

Notice of Race

RHS Spring Trophy

Alton Water, Stutton, Suffolk, IP9 2RY

11th May 2024



The Organising Authority is the Royal Hospital School by kind permission of Anglian Water.

1. Introduction

- 1.1. The RHS Spring Trophy will take place on 11th May 2024 at Alton Water, Stutton, Suffolk, IP9 2RY.
- 1.2. The event will consist of two divisions. The boats in each division will be supplied by the organising authority. Each boat shall be sailed by two people.
 - a) The Firefly division is for three boat teams and will be sailed in Firefly type dinghies by sailors who are in full time secondary education.
 - b) The Feva division is for two boat teams and will be sailed in RS Feva type dinghies by sailors who are in full time secondary education at Key Stage 4 or below.

2. Rules

- 2.1. The Event will be governed by the Rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)* including *Appendix D*, and local byelaws.
- 2.2. The standard UKTRA Sailing Instructions will apply. These change some Rules in the RRS and will be available before registration.
- 2.3. Races will be umpired.
- 2.4. The right of appeal is denied in accordance with RRS 70.5(a)
- 2.5. Rule 40.11 (Personal Floatation Devices) applies at all times while afloat or on the club pontoons.
- 2.6. The notation [NP] in a rule in this NoR or the Sailing Instructions denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a)
- 2.7. The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

2.8. DELETE RULE:

D2.2(c) - Protests by Boats

(c) If no boat takes a penalty or clearly indicates that she will do so, an umpire shall decide whether to penalise any boat.

AND REPLACE WITH:

(c) An umpire may penalise any boat that broke a rule in the incident and was not exonerated, unless that boat has taken a penalty or clearly indicated she will do so.

DELETE RULE D2.2(d):

(d) If more than one boat breaks a rule, an umpire shall decide whether to penalise any boat that did not take a penalty.

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D2.2(e) as D2.2(d)

3. Entry Requirements [NP]

- 3.1. The competitors in a team shall be bona-fide members of the Organisation they represent and should not change during the event.
- 3.2. Where more than one team is entered by an Organisation, each team shall be identified by a colour. Teams shall not be identified by numbers or letters.
- 3.3. All organisations must be accompanied by a designated adult chaperone.
- 3.4. All organisations are required to make at least one person available who can assist the OA with conducting the regatta, either on or off the water. Organisations that have three or more entered teams are required to make at least two people available.

4. Invitations and Entries

- 4.1. Entry to the Event will be by invitation only. A request for invitation can be made by email to esibson@royalhospitalschool.org.
- 4.2. Requests for invitation should be received by 27th April 2024.
- 4.3. Issuance of invitations will be based on the following criteria.
 - a) Each organisation will be invited to make one entry per division before it is invited to make a second entry to that division.
 - b) date and time of receipt of the request for invitation.
- 4.4. Decisions of the Organising Authority about entry or eligibility shall not be cause for redress. This amends RRS 62.1.
- 4.5. By making an entry, teams agree to be bound by the damage requirements as found in Attachment X.

5. Entry Fees

- 5.1. The entry fee per team in each division will be as follows.
 - a) Firefly Division - £110
 - b) Feva Division - £75
- 5.2. Unless expressly agreed by the Organising Authority, the entry fee must be paid before the start of the event.
- 5.3. The Entry fee will be forfeit if a team is withdrawn within one week before the start of the event.

6. Event Schedule

- 6.1. Registration will be on the beach from 0830hrs on 11th May 2024.
- 6.2. The competitors briefing will be at 0900hrs on the grass outside the clubhouse.
- 6.3. The changing rooms will be open from 0930hrs.
- 6.4. The first warning signal will not be before 0957hrs.

7. Clothing

- 7.1. All competitors will be required to wear wet suits or dry suits, unless indicated by the race committee on each racing day [DP].

8. Prizes

- 8.1. The first placed team in each division will win the Spring Trophy for that division.
- 8.2. Additional Prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

9. Data Protection, Rights to use Name and Likeness

- 9.1. The personal information you provide to the Organising Authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event and may be shared with third party organisations; a list of whom may be obtained by contacting the Organising Authority. 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 Organising 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.
- 9.2. 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.

10. 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.

- 10.1. 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.

11. Cancellation

- 11.1. The Organising Authority reserves the right to cancel the event. The entry fee and any deposits will be refunded less any unavoidable costs.

Additional Information – not formally part of the Notice of Race

Ample parking is available on site, at the time of writing the charge is £6 per vehicle for the day. Minibuses must be parked in the section of car park furthest from the water, this is a requirement from the landowners Anglian Water. Competitors are responsible for their own parking arrangements.

The café will be open, serving hot and cold drinks and food. Seating in the café can only be used by patrons of the café. Therefore, if you wish to sit inside, you need to buy something.

Alton Water Sports Centre has adequate toilet and changing facilities. RHS and Alton Water Sports Centre take no responsibility for anything that is lost/stolen. Access to the changing rooms is kindly provided by Anglian Water and teams are requested to treat them with respect so that we may continue to use them. No belongings must be left in the changing rooms whilst sailing.

Attachment X –Damage

It is expected that all competitors 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 £500 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 Race Committee 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.

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