

Byte Open at Felpham Sailing Club

Saturday 15 September 2018

Organising Authority: Felpham Sailing Club (FSC)

NOTICE OF RACE

1. Rules

- 1.1. The event will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (RRS)*, the prescriptions of the Royal Yachting Association and Class Rules, except as changed by the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. FSC implements the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Racing Charter.

2. Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1. Entry is open to all boats of the Byte (CI and CII).
- 2.2. Sailors shall enter by registering at the club on Saturday 15 September 2018. Their entry shall be considered valid upon receipt of the correct entry fee and a completed registration form.
- 2.3. Entry Fee: £15.
- 2.4. Parent/Guardian Declaration: All competitors less than 18 years of age at the time of the event shall submit a signed Parent/Guardian Declaration at registration.

3. Racing Schedule:

- 3.1. Registration will open at 09:30 in the FSC Clubhouse.
- 3.2. There shall be a briefing for all sailors at 11:00 in the FSC Clubhouse.
- 3.3. The scheduled time for the warning signal for the first race on Saturday is 11:55.
- 3.4. Three races are scheduled to be completed. Each race will be of approximately 40 minutes duration. The warning signal for the 2nd and 3rd races will be as soon as possible after the previous race.

4. Sailing Instructions

- 4.1. SIs will be available at Registration.

5. Venue

- 5.1. The racing is based at Felpham Sailing Club, Blakes Road, Felpham, PO22 7EE.
- 5.2. The race area will be off Felpham Beach to the South of the FSC Clubhouse.

6. Courses

- 6.1 The course to be sailed will be as defined in the Sailing Instructions and will be displayed on the official Course Board in the FSC Clubhouse.

7. Penalty system

- 6.1. The Exoneration Penalty, Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available during this event.

8. Scoring

- a. The Low Points System of RYA Appendix A will apply.
- b. When fewer than three races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- c. When three races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

9. Safety

9.1 RRS40 will apply at all times while afloat but Flag Y will not be displayed, this changes RRS40.

10. Insurance

- a. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per incident that is valid for this event and those sailing the boat.

11. Risk statement

- a. RRS 4 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."
- b. Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk.
- c. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
 - i. 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 accordingly whilst taking part in the event;
 - ii. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - iii. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;
 - iv. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
 - v. The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
 - vi. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

12. Supporting Information

- a. Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- b. Results will be posted on www.felphamsailingclub.co.uk.
- c. Competitors, parents and guardians shall accept that photographs of their boat and its crew may be taken whilst attending this event and shall automatically grant the Organising Authority the right, in perpetuity, to make, use and show from time to time, at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and any other reproduction of them taken during the event, without compensation.