



Hythe & Saltwood Sailing Club

Contender Open Meeting 6th & 7th July 2024

NOTICE OF RACE

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

Hythe & Saltwood Sailing Club

RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in latest versions of the *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and Contender class rules.

ELIGIBILITY FOR ENTRY

The event is open to Contender class dinghies whose helms are members of the British Contender Association.

REGISTRATION & FEE

Entries will be accepted on the day of the event at the club. The entry fee is £40 per boat, including a meal at the club on the Saturday evening.

Competitors under 18 years of age shall submit signed Parent/Guardian Declarations at registration.

RACE PROGRAMME

The competitors briefing will take place at 11:00 on Saturday 6th July at HSSC (balcony). There are 6 races scheduled.

The first race Warning Signal will be no earlier than 11.55hrs on Saturday and the first Warning Signal on Sunday will not be before 10.25hrs.

SOCIAL

For competitors arriving on Friday evening the club will be open and the "Loaf by the Sea" restaurant/cafe in the clubhouse will be serving food from 6pm onwards.

"Loaf" will be open in the clubhouse throughout Saturday and Sunday for coffees, teas, bacon rolls, pastries, cakes etc. The bar will be open on Saturday evening and Loaf will serve an evening meal (included in entry fee for competitors).

ADVERTISING

Boats shall display any advertising material supplied by the Organising Authority

MEDIA RIGHTS

By entering the event competitors automatically grant the Organising Authority, without payment, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any still images, motion pictures and/or other live or recorded visual and/or audio coverage of themselves and/or their boats during or in connection with the Event.

SCORING SYSTEM

The Low Points Scoring System, RRS A4 will apply. The number of discards will be defined in the Sailing Instructions.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions may be published on the Hythe and Saltwood Sailing Club website. A hard copy will be posted on the Official Notice Board. Other hard copies will not be made available.

RACING AREA

Courses will be set in Hythe Bay, approximately South of Hythe and Saltwood Sailing Club, but excluding the area of Hythe Ranges, the inshore Eastern limit of which is marked by a yellow buoy approximately 1/2 mile to the West of the Club.

RIGGING, LAUNCHING & TRAILER PARKING

Launching is from the beach immediately in front of the club. A winch (which will be operated by club members) is available for pulling boats up the beach after sailing.

Access to the beach is across the public promenade and competitors are asked to exercise care when moving boats on the promenade, to avoid hoisting sails whilst on the promenade and to ensure that the promenade is kept sufficiently clear of boats and trailers for safe public access at all times.

Boat parking will be in the club's dinghy park. It may be necessary for trailers to be stored separately to maximise space for boat parking.

CAR PARKING

There is free parking (subject to availability) in Moyle Tower Road and South Road.

MEASUREMENT CHECKS

Random checks may be made, at any time, on any competing boats, to ensure compliance with class measurement rules and other requirements under the Notice of Race.

DATA/VOICE COMMUNICATIONS

While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that are not available to all boats.

RISK STATEMENT & INSURANCE

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:

- 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;
- they are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- they accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- the provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- the provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- it is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event referred to in the Sailing Instructions and to attend any safety briefing held at the venue; and
- their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3,000,000 against third party claims.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information in relation to the club can be found at www.hssc.net

