

NOTICE OF RACE - DINGHY : CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. GOVERNING RULES

All races will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing, RYA Prescriptions thereto, the Sailing Instructions & Notice of Race, and Class Rules. Any boat that is helmed in any race other than by the declared helm on the entry form shall be treated as a separate entry.

2. LIABILITY

The Race Organisers shall not be liable for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner / competitor, his skipper or crew, as a result of their taking part in the race or races. Moreover, every owner / competitor warrants the suitability of his boat for the race or races.

3. SAFETY

(i) A boat is entirely responsible for its own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.

(ii) It is for the boat to decide whether it is fit to sail in the conditions in which it will find itself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that it is fit for those conditions and that its crew is competent to sail and compete in them.

(iii) The boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £2m.

(iv) Nothing done by the organisers will reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the organising authority, the race committee, the race officer, patrol boats and beachmasters.

(v) The fact that the race committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of the boat set out in this paragraph.

(vi) The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of its responsibilities.

Although reasonable efforts will be made to provide patrol boat cover, competitors are reminded that, particularly in extreme weather conditions, cover should not be relied upon, and in any event they can only be given such assistance as can be practically provided in the circumstances. This is particularly relevant in winter and spring sailing where the risk of hypothermia is at its highest.

4. BUOYANCY / CLOTHING

Each person aboard a boat entered for a race shall wear adequate personal buoyancy (not merely a wet or dry suit) continuously whilst afloat. In addition each person shall wear a wet suit or dry suit whilst afloat during November to April inclusive. Failure to comply with this instruction will result in disqualification.

5. INSURANCE

Every competitor shall hold a valid and current certificate of insurance, which covers them whilst racing (including third party insurance over or up to at least £2 million) and will continue to do so whilst engaged in racing during the event.

6. MEASUREMENT CERTIFICATE

Every boat shall have a current valid measurement certificate where required by class rules.

7. SAIL NUMBERS

The Race Committee may permit a boat to use sails carrying an identifying number other than that required by RRS Appendix H, providing the number is not being used by another boat competing in the races.

8. ENTRY FEES

May be applicable to certain races and will be published accordingly on the club notice boards.

9. HARBOUR PLAQUE

All boats shall display a current Chichester Harbour Conservancy plaque.

10. ENTRIES

Entries will be taken at either the Clubhouse or on approved sign-on sheets.

11. STARTING TIMES

The first start sequence shall be at the times published in the respective sailing programmes, with the second start sequence after a 5 or 10 minute interval.

12. WARNING SIGNAL

The Warning Signals shall be the Numeral Pennant No.1 for the first start and Numeral Pennant No.2 for the second start and so on.

13. PRIZES

Prizes shall be awarded as published in the dinghy programme.

14. PRIZE GIVING

Annual or a race specific prize giving will be as published in the dinghy programme and will be subject to the resolution of any protests.

15. THE RACE COMMITTEE

Shall comprise: The Race Officer and Sailing Committees of Emsworth Slipper Sailing Club and / or Emsworth Sailing Club.

16. PROTEST COMMITTEE

The Race Committee shall appoint a Protest Committee to hear protests as necessary.

17. VALUABLES

All members are requested not to leave valuables in the changing rooms.

18. SECURITY

Members are not to wedge the doors of the changing rooms open.