



**UK INTERNATIONAL MIRROR NATIONAL, NATIONAL
MASTERS, NATIONAL YOUTH AND NATIONAL
JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS**
Supported by Strutt and Parker

21 TO 25 AUGUST 2016

ITCHENOR, CHICHESTER HARBOUR, UK
ORGANISING AUTHORITY: ITCHENOR SAILING CLUB

NOTICE OF RACE

RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) including the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) prescriptions.
- 1.2 The following documents shall also apply:
 - the Sailing Instructions
 - the UK Mirror Class Association Rules, except that boats which generally comply with the Mirror Class rules but do not have a valid measurement certificate may enter, and will be allocated to the Bronze fleet
- 1.3 The following rules will be changed:

RRS 61.3 and 62.2: The time limit for protests and requests for redress is 90 minutes but 60 minutes on Thursday 25 August.

RRS 28.1 and Appendix A: When the first boat finishes a race that has been shortened all remaining boats will be finished when they go through the finish line irrespective of the number of laps completed, and will be given finishing positions depending on the number of laps completed.

RRS 35 and Appendix A: A back sweep of any boats not finished at the time limit will take place.
- 1.4 The Sailing Instructions may change some other rules.
- 1.5 The Exoneration Penalty and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. Decisions from RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee but cannot be reopened or appealed. These procedures can be obtained from the RYA web site-
www.rya.org.uk/general/rulesguidance.
- 2.0 **PERSONAL FLOTATION**

Adequate personal flotation shall be worn at all times when afloat by all competitors. Neither a wetsuit nor drysuit constitute adequate personal flotation. This amends the preamble to Part 4 of the RRS.

3.0 ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The event is open to all boats of the International Mirror class which will sail in one of the following four fleets. The fleets will sail concurrently.

4.1.1 Gold, Silver and Bronze fleets

After entry the fleet will be allocated by the Race Committee into Gold, Silver and Bronze fleets which will be posted on the event website and on the Official Notice Board at Itchenor Sailing Club before the first race. The Race Committee will consider requests from competitors to move fleets. The Race Committee will review the fleet allocation after Races 1 and 2. Changes will be made where necessary. The Bronze fleet is defined in 1.2 above. They may only win Bronze Fleet prizes.

4.1.2 Single-handed fleet

Boats with valid measurement certificates sailed by helm only

4.2 The following definitions apply:

Masters: Helmsman is over 40 years of age on 20 August 2016

Youth: Helm and crew both under 19 years of age on the 20 August 2016

Junior: Helm and crew both under 15 years of age on the 20 August 2016

4.3 Entries shall be made using the entry form on the event website which can be accessed via www.ukmirrorsailing.com and www.itchenorsc.co.uk

4.4 Parent/Guardian Declarations:

All helms and crews who are under 18 years of age must submit declarations signed by their Parent or Guardian, who shall be present for the Regatta. The declaration form is available to download from the above websites and is to be signed and submitted by post to ISC, or brought to the event registration.

4.5 Competitors and their immediate families are Temporary Members of Itchenor Sailing Club for the duration of the Regatta.

5. ENTRY FEE

5.1 The Entry Fee is £110 per boat for any entries received by Monday 26 July 2016. Entries will be accepted after the 26 July 2016 and by the 21 August 2016 but an additional £50 will be charged.

5.2 The Entry Fee includes harbour dues for Chichester Harbour.

6. PROGRAMME AND SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Eight races are scheduled. Four races shall constitute a valid Championship. Additional races may be sailed on any day at the discretion of the Race Committee to achieve the schedule. No warning signal will be made after 1600 on Thursday 25th August.

REGATTA PROGRAMME

Date	Programme	Times
Sunday 21 Aug	Arrival Registration Measurement	From 1700 1700 to 2000 1700 to 2000
Monday 22 Aug HW 1506 Ht 4.9	Measurement Registration Competitor's briefing Practice Race	0900 to 1100 0900 to 1100 1100 Warning signal 1300
Tuesday 23 Aug HW 1554 Ht 4.8	Races 1, 2 and 3	First Warning Signal 1130
Wednesday 24 Aug HW 1647 Ht 4.6	Races 4, 5 and 6	First Warning Signal 1230
Thursday 25 Aug HW 1745 Ht 4.4	Races 7 and 8 Prizegiving after racing	First Warning Signal 1230 Circa 1700

7. MEASUREMENT

- 7.1 Each boat in gold, silver and single-handed fleets shall produce a valid Measurement Certificate. Before racing commences all sails will be inspected and their **certification mark** checked. Boats will be measured or tested at the discretion of the Measurer. Following each day's racing one or more boats may be inspected for compliance with the Class Rules.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be issued at Registration. Amendments to the Sailing Instructions will be displayed on the Official Notice Board. The Sailing Instructions and any amendments will be published on the event website for information only.

9. VENUE

- 9.1 The location of the Championship is Itchenor Sailing Club, Itchenor, Chichester Harbour, West Sussex PO20 7AG, tel 01243 512400, email sailing@itchenorsailingclub.co.uk, website www.itchenorsc.co.uk

10. RACING AREA

- 10.1 The racing area will be in Chichester Harbour. It is intended that racing will take place within, but not necessarily limited to, the areas shown on Appendix 1 attached.

11. COURSES

- 11.1 Courses will be triangle/sausage and windward/leeward.

12. SCORING

- 12.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A 4.1 of the RRS will apply.
- 12.2 Four races shall be completed to constitute a valid Championship.
- 12.3 If 8 races are completed there will be 2 discards. If between 5 and 7 races are completed there will be one discard. If four races are completed there will be no discard.
- 12.4 Overall results will be published including details of fleet positions.
- 12.5 Fleet prizes will be awarded on the basis of 12.2 and 12.3 above.

13. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 13.1 Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board which is located in the Members Room at Itchenor Sailing Club.

14. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 14.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the ISC flagstaff.

15. PROTESTS

- 15.1 The RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available (see para 1.5 above).
- 15.2 A boat taking an exoneration penalty shall sign a declaration at the Race Office which is the Itchenor Sailing Club office.
- 15.3 Protests forms are available at the Race Office. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 15.2 Notices will be posted on the Protest Notice Board in the Members Room within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. The location of and time of the hearings will be also posted on the Protest Notice Board at the same time.
- 15.5 Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b) within the time limit for protests.

16.0 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 16.1 Replacement of helm, crew or any part of the boat shall require the written approval of the Race Committee.

17.0 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 Tally System - A compulsory tally system will be in operation. All competitors must tally-out before going afloat and tally-in as soon as they return ashore. Penalties for failure to tally-out and/or tally-in will be set out in the Sailing Instructions.
- 17.2 Boats including those of ISC members shall be kept in their assigned places on the staging designated by their tally number.

- 17.3 The Race Committee may at their sole discretion hold the Bronze and/or Single-handed fleets ashore depending on conditions which may result in the postponement or abandonment of a race or races for those fleets.

18. SUPPORT BOATS

- 18.1 Support and coach boats shall register at the Race Office during the registration periods to record the sail number of the boat they are supporting. The registration number provided shall be prominently displayed on support and coach boats at all times.
- 18.2 All registered support and coach boats will carry on board and operate while on the water a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving VHF channels, and agree to assist the Race Committee if directed to do so.

19. PRIZES

- 19.1 Prizes for the Championship and individual races as per details included on the event website will be presented at the prize giving which will take place as soon as possible after the last race on the lawn at Itchenor Sailing Club on Thursday 25 August.

20. RISK STATEMENT

- 20.1 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 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 support boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- (g) The fact that a Race Committee may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities set out in this paragraph.

21. GENERAL DISCLAIMER

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

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.

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.

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.

22. INSURANCE

- 22.1 Boats are required to be adequately insured including insurance against third party claims of at least £3,000,000 or equivalent in foreign currency. Competitors are also advised to effect their own Personal Accident insurance.

23. TELEVISION AND MEDIA

- 23.1 In entering for this event, competitors automatically grant the Organising Authority and Class Association(s) the right, in perpetuity, to make, use and show from time to time, at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and any other reproduction of them taken during the event, for the said Championship as defined in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, in which he/she participates, without compensation.

24. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 24.1 For further information contact George Rice, Sailing Manager, Itchenor Sailing Club tel 01243 512400 email sailing@itchenorsailingclub.co.uk, or check the information in Appendix 1

Appendix 1



Information for competitors

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.**

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 25th August.

CLUBHOUSE

All competitors, their parents and Members of Staff in charge of Sailing are invited to use the Club facilities during the competition as temporary members. There will be an all-in social event ticket option available at Registration. Otherwise competitors and visitors pay for their meals as they are taken. Alcohol will not be served to or for under 18s.

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.

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.

ACCOMMODATION

Rooms are available for hire at the clubhouse. Please contact the Office on 01243 512 400 to reserve a room. Other accommodation options are on the event website under Where to Stay.