



THORPE BAY YACHT CLUB

Notice of Race and Supplementary Sailing Instructions Laser Pico Nationals 4th & 5th July 2009

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

Rules: Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of the RYA and the class rules, except if any of these are changed by these sailing instructions, the Thorpe Bay Yacht Club Open Meeting Sailing Instructions and the Supplementary Sailing Instructions.

Eligibility and Entry: The regatta is open to Laser Picos
Entry to the regatta is by completing the registration form and paying the required fee. All entrants under 18 must also complete a parental consent form to validate their entry. Entry forms and parental consent forms are available from the club website www.tbyc.org or from the club secretary. Laser Picos can be sailed 2 handed or single handed without age limit with the following PY handicap:

1263 – Sport/ Race Mainsail – Single Handed

1269 – Sport/ Race Main & Jib – Double Handed

1332 – Training Mainsail – Single Handed

1338 – Training Main & Jib – Double Handed

Rig type and handicap must be maintained throughout the event.

Entry Fees: £25.00 per two man boat and £15.00 per single handed boat .

Disclaimer of Liability: Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 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. Competitors are entirely responsible for their own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else reduces this responsibility.

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

Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of 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 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 beach masters.

The provision of patrol boats does not relieve competitors of their responsibilities.

Insurance: Competitors are required to hold adequate insurance. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of at least £2,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

Schedule of Races

The schedule for each day is:

Saturday 4th July 2009		High Water – 11.21
Briefing in the clubhouse at 09.00		
Race	Warning signal	Time of Warning signal
Race 1	Laser Class Flag	10.10
Race 2	Laser Class Flag	as soon as possible after completion of Race 1
Race 3	Laser Class Flag	as soon as possible after completion of Race 2

Sunday 5th July 2009		High Water – 12.11
Race	Warning Signal	Time of Warning signal
Race 4	Laser Class Flag	09.55
Race 5	Laser Class Flag	as soon as possible after completion of Race 4
Race 6	Laser Class Flag	as soon as possible after completion of Race 5

Sailing Instructions: These will be available in the clubhouse at registration or from the Club website www.tbyc.org

Changes to Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions: Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least two hours before the start of the race for which it takes effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 19:00 on the day before it will take effect.

Venue: The racing area will be to the south of TBYC.

Scoring: When fewer than three races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When from three or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

Courses: The course to be sailed will be as detailed in the sailing instructions

Food and Bar Service: Food and drink will be available in the clubhouse. Breakfast will be served from 8.30am on both days. The bar will be open from 11am until 11pm on Saturday and from 12.00 until 11.00 on Sunday. A BBQ meal will be available between 3.00 p.m. and 5.00 p.m. on Saturday evening, which is included in the entry. Additional meals for non- competitors can be ordered on the entry form for an additional fee of £6.00 / person.

Prize-giving: In the clubhouse as soon as possible after completion of racing on Sunday.

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

Or from: **Shaun Christian**
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Due to the numbers expected we would welcome parents with RIBS to act as additional support boats. Please contact Shaun Christian at the above E-mail if you can help. A safety briefing will be held at 08.30 in the club bar for all support boat crews and beach crews.