

Sandhopper National Championships 2017

Notice of Race

8th, 9th & 10th September 2017

Organised by Thorpe Bay Yacht Club in association with the Sandhopper Class British Association

To be held at: Thorpe Bay Yacht Club (TBYC), 115 Thorpe Bay Gardens, Southend-on-Sea, Essex, SS1 3NW
Telephone (01702) 587563

1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 - 2020, the prescriptions of the RYA, the rules of the class, this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.

2. Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1. The Championship is open to all boats of the Sandhopper class.
- 2.2. Each entry shall have a current Full or Associate member of the Sandhopper Class British Association at the helm.
- 2.3. Eligible boats may enter by completing an entry form, available from Thorpe Bay Yacht Club.

3. Fees

- 3.1. The entry fee is £25 payable to Thorpe Bay Yacht Club.

4. Schedule

- 4.1. Registration will take place on the first floor of the clubhouse on Friday 8th September from 09.00 to 11.00.
- 4.2. The briefing will take place on the first floor of the clubhouse on Friday 8th September at 10.30.
- 4.3. Dates and times of races:

Day	Race	Time	High Water
Friday 8 th Sept.	3 races, sailed back-to-back	First warning signal 12.10	14.42
Saturday 9 th Sept.	3 races, sailed back-to-back	First warning signal 12.55	15.18
Sunday 10 th Sept	3 races, sailed back-to-back	First warning signal 13.25	15.55

- 4.4. When more than one race is scheduled for the same day, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that another race or sequence of races will begin soon, the postponement signal will be displayed for at least four minutes before the warning signal is displayed.

5. Measurement

- 5.1. Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate.

6. Sailing Instructions

- 6.1. Sailing instructions will be available in the clubhouse main bar area on completion of registration.

7. Venue

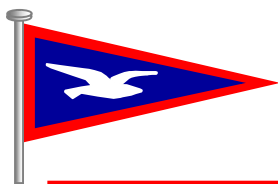
- 7.1. The venue is Thorpe Bay Yacht Club (TBYC), 115 Thorpe Bay Gardens, Southend-on-Sea, SS1 3NW.

8. The Courses

- 8.1. The racing area will be in the Thames Estuary, to the South of the clubhouse.
- 8.2. Courses sailed will be windward/leeward.

9. Scoring

- 9.1. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a National Championship series.
- 9.2. (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When from 5 to 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.



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(c) When 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

10. Disclaimer of liability

10.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk, see RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

10.2. RISK STATEMENT

Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or continue racing is hers alone." Sailing is by 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 to themselves, their crew, their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their 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) 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 a patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- (g) They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew.

11. Insurance

11.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

12. Rights to use name and likeness

12.1. By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organising authority and any event sponsors the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue, without compensation.

13. Prizes

13.1. Prizegiving will take place in the clubhouse as soon as possible after the completion of racing on Sunday.

14. Social

14.1. Refreshments will be available in the clubhouse throughout the competition.

15. Further Information

15.1. Further information can be found at www.tbyc.org or by phoning Janet Willsmer, Club Secretary, on +44 (0) 1702 587563