



NSSA SINGLE HANDED TEAM RACING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Fairlop Outdoor Activity Centre, Forest Road, IG6 3HN
5th and 6th October 2019



NOTICE OF RACE

The organising authority is FOAC on behalf of the National School Sailing Association.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) including Appendix D, Team Racing Rules.
- 1.2. Races will be umpired.
- 1.3. The Sailing Instructions will be posted on the NSSA website and at registration.
- 1.4. In accordance with RRS 70.5(a) the right of appeal will be denied.

2. ENTRIES AND DEPOSIT

- 2.1. The event is open to individual members of the National School Sailing Association. Team members must be under 18 on 31st August in the year of the event.
- 2.2. The closing date for receipt of entries and payment of the entry fee is 20th September 2019.
- 2.3. The entry fee will be £75 per team. Each team will be liable for the cost of damage to boats, equipment and tabards up to a maximum of £100 per incident. A deposit for this amount will be required at registration and before a team may sail. The Protest Committee may apportion responsibility for the damage between the teams involved in an incident. The Organising Authority may recover any financial loss from the teams as appropriate. Damage attributed to competitors generally or to an unidentified team will be attributed equally between all teams. A team may apply to the protest committee to determine their responsibility for any damage.
- 2.4. Teams may enter by completing an entry form, which is on the NSSA web site, www.nssa.org.uk.
- 2.5. In the event that the Championship is oversubscribed, the Organising Authority reserves the right to reduce entries from an individual group in as fair a manner as possible. Prior to this process, entries from individual teams will be grouped by county.
- 2.6. Competitors automatically grant the Organising Authority 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 Regatta, unless otherwise advised in writing prior to the Regatta.

3. EVENT FORMAT AND SCHEDULE

- 3.1. The event is for three boat teams and will be sailed in Toppers supplied by the organising authority. Each boat shall be sailed by one person.
- 3.2. The format of the event will be a Wilson Swiss League format, followed by knockout races for the leading teams. Full details of the format will be published in the Sailing Instructions and/or posted on the event notice board.
- 3.3. The Championship will be for a maximum of 36 teams. The draw for Rounds 1 and 2 will be distributed at the briefing and the schedule for subsequent Rounds will be published in accordance with the Wilson Swiss League format.
- 3.4. Registration will take place at Fairlop Outdoor Activity Centre on Saturday morning from 8.00 am.

- 3.5. Sailing Instructions and Briefing Notes will be on the NSSA web site no later than 20th September 2019. There will be a competitor briefing, for clarification/queries relating to the Sailing Instructions and Briefing Notes at 9.30 am on Saturday morning.
- 3.6. The first warning signal on Saturday will be no earlier than fifteen minutes after the end of briefing, with a planned time of 10.15am.

4. BUOYANCY AND CLOTHING

- 4.1. When the race committee decides that a competitor has broken SI A1.5, personal flotation device, or SI A1.6, wet or dry suits, it shall penalise the competitor's team one race win without a hearing. This amends RRS A5.

5. RISK STATEMENT AND INSURANCE

- 5.1. Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in 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:
 - 5.2. 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;
 - 5.3. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - 5.4. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
 - 5.5. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
 - 5.6. 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;
 - 5.7. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

6. TROPHIES AND PRIZES

- 6.1. The HMY Britannia Gig's Yoke will be awarded to the winners of the Championship.
- 6.2. The Lancashire Plate will be awarded to the highest placed team at the end of the Championship who was in the lower half of the league at the end of completed Rounds on Saturday or Round 5, whichever is the later, but will not be awarded to a team which eventually finishes in the top 4 places in the Championship. If the entry is an odd number, the lower half will include the higher number (eg 31 entry = 16 teams). If three rounds have not been completed by the end of racing on Saturday, the Plate will be awarded to the team finishing highest in the lower half of the league (eg 36 entry = 19th place) in the Championship.
- 6.3. The Angus Westley Trophy will be awarded to the highest placed team at the end of the Championship whose members are all under 16 years of age on the start day of the event.
- 6.4. The Highest Placed Under 12 Trophy will be awarded to the highest placed team at the end of the Championship, whose members are all under 12 years of age on the start date of the event.
- 6.5. NSSA mementos will be presented to the leading four teams in The Championship, the winning team of The Lancashire Plate, the winning team of The Angus Westley Trophy and winning team of the Highest Placed Under 12 Trophy.