



## **NOTICE OF RACE**

### **RYA NATIONAL TEAM RACING CHAMPIONSHIP 2024 FOR THE PRINCE PHILIP TROPHY**

- 1 The RYA National Team Racing Championship 2024, for three boat teams, will take place on 23 and 24 March 2024. The event is open to any team meeting the conditions below.
- 2 The organising authority is the RYA and Spinnaker Sailing Club.
- 3 The championship will be sailed at Spinnaker Sailing Club, Ivy Lane, Ringwood, Dorset BH24 3LY in two person Firefly-type dinghies provided by the organising authority.
- 4 **Event Format**
  - (a) Registration will take place from 0800 on the first morning.
  - (b) The event format and race schedule will be available at registration.
  - (c) Unless otherwise notified by email to accepted entries not less than seven days before the event, there will be a briefing for all competitors at 0845 on the first morning and the first warning signal will be at 0930.
- 5 **Entry and Eligibility**
  - (a) Applications for entry are invited from RYA affiliated clubs and class associations and from other organisations affiliated to an organisation that is affiliated to the RYA.
  - (b) Requests for Invitation shall be made exclusively through the [RYA On-Line Entry System](#). An automated confirmation will be emailed. If not received, please email [keelboatracing@rya.org.uk](mailto:keelboatracing@rya.org.uk)
  - (c) All three helms shall be members of the affiliated club or association they represent.
  - (d) No competitor may sail for more than one team. After an entry has been accepted, the nominated helms shall not be changed without the prior written approval of the race committee.
  - (e) Entry is limited to 24 teams.
  - (f) If fewer than 24 teams have applied by 9am on 2 February 2024, the organising authority may accept entries other than in 5(a) above, but any such entries will not be eligible either to receive the Prince Philip Trophy or to race in any knock-out stage of the event.
  - (g) If more than 24 teams have applied for entry by 9am on 2 February 2024, teams will be accepted in the following order:
    - (i) Winner RYA National Team Racing Championship 2023 (West Kirby Hawks) provided that at least two of the helms are the same.
    - (ii) A team representing the host club for this Championship.
    - (iii) Winner RYA Eric Twiname Youth Team Racing Championship 2023 provided that at least two of the helms are the same.
    - (iv) If an organisation has entered more than two teams, only two of such teams.
    - (v) In order of the accumulated scores of the three helms, as entered in the RYA On-Line Entry System and calculated in accordance with Addendum 1 to this notice of race, starting with the team with the highest accumulated score except that where any team points score is less than 180 points, a team with a woman helm will receive preference.

The Calculation of Scores in Addendum 1 should be retained as verification may be required.

- (vi) In order of completed entry and payment of entry fee. If a team has failed to pay by 12 February 2024 their place will be offered to the next highest ranked team.

If any team fails to take up its place, the next placed team will qualify. If there is doubt about the acceptance of any entry, the organising authority shall decide. Entries received after 1 February 2024 will be accepted solely in order of receipt complete with entry fee.

- (h) All teams will be notified by email shortly after 5 February 2024 whether or not their application for entry has been accepted.
- (i) Decisions of the organising authority about entry or eligibility shall not be cause for redress. This amends RRS 62.1.
- (j) All competitors in all teams shall complete the registration requirements before racing.
- (k) All competitors under 18 years of age on 22 March 2024 shall provide at registration a fully completed and signed [RYA parent/guardian declaration form](#).

## 6 Entry Fees and Damage Deposits

The entry fee is £420 per team provided the entry is received through the RYA On-Line Entry System by 9am on the 12th February 2024, or £450 per team if the entry is received later.

Refunds for late cancellations are as follows:

Less than one week before the event – no refund; less than 2 weeks before the event – 50%  
Each team will be liable for the cost of damage to boats, equipment and property up to a maximum of £500 per incident. 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 its responsibility for any damage by complying with 62.2. By entering the team agrees to the terms of the Damage Deposit Addendum below and will refund to the Organising Authority or the cost of any damage attributable to the team as assessed by the organising authority, which will consider any protest committee decisions.

## 5 Rules

- (a) Racing will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) including appendix D, Team Racing Rules.
- (b) The UK Team Racing Association Team Racing Sailing Instructions will apply. These change some rules in the RRS; they are available on the UKTRA web site ([www.teamracing.org](http://www.teamracing.org)) and at registration.
- (c) All races will be umpired.
- (d) In accordance with RRS 70.5(a), the right of appeal will be denied.
- (e) The Bylaws of Spinnaker Sailing Club apply to all competitors/support persons

## 6 Personal Flotation Devices and Clothing

Every competitor shall wear an adequate personal flotation device meeting ISO12402-5 (50N Buoyancy Aid) and either a drysuit or a wet suit of a minimum of longjohn design with thermal insulating material and properties up to the shoulders at all times when afloat

## 7 Risk Statement

RRS 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 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 accepts responsibility for the exposure of themselves and their crew to such inherent risk while taking part in the event.
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew and any property they may bring, 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 and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser 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 this venue or this event drawn to their attention any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for this 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.
- l) That 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 Prizes

The winning team will receive the Prince Philip Trophy which it will hold for one year. Other prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the organising authority.

## 9 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.

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## **DAMAGE DEPOSIT ADDENDUM**

By entering you agree on behalf of your team to comply with the damage system described below without delay or dispute. A failure to comply with an instruction or notice issued under this amendment may result in disqualification of the team from the Championship without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.

- (a) Each team is liable for up to £500 of damage costs per racing incident.
- (b) Any decision on liability or the quantum of any damage is solely for the organising authority to determine. The decision of the organising authority is final, but it will take into account any protest committee recommendations and teams and competitors agree to accept it without dispute.
- (c) The organising authority may determine that damage which cannot be attributable to specific teams be payable by all participants. In this case the costs of non-attributable damage will be split between all participating teams.
- (d) If a team is assessed for to be liable for damage costs a damage notice will be issued by the organising authority and sent to the team. At the same time as the damage notice is issued an invoice will be raised against the liable team/their parent organisation for the costs. At the absolute discretion of the organising authority this invoice must be paid in full without offset or deduction:
  - a. Within 14 days of issue, unless an extension is agreed with the organising authority.OR
  - b. Before the team competes in any further races within the event for which the damage notice was issued.

The decision of the organising authority on when the invoice must be paid is final and cannot be appealed, and will not be considered grounds for redress.

- (e) Failure to comply with a damage notice within the payment terms determined by the Organising Authority is a breach of this agreement and will be considered as Misconduct under RRS 69. The organising authority may submit a report with the relevant information to the protest committee.
- (f) The organising authority may amend or cancel a damage notice at any time and request the protest committee to reinstate a team disqualified.

# **NOTICE OF RACE : ADDENDUM 1**

## **CALCULATION OF SCORES**

### Principles

First, events must participate and complete a simple return to UKTRA with their results.

Second, most events within the time limits and with a minimum of 6 teams may be scored.

Third, scores will be awarded to individual helms, not to teams.

### Scoring Events

Any team racing event that takes place within Great Britain with a minimum of 6 competing teams may be scored, subject to the following:

- (a)** The event must be sailed between 1 February 2023 and 31 January 2024. An event may be scored provided any part of it falls within this period.
- (b)** Keelboat, 2-boat team, random pairs and invitation only events may be scored.
- (c)** School and other youth and junior events restricted by age will not be scored except for  
BSDRA National Championship  
NSSA National Championship  
RYA Eric Twiname Youth and Junior Team Racing Championships
- (d)** BUSA qualifiers may be scored but not any subsequent play-offs.
- (e)** When one event is sailed simultaneously within another, only the larger event may be scored.

### Grading Events

Events will be graded primarily by the number of competing teams. Teams that have entered but do not compete will not be counted.

Grade 1      16 or more teams, generally at least two days with a minimum of 3 flights of boats

Grade 2      11 to 15 teams, generally a two day event with 2 or 3 flights of boats

Grade 3      6 to 10 teams, generally a one day event

### Scoring Helms

**Helms will be scored in accordance with the following table.**

Event Grade	Competing Teams	SCORES					
		First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	Sixth
1	16 or more	100	80	60	40	30	20
2	11 to 15	80	60	40	30	20	
3	6 to 10	50	30	20			

*Note: the scale is based on a minimum of 20 for any event. If there is bias, it is intentionally in favour of the smaller event to encourage these to participate. As a convenience for sharing scores, all are even numbers.*

Each helm may count only his or her best four scores. When there is a tie, the scores for the tied positions will be shared equally. For example, losing semi-finalists when there is no petit-final will share scores for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> places.

The overall results of the Wilson Trophy and any other event including non-GBR teams will be adjusted to remove the non-GBR teams before calculating scores. A non-GBR team is one representing an organisation based outside Great Britain. There are no qualification requirements for competitors in a GBR team.

