

# Notice of Race

## NSSA Single Handed Team Racing Championship

Cardiff Bay Yacht Club, Cardiff CF11 0JL

Saturday and Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> October 2021



The Organising Authority is Cardiff Bay Yacht Club in conjunction with the National School Sailing Association (NSSA).

### 1. Rules

- 1.1. The Event will be governed by the Rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)* including *Appendix D*, and local byelaws.
- 1.2. The standard UKTRA Sailing Instructions will apply. These change some Rules in the RRS and will be available before registration. Any changes to these Sailing Instructions, along with the details of registration, will also be posted on the event webpage (<https://www.nssa.org.uk/index.php/events/s-h-team-racing>) before Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021.
- 1.3. Races will be umpired.
- 1.4. In accordance with RRS 70.5(a) the right of appeal will be denied.
- 1.5. The notation '[DP]' in a rule in this NoR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification

### 2. Entries and Deposit

- 2.1. 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.
- 2.2. In order for an entry to be valid, the following criteria must be met:
  - a) The organisation that a team is representing must have NSSA Group Membership for the current membership year (April 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 to March 30<sup>th</sup> 2022).
  - b) All sailors participating in that team must have NSSA Youth membership for the current membership year (April 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 to March 30<sup>th</sup> 2022).
- 2.3. Teams may enter by completing the entry form and following associated instructions available at <https://www.nssa.org.uk/index.php/events/s-h-team-racing>.
- 2.4. Valid entries will be confirmed by email upon receipt of payment for the correct entry fee by BACS to:  
Sort code: 30 14 40  
Acc. No: 00564831  
Acc. Name: National School Sailing Association  
*Please use Reference "[Team] SHTR 2021"*
- 2.5. There will be two entry deadlines for this event:
  - a) Up to and including Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2021: NSSA-affiliated organisations may enter a maximum of two teams. Places will be allocated to valid entries on a first-come first-served basis, until the entry limit is reached.
  - b) From Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021, additional entries will be accepted. Places will be allocated to valid entries on a first-come first-served basis, until the entry limit is reached.
  - c) No entries will be accepted after Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2021.
- 2.6. If the entry limit is reached before either entry deadline has passed, valid entries will be placed on a waiting list in the order received.
- 2.7. Each team must be accompanied by a responsible adult who will make themselves available to assist the event team and should be prepared and equipped to spend the day afloat.
- 2.8. Teams will forfeit their entry fee if an entry is withdrawn after Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021.
- 2.9. The entry fee will be £105 per team.
- 2.10. By entering, teams agree to be bound by the damage requirements as found in Attachment X.

### 3. Event Schedule

- 3.1. Details of registration will be provided in the Sailing Instructions
- 3.2. A recorded competitors' briefing will be made available to entered teams not after 1630 on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021.
- 3.3. The first warning signal on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October will be not before 0957.
- 3.4. There will be no warning signal after 1500 on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October.

### 4. Buoyancy and Clothing

- 4.1. RRS 40.1 applies at all times whilst afloat or on the pontoons. This changes RRS 40.1.
- 4.2. All competitors will be required to wear wet suits or dry suits unless advised otherwise by the Race Committee through an official notice [DP].

### 5. Prizes

Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority and specified in the Sailing Instructions.

### 6. Rights to use Name and Likeness

By participating in this event competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority the right in perpetuity to make, use and show at their discretion any photography, audio and video recordings 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. Any concerns may be made in confidence and in writing to the Event Director (contact details below)

### 7. 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 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) the provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the OA does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- e) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- f) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to the host venue or the event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.
- g) It is their responsibility to ensure that they are familiar with the type of boat used, and the supplied equipment, and are suitably experienced with its operation.
- h) It is their responsibility for ensuring all supplied equipment is carried on board.
- i) They are fit to sail and that they believe the crew and the boat and crew is capable of competing in the anticipated conditions.

### 8. Cancellation

The organising authority reserves the right to cancel the event. The entry fee and any deposits will be refunded less any unavoidable costs.

### 9. Covid-19

- 9.1. Should the event be cancelled due to COVID-19, a full refund will be issued to all entered Teams.
- 9.2. Should a team be unable to find a replacement for a registered crew member; who is not be able to attend due to government COVID-19 restrictions related to their location of residence, contacts or test result; the entry will be refunded.
- 9.3. Each competitor and Support Person agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force from time to time in respect of COVID-19 and for complying with local COVID-19

procedures. Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.

Please direct entry enquiries by email to Tom Rusbridge ([tom@nssa.org.uk](mailto:tom@nssa.org.uk))

## Attachment X – Damage

It is required of all competitors to show due care and attention to the boats that are provided for their use during the Event. Damage to boats causes conflict, delay and impacts everyone involved at the event. This attachment intends to help minimise damage; ultimately providing more racing at less cost for everyone.

In the unfortunate case of damage occurring, this attachment provides guidance to competitors and officials on how damage may be assessed, penalised and costs allocated as equitably as possible.

### **X1. DAMAGE AGREEMENT**

X1.1 By entering the event, the team expressly agrees to follow and comply with this system without delay or dispute. A failure to comply with an instruction or invoice issued may result in disqualification from the event without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.

X1.2 Each team is liable for up to £100 of damage associated costs per incident (this includes boats, equipment and property).

X1.3 Any decision on the allocation and quantum of any damage associated costs is solely for the Organising Authority to determine. Subject to rule 62, the decision of the Organising Authority is final and teams agree to accept it without dispute.

### **X2. DAMAGE ASSESSMENT**

X2.1 An initial assessment of damage will be made as soon as possible following an incident.

X2.2 Onward assessment of the damage after further inspection will have no effect on a penalty given in accordance with RRS 14 but may affect any damage associated costs.

### **X3. DAMAGE ASSOCIATED COSTS**

X3.1 The Organising Authority may require a team to make an intermediate payment, to the amount defined in this attachment; against allocated damage costs before the team may sail another event boat.

X3.2 If a team is allocated damage associated costs, and these are not paid at the event, the Organising Authority will issue an invoice to the team. Invoices must be paid (without set off or deduction) within 14 days unless an extension is agreed with the Organising Authority.

X3.3 Failure to comply with a damage invoice within 14 days (or any extension period) is a breach of this agreement and the Organising Authority may:

- (a) disqualify the team in question without a hearing, this changes RRS 63.1;
- (b) reject any future entries from the team's organisation.
- (c) Suspend the NSSA membership rights of the team's organisation.

X3.4 The Organising Authority may amend or cancel a damage notice at any time and may reinstate a team disqualified.