry form, in school's name, must be completed by Registration day.

4.5 Full details of the entry in the school's name, with details of the helms person and crew, boat details, sail number and name of responsible school representative in charge of Sailing must be submitted online by opening of registration.

4.6 Each competitor and the accompanying person with legal responsibility for them will be required to complete the online Parent Consent and Supervision Form by registration.

5. ENTRY FEES

For entries received by the Club by 1700 hrs on 31 May 2018, the entry fee is £135.00 per boat. Thereafter the entry fee is £175.00 per boat. The entry fee covers racing, training, lunch afloat, Chichester Harbour dues and Club member house accommodation (subject to availability) throughout the event.

6. REGISTRATION and RACING SCHEDULE

6.1 Registration is to be completed by 1900 on Tuesday 26 June, subject to any prior arrangement made with the Club General Manager for late registration.

6.2 Sailing is scheduled from 09.30 on Wednesday 27 June until mid-afternoon on Friday 29 June

6.3 The Schools Sailing Championship will consist of the following: -

- A ten race series. Subject to weather and tidal conditions, this will be sailed over a variety of course configurations, with variable legs intended to maximise boat performance and crew enjoyment, but yet provide opportunity for close and fair racing in tidal conditions. Races not sailed by a reasonable time on the last day of the event will be cancelled.
- Race Training
- A Mini series of very short races
- A split into Gold and Silver fleets, subject to the number of entries.
- Fun race

6.4 A schedule of the proposed programme of races will be provided at time of registration, as this will be dependent on the number of entries received and the prevailing weather and tidal conditions as the event proceeds.

7. VENUE

The racing area will take place in Chichester Harbour. The starting area will be designated by the relevant Race Officer.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be issued at registration and can be accessed through the Club website (www.itchenorsc.co.uk)

9. SCORING

9.1 The Low Points System, Appendix A will apply.

9.1 One race is required to constitute the Regatta series.

9.2 6 - 7 races sailed, 1 discard; 8 - 10 races sailed, 2 discards

10. PRIZES

The following prizes will be awarded:

- The Richard Fairey Trophy
- The Astral Trophy for first boat with an all girl crew
- The BSDRA for the Silver Fleet
- Nick Prosser Memorial Trophy
- First boat with all girl crew
- First in Silver fleet

Other prizes will be awarded according to the number of entries at the discretion of the organisers.

Prize giving will take place on the Club lawn as soon as possible after the last race.

12. 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.
- 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.

13. GENERAL DISCLAIMER

Members of the Club, their guests and visitors use the Club premises and any other facilities of the Club entirely at their own risk and impliedly accept that:

1. The Club will not accept any liability for any damage to or loss of property belonging to members, their guests or visitors to the Club.
2. The Club will not accept any liability for personal injury arising out of the use of the club premises, and any other facilities of the club, or out of participation in any races organised by the club, whether sustained by members, their guests or visitors, or caused by the said members, guests or visitors whether or not such damage or injury could have been attributed or contributed to or was occasioned by neglect, default or negligence of any of them, the officers, committee or servants of the Club.
3. Before inviting any guests or visitors onto the premises or to participate in events organised by the club, members are required to draw their attention to this rule.

Children: Parents and guardians are warned that the limitations referred to above apply equally to their children and other children to whom they are in loco parentis (i.e. those under the age of 18 years). While the club normally provides rescue facilities for organised dinghy racing it cannot accept responsibility for such children while they are not engaged in such racing or in such organised activities afloat. Parents and guardians have sole responsibility for such children at such times and except when so engaged the club cannot be expected to exercise supervision and control.

14. INSURANCE

Each boat **MUST** have adequate insurance cover to include third party cover for not less than £3,000,000. Competitors are advised to effect their own personal accident insurance.

Information for competitors

1. BOAT TRAILERS

Please note that boat trailers must be man-handled from the road to the Club stage as vehicles are not permitted down the Club Lane. Parking for cars and trailers is available at the Conservancy car park (turn left towards the Northshore Ship Yard).

Road trailers must not be left on the Club stage but returned to the designated area.

2. BOAT BERTHS

All competitors should report to the Club Office on arrival and stage berths will be allocated. Launching trolleys must not be left on the slipways but returned to the allocated berths. All visiting boats must clear the stage by 1900 hrs on 30 June.

3. CLUBHOUSE

All competitors, their parents and Staff in charge of Sailing are invited to use the Club facilities during the competition. They should all be signed in by a member of Club staff or one of the organisers on arrival. Parents and Members of Staff in charge of Sailing who have not bought a food package should pay for their meals as they are taken. It should be noted that the Bar closes at 2200 hrs and the Clubhouse closes at 2215 hrs for the duration of the competition. Alcohol will not be served to under 18s.

4. DRESS

Visitors to the Club are asked to change from their sailing kit in the evenings and dress appropriately, in accordance with the Club's rules and traditions.

5. SECURITY

Money and other valuables may be placed in a sealed envelope and deposited with the Club Office. Items not collected by 1700 hrs will be transferred to the Bar for collection. All items are left at the owner's risk.

6. ACCOMMODATION

The Club is aware of a limited number of local residents who are happy to invite, free of charge, members of Schools' teams to be guests in their private homes for Schools Week. If this is of interest, the Club will use reasonable endeavours to match such offers to Schools who have indicated they might be interested in such accommodation. Please note that such accommodation is provided as a gesture of goodwill by local residents (normally ISC members) and the Club cannot guarantee that such accommodation will be found for all Schools that might be interested. The choice as to whether to use the accommodation offered is entirely up to the School, and competitors and staff use the accommodation at their own risk. Neither the accommodation nor the hosts have been vetted by the Club. The Club accepts no liability for the actions, omissions or negligence of the host, nor for the condition of the accommodation. Schools interested in such accommodation should indicate their requirements on the online entry form.

There is a limited amount of accommodation available at the Club itself. Details and the rates chargeable can be obtained from the Club at office@itchenorsailingclub.co.uk or by calling on 01243 512400.

7. CATERING

Food Packages are available at £82.50 per person. This includes supper on Tuesday, breakfast, tea and supper on Wednesday and Thursday and breakfast and tea on Friday.

Teachers and other supporting adults eating at the Club are also charged at £82.50 per person and should be included in any food packages ordered please.

NB – tea, coffee, snacks, food etc at the club after breakfast and before tea is not included in the food package each day but can be bought as required.

A sandwich lunch on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for competitors and teachers/supporting adults who are helping on the water is included in the entry fee.

Food packages should be booked through the online entry form. Special dietary needs should be advised with the entry form, or as soon as possible afterwards.

As the vast majority of competitors and supporters will buy food packages, it is our intention for our guests' convenience to operate a trust-based system for the meal packages. We would ask that anyone who has not bought a food package respects this and pays for anything they consume accordingly.

Any additional meals or other items may be purchased from the Buttery in the Club.

Other meal times are as follows:

Breakfast	07.45 – 09.00 hrs	Lunch	12.30 - 14.00 hrs
Tea	16.00 – 17.00 hrs	Supper	19.30 hrs

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