



Thorpe Bay Yacht Club

Notice of Race Sprint 15 National Championships 16th – 18th August 2008

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

1 Rules

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing. (RRS)
- 1.2 Competitors should note that at this event the RYA Racing Charter will be implemented and that they will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book (Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008) or at www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter
- 1.3 The rules of the Sprint 15 Class Association, this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions. In the event of any conflict the SI's shall prevail.
- 1.4 The regatta is designated Category C Advertising category.

2 Entries

- 2.1 The Championship is open only to fully paid up members of the Sprint 15 Class Association and to Sprint 15 craft which comply with the rules of the Sprint 15 Class Association that are sailed either single handed in una rig mode or alternatively two-up with the mainsail and jib. The use of the trapeze and fittings will not be permitted in the championship races.
- 2.2 Each entry shall have a Sprint 15 Class Association member aboard.
- 2.3 Each participating boat shall be insured in accordance with Section 16.
- 2.4 Entries will be required to display a www.catparts.windsport.co.uk sticker on their boat on the outside of their hull or on the side of their mast.

3 Fees

- 3.1 Postal entries are at the discounted rate of £75* if received by 14 July. Members of the Sprint 15 Association who are under 23 and are in full time education can enter free of charge if their entry is received by 14 July. Completed entry forms should be sent together with a cheque for the appropriate amount made payable to '**Sprint 15 Association**' to Bob Carter, 13 The Brambles, Stevenage, Herts, SG1 4AU.
- 3.2 Entries can be accepted at the event with an entry fee of £90 (cheques should be made payable to '**Sprint 15 Association**').

** includes one ticket for the Sprint 15 Sunday Evening Dinner (further tickets available for £15 / person and £8 / under 12 year olds).*

4 Event Information

- 4.1 The race office will be in the Club House
- 4.2 The official notice board will be located in the wet area on the ground floor.
- 4.3 All event timings will be taken from the Master Clock mounted on the official Notice Board

5 Registration

- 5.1 Registration will take place in the race office from 1900 hrs to 2000 hrs, Friday 15th August and 0830hrs to 1030hrs, Saturday 16th August.

6 Schedule of Races

Saturday 16th August		High Water – 13.04
Registration from 8.30		Briefing – 09.45 in the clubhouse
	Warning Signal	Time
Practice Race	Class Flag: Code Flag D	10.55
Race 1	Class Flag: Code Flag D	11.40
Race 2 will take place as soon as possible after completion of Race 1		

Sunday 17th August		High Water – 13.43
	Warning Signal	Time
Race 3	Class Flag: Code Flag D	11.10
Race 4 and 5 will take place as soon as possible after completion of Race 3		

Monday 18th August		High Water – 14.21
	Warning Signal	Time
Race 6	Class Flag: Code Flag D	11.40
Race 7 will take place as soon as possible after completion of Race 6		
No starting signal will be made after 1530 hours on the last day of racing.		

7 Sailing Instructions

- 7.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available in the main bar area upon completion of registration at the TBYC.

8 Race Area

- 8.1 Racing will take place to the south of TBYC.

9 The Courses

- 9.1 The courses will be defined in the Sailing Instructions.

10 Scoring

- 10.1 The low points scoring system in Appendix A will be used. Each boat's series score shall be the total of all her race scores, except that discards shall be applied as follows:

Races	Discards
1 – 4 races completed	No discard
5 to 6 races completed	1 discard
7 races completed	2 discards

- 10.2 A minimum of three (3) Championship Races must be completed to comprise a National Championships.

11 Replacement of Crew

- 11.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee

12 Prizes

12.1 Prizes will be awarded to the first 12 places.

There will additionally be prizes for:

the first 3 two-up boats

the first lady helm.

the first helm under 18

the first 3 competitors over 50 years old

the first helm over 60 years old

the first 3 heavyweight competitors

the 3 most improved helms since last year

plus a Pro-Am competition and a number of novelty prizes.

12.2 **Prize-giving will be held** in the clubhouse as soon as possible after completion of racing on Monday 18th August.

14 Boat Parking

14.1 Boats should be left in the TBYC boat park fronting on to Thorpe Esplanade or as directed by a member of the event organising team.

15 Safety Regulations

15.1 All competitors shall wear a buoyancy aid or life jacket to an appropriate standard at all times when afloat. Wet suits and dry suits are not an appropriate standard.

16 Insurance

16.1 Boats are required to be adequately insured including insurance against third party claims of at least £2,000,000.

16.2 Each Boat shall be able to provide the Organising Authority with a Certificate of that Insurance

17 Rights to Use Names and Likenesses

17.1 Competitors automatically grant to the organising authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event

18 Disclaimer of Liability

18.1 Competitors are entirely responsible for their own safety, whether afloat (see RRS Rule 4) or ashore, and nothing reduces this responsibility.

18.2 It is for competitors to decide whether their boat is fit to sail in the conditions in which it will find itself. By launching or going to sea competitors confirm the boat is fit for those conditions and that they are competent to sail and compete in them.

18.3 Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the owners and/or competitors, 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.

18.4 "The organisers" encompass everyone helping to run the event. The provision of patrol boats does not relieve owners and competitors of their responsibilities.

19 Food and Bar Service

Food and drink will be available in the clubhouse. Menus and specials boards will be on display in the clubhouse main bar area along with the times that food will be served.

20 Car Parking

Cars should be parked in the Southend Corporation Car Park adjacent to the boat park – TBYC car parking stickers will be made available. No cars in the boat park please.

Further information can be found at: www.tbyc.org.uk

Or from: Howard Hawkes, Sailing Secretary, E-mail: howardhawkes@thinkpositive.co.uk

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