

THE MARLIN SPIKE RUM
SNIPER CLASS INTERNATIONAL RACING ASSOCIATION
JOHN BROUGHTON EUROPEAN CUP 15-18 August 2024
UK National Championship 16-18 August 2024
Stone Sailing Club

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by: The rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024, the SCIRA Rules of Conduct for Conducting National Championship Regattas, the John Broughton European Cup Deed of gift, the rules of Stone Sailing Club, and the sailing instructions. In cases of conflict, the sailing instructions and Notice of race shall take precedence. The Exoneration Penalty (and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration) of the RYA Rules Dispute Procedures will be available.

Rules, 4.1, 5.1, 5.2 and 8.3 from the SCIRA rules for Conducting National Championship Regattas, and Rule 3 from the John Broughton European Cup Deed of Gift may not be followed.

Competitors should note that the organizing authority implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book (Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024) or at [Racing Charter \(rya.org.uk\)](http://rya.org.uk)

Personal Flotation Devices must be worn at all times while afloat. This changes RRS 40.

2. ENTRY AND ELIGIBILITY

The championship is open to SCIRA registered boats, and all must display a 2024 decal. The UK Nationals are open to UK members. No helm or crew shall be eligible to enter unless they are fully paid members of SCIRA.

Please note that entries will be limited to 75 boats.

The entry fee for the John Broughton European Cup will be £275 to include evening meals and all entertainment for helm and crew. A Late Entry Fee of £325 will apply from 1st August 2024. Those who will only be sailing the UK Nationals: entry fee will be £206 to include all entertainment and meals (except Thursday evening meal) for both helm and crew. A late entry fee of £256 will apply from 1st August 2024.

There will be a requirement for boats to display bow numbers and sponsors stickers at all times during the event.

All boats will be required to fit the supplied GPS trackers. These cannot be used as evidence in a protest.

Parent/Guardian Declarations: All helms and crews under 18 years of age during the event shall submit signed Parent/Guardian Declarations as part of the entry process and submit details of the person(s) acting in loco parentis at registration.

3. REGISTRATION, BRIEFING, RACES AND SOCIAL

- Wednesday 14th August Registration open from 14.00pm.
An evening meal can be pre-ordered.
- Thursday 15th August Late registration 9.00am – 11.00am.
A briefing will be held on Thursday morning at 11.30.
Race 1 start time 1.00pm.
Race 2 to be sailed back to back.
Marlin Spike Rum Welcome Cocktail Party.
Prize giving of the day.
Evening meal.
Games evening.
- Friday 16th August: (**UK Nationals only sailors in bold**)
Race 3 start time European Cup: (**Race 1 UK Nationals**) 12.00pm.
Race 3 & 4 (**Race 1 & 2 UK Nationals**) sailed back to back.
Allen Brothers workshop with Ramsey Island Brewery Beer.
Evening meal.
Prize giving of the day.
Commodore's cheese and wine reception.
Music & dancing.
- Saturday 17th August: Race 5 (**Race 3 UK Nationals**) start time 11.00am.
Race 6 & 7 (**4 & 5 UK Nationals**) back to back.
Prize giving of the day.
"Dress to impress" SCIRA Dinner with MSR digestif.
Raffle to be drawn.
Live music with "Monkies Wedding" band.
- Sunday 18th August: Race 8 (**Race 6 UK Nationals**) start time 10.30am.
Race 9 (**Race 7 UK Nationals**) back to back.
(last race to start no later than 3pm).
Prize giving after racing is completed.

Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series. Two discards are allowed if 8 or more races are sailed, One discard is allowed if between 5 and 7 races are sailed, if 4 or less races are sailed there will be no discard. **UK Nationals, One discard is allowed if 4 or more races are sailed, if 4 or less races are sailed there will be no discard.**

Races may be brought forward or deferred to other days depending on conditions and forecast.

4. MEASUREMENT & BOAT CHECKS

The following checks will be made: current class decal, towline (15m minimum length, 8mm diameter), paddle, centerboard retainer, centerboard band, spar bands, sails must be signed. (Note there will be no facility to get sails signed at the event). The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in the class rules.

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available online and at registration.

6. VENUE AND COURSES

The Hosting Club is Stone Sailing Club, St Lawrence Bay, Essex, CM0 7NF.

Races will be sailed on the River Blackwater. Courses will be in the sailing instructions.

Race duration will be targeted to be between 45 and 60 minutes. A Race duration falling outside of these times will not be grounds for protest.

7. SCORING

The low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A, will apply. A5.3 will apply.

8. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

By participating in SCIRA events, competitors automatically grant to SCIRA, the organizing authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recording, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

9. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 3 of the RRS, "Decision to Race". The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

10. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of € 1,500,000 per incident or the equivalent. The Organizing Authority will not be responsible for verifying the status or validity of such certificates.

11. PERPETUAL PRIZES:

John Broughton European Snipe Cup

Winning Skipper & Crew

UK Nationals

Skipper International Trophy;

First boat in race 1

Manchester Cruising Association Trophy;

First boat in race 2

Stone Sailing Club Trophy;

First boat in race 3

Percy Douglas Trophy;

First boat in race 4

Blue Circle Trophy;

First boat in race 5

Southern Caernarvonshire YC Trophy;
Broughton Salver;
Gossamer Cup;
Mc. Inlay Cup;
Medway Cup;
King George SC Trophy;
John Broughton Masters Trophy;
Harding Junior Trophy;
John Love Friendship Trophy;
Antonelli Cup;
Down the Pan Trophy;
Steffen Skjønberg Trophy;

First boat in race 6
First boat in race 7
Helm of the winning UK boat overall
Crew of the winning UK boat overall
Helm of the second UK boat overall
Crew of the second UK boat overall
Highest placed helm over the age of 45
Highest place junior helm
Highest place Orkney helm
Winning boat of the UK Nats Open event
To be confirmed
Deemed to have gone to great lengths to participate

There will also be other non-perpetual prizes.

12. ACCOMODATION

Camping and campervans can stay on site for free on a first come first served basis. Please indicate on entry form if a space is required. Although spaces cannot be guaranteed we will try to accommodate all vans and tents within walking distance of the club.

There is no electricity or waste disposal for camper vans, however, use of club facilities are available for all campers.

For other accommodation please see the online accommodation list.

13. LOCAL FACILITIES

<https://www.stonesc.org.uk/about-ssc/info>

The club will be open for food all weekend – payment can be made by Cash or Card

The nearest petrol station is Mayland or Latchingdon.

There is a village shop that only open in the mornings and is cash only.

14. RISK STATEMENT

Rule 3 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 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) Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of € 1,500,000 per incident or the equivalent. The Organizing Authority will not be responsible for verifying the status or validity of such certificates.

15. PRIVACY STATEMENT

The personal information you provide to the organizing authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the organizing authority's privacy policy.

When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.