

## NOTICE OF RACE

### Battle of the Classes Pursuit Race

Sunday September 25<sup>th</sup> 2016

#### 1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY AND RACE COMMITTEE

- 1.1. The Organising Authority (OA) is the Royal Southampton Yacht Club (RSYC)  
1 Channel Way, Ocean Village, Southampton, SO14 3QF, United Kingdom in conjunction with the event hosts  
The Southampton Boat Show (SBS), Marine House, Thorpe Lea Road, Egham Surrey, TW20 8BF and  
Southampton Water Activities Centre (SWAC), Floating Bridge Road, Southampton SO14 3FL
- 1.2. The Race Committee (RC) will be appointed by the OA.

#### 2. APPLICABLE RULES

- 2.1. Racing is governed by  
the Rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)  
the prescriptions of the Royal Yachting Association (RYA)  
the Rules of the applicable Class Associations  
the Sailing Instructions  
applicable Southampton Water by-laws  
relevant Notices to Mariners (NtM) in force on the day of the event
- 2.2. The Sailing Instructions (SIs) shall detail changes to Racing Rules 26, 29.1, 35, 40, 60.2, 63.7, A4 and A5.
- 2.3. In the event of conflict between the Notice of Race (NoR) and the SIs, the SIs shall apply.
- 2.4. Competitors automatically grant to the OA 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. RYA CHARTER

- 3.1. Racing will be organised in accordance with the RYA Racing Charter and competitors are expected to conform to it. See [www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter](http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter)

#### 4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. Entries will be accepted from any two boats from any recognised dinghy class.
- 4.2. Entry forms are available on the SailRacer web site: [www.Battle.SailRacer.org](http://www.Battle.SailRacer.org)
- 4.3. Entries shall be accepted up to and including Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2016

#### 5. SAFETY

- 5.1. Flag Y will not be used this changes RRS40. All competitors shall wear an adequate flotation device when afloat. Wetsuits or drysuits are not sufficient on their own.
- 5.2. A tally system will be used and detailed in the SIs.
- 5.3. The medical and emergency contact section of the race entry form must be completed.

#### 6. ENTRY FEES

- 6.1. There are no entry fees.

#### 7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1. Registration:  
At SWAC from 1000 on 25th September 2016.
- 7.2. Measurement and inspection:  
See 8.1 below.
- 7.3. Race date:  
25<sup>th</sup> September 2016
- 7.4. Number of races:  
There will be one race.
- 7.5. Race briefing:  
1230 on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at SWAC

- 7.6. Safety briefing:  
A safety briefing will follow the 1230 briefing.
- 7.7. Scheduled time of the warning signal:  
1425 on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2016

## **8. MEASUREMENTS**

- 8.1. A boat may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Rules and Sailing Instructions. On the water a boat may be instructed by a Race Committee Measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

## **9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 9.1. The SIs will be available on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2016 and will be published on the Official Notice Board (ONB) and copied to the Sailracer web site at [www.Battle.SailRacer.org](http://www.Battle.SailRacer.org)
- 9.2. The ONB will be the notice board at SWAC.

## **10. VENUE**

- 10.1. Appendix One shows the location of the SWAC Sailing Centre and parking for cars and trailers.
- 10.2. Appendix Two shows the location of the race area.

## **11. THE COURSE**

- 11.1. The course will be announced at the briefing (7.5 above).

## **12. SCORING**

- 12.1. Each boat's score shall be their finishing place in the race.

## **13. SUPPORT BOATS**

- 13.1. The support boats and the Committee Vessel will be moored at SWAC during the briefing.
- 13.2. Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

## **14. BERTHING/LAUNCHING**

- 14.1. Boats shall be launched from the SWAC slipway. Trailers should be removed to the storage area.

## **15. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

- 15.1. Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used.

## **16. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 16.1. A boat shall neither make a radio transmission while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones, with the exception for this event of GPS tracker provided by the race organisers for the purpose of spectator interest and post race analysis.

## **17. PRIZES**

- 17.1. Prizes will be awarded to (a) the first, second and third placed boats overall, and (b) the highest placed boat with an all under 18 crew.

## **18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 18.1. All competitors participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4: Decision to race.
- 18.2. Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event(s) each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
  - 18.2.1. 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(s);
  - 18.2.2. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their property whether afloat or ashore;
  - 18.2.3. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
  - 18.2.4. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event(s) and they are fit to participate;
  - 18.2.5. 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;
  - 18.2.6. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;

18.2.7. They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to face extremes of weather; that persons on board are of sufficient experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew;

18.2.8. Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £2,000,000.00 (two million pounds sterling) per event against third party claims.

18.3. The fact that the RC may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this NoR.

18.4. It is the responsibility of the competitor who enters a race, series or regatta to ensure that all crew are fully aware of the provisions of this NoR.

## **19. INSURANCE**

19.1. The boat and crew shall hold adequate insurance including third party cover to the value of at least two million pounds.

## **24. FURTHER INFORMATION**

24.1. Further information can be obtained from the Sailing Secretary, RSYC

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