



WSSYSA Regatta 2019
Felpham Sailing Club
Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th September 2019
Organising Authority: Felpham Sailing Club on behalf of
West Sussex Schools and Youth Sailing Association (WSSYSA)



NOTICE OF RACE

1. Rules

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 RRS 40 and RRS 61.1 will be changed. The changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.3 WSSYSA implements the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Racing Charter.

2. Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1 Entry is open to all competitors who are under the age of 19 years on the 31 August 2019, sailing monohull, non-foiling dinghies with a Portsmouth Number (PN) listed in the RYA PN list, available online at: www.rya.org.uk/racing/Pages/portsmouth_yardstick.aspx
- 2.2 Other classes may be accepted, and allocated a PN, at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 2.3 All boats shall be able to be identified by having unique sail designations.
- 2.4 Competitors shall enter as teams that are managed by an adult Team Manager. The Team Manager shall have authority to act in loco parentis during the regatta and shall ensure that competitors are aware of and have read this and all other associated documents.
- 2.5 Eligible teams shall enter by sending a completed WSSYSSA Regatta Entry Form to the WSSYSA Regatta Event Director, Roger Belton (roger.f.belton@gmail.com), by 31 August 2019. Late entries may be accepted at the WSSYSA's discretion.
- 2.6 Team managers may register amendments to the advised teams from 0730 until 1000 on 7th September 2019 at the Felpham SC Race Office.
- 2.7 Entry fees:
 - Double-handed boat: £30.00
 - Single-handed boats: £15.00

3. Racing Schedule

- 3.1 Race fleets:

Fleet	Description
Fast handicap	Monohull dinghies with a PN of TBD or lower
Medium handicap	Monohull dinghies with a PN of TBD to TBD
Slow handicap	Monohull dinghies with a PN of TBD or higher
Rookie	Monohull dinghies with a PN of 1139 or higher crewed entirely by rookies ^a

^aA 'rookie' is a sailor who has not previously taken part in a significant open regatta away from home other than participating in the 'Rookie' fleet of a previous WSSYSA Regatta (as endorsed by the Team Manager)

In the event of a large class entry, the Organising Authority may elect to provide a separate Class start.

The decision on fleet size and fleet PY split will be made after 31 August 2019, once team entries have been received.

- 3.2 Class flags and starting times will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions. The scheduled time of the first warning signal for the first race on Saturday 7th September is 11:00. There will be a briefing for all competitors at 0915, preceded by a briefing for team leaders at 0900.
- 3.3 Six races are scheduled to be completed by each fleet. Depending on weather conditions up to four races may be raced on either day.

- 3.4 It is expected that there will be two separate race courses, with separate starts for each fleet.
- 3.5 On Sunday 9th September the scheduled time of the first warning signal for the first race on Sunday 8th September is 11:00. No warning signal will be made after 15:00.

4. Sailing Instructions

- 4.1 Sailing instructions will be available electronically from WSSYSA's website, www.wssysa.org, by 31 August 2019 and on paper during registration.

5. Venue

- 5.1 The racing is based at Felpham Sailing Club, Blakes Road, Felpham PO22 6AU.
- 5.2 The Greensward to the east of the club will be open from Friday afternoon to receive road trailers and dinghies.
- 5.3 There is no parking available at the Club. Parking is free on side roads near the club. There are two free car parks and a Pay & Display car park nearby.

6. Penalty System

- 6.1 The Exoneration Penalty, Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures (Chichester Harbour Federation Version) will be available during this event, available in paper form at registration.
- 6.2 The exoneration penalty will be 30%.

7. Scoring

- 7.1 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series. When fewer than three races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When three or more races have been completed a boat's score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score. When six races have been completed a boat's score will be the total of her race scores less her worst two scores.

8. Support Boats

- 8.1 Support boats attending this event shall register at the entry desk.

9. Risk Statement

- 9.1 RRS 4 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue *racing* is hers alone."
- 9.2 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 accordingly 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 omission;
 - (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
 - (e) 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;
 - (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- 9.3 It is acknowledged that some sailors may not be able to make the safest decision as to whether or not to participate in racing given sailing conditions. In these cases, it shall be the responsibility of the team manager to make a decision about a young person's suitability to participate.
- 9.4 Team managers shall ensure that skippers, crews and their parents or guardians are fully aware and conscious of this risk statement and the actual and potential risks including drowning, hypothermia and other physical injuries including head injuries.

10. Insurance

- 10.1 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. Photography

- 11.1 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.

12. Supporting Information

- 12.1 Prizes will be awarded as detailed in the Sailing Instructions.
- 12.2 A Team Prize will be awarded. The scores from the top 5 placed competitors in each team will be aggregated to create the Team Score.
- 12.3 The outline plan is for two race courses and two committee boats, patrolled by about ten safety boats (TBC). Help from participating clubs by providing Crewed Safety Boats and Committee boat is very much appreciated. The Event Director will contact participating clubs to confirm arrangements.
- 12.4 If desired, Powerboats may be kept overnight in the locked FSC dinghy Pound. There will be an overnight security guard for Friday and Saturday nights patrolling the Greensward and dinghy compound.
- 12.5 If cash is required to cover fuel costs please contact the Event Director.
- 12.6 A Safety Team Briefing will be held on Friday 6th September at 7pm.
- 12.7 On-water coaching for participants in the Rookie fleet will be permitted, but not the other fleets.
- 12.8 Coaching from acknowledged experts (Helena Lucas and Andy Kerr TBC) for all fleets will be provided. Video feedback is planned after racing.
- 12.9 The FSC kitchen will be open throughout the event supplying hot & cold drinks and snacks. The bar will be open at selected times. The Boathouse Café (next door) will be open and the Lobster Pot will be open (about 100yds west of the club).
- 12.10 A First Aid Team will be on duty during Saturday and Sunday.
- 12.11 Limited Showers and Changing Room space will be available for boys & girls. Tented changing will be available for adults.
- 12.12 Tides: Saturday 7th September HT 05:58 4.5m, Sunday 8th September 07:08 4.2m.

13. Contact details:

- 13.1 Event Director: Roger Belton (email: roger.f.belton@gmail.com).