



THORPE BAY YACHT CLUB



Notice of Race

Sprint 15 Winter TT Open Meeting

12th February 2017

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

Sailing Instructions: The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in current Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of the RYA, the rules of the classes, except if any of these are changed by the open meeting sailing instructions.

Eligibility and Entry: The Racing is open only to boats of the Sprint 15 Classes. Helms must be fully paid up members of the Sprint 15 Class Association. Eligible boats may enter by completing an entry form and sending it to the club together with the required fee, or by completing the form in the clubhouse main bar area prior to racing.

All competitors and their families will be deemed to be temporary members of Thorpe Bay Yacht Club for the duration of the event.

Parent/Guardian Declarations: All helms and crews under 18 years of age during the event shall submit signed Parent/Guardian Declarations either by post or at registration.

Fees: The entry fee will be £10 per boat

Schedule of Races

Sunday 12th February		High Water 13.31
Registration in clubhouse main bar from 09:30 to 11.00. Briefing in clubhouse main bar 10.15		
Race	Warning Signal	Race Start Time
Race 1	International Code Flag D	No earlier than 11:00
Races 2 and 3 will take place as soon as possible after completion of the preceding race.		

Competitors should take note that on Race 1 they will be sharing a course with TBYC Icicle Series, starting at 11:00. Starts for Sprint 15 TT will follow immediately after.

Sailing Instructions / Course: The Sailing Instructions will be available in the clubhouse main bar area on completion of registration. The Course will be detailed during the briefing and on the board at the end of the Shorebox as you enter the launching area. Races will be started and finished from the Shorebox.

Venue: The regatta will be held at Thorpe Bay Yacht Club, Thorpe Bay, Southend-on-Sea, Essex. SS1 3NW and sailed on the Thames Estuary south of TBYC.

Scoring: One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

When three races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

When fewer than three races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

Tie-breaking will comprise of combining the finishing time of each race counted in a boat's score. The boat with the lower time will be placed ahead of the boat(s) with higher times.

Results will be calculated on the Portsmouth Yardstick scheme using the following Portsmouth Numbers:

Boat	PN
Sprint 15	931
Sprint 15 Sport	894

Support boats: Support boats shall register at the Race Office during the registration period.

Risk statement: Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore 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 to such inherent risk 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 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, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the 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.

Insurance: Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum of £2,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

Boat Parking: Boats should be left in the grassed Southend Council car park which is accessed via the club dinghy park on Thorpe Esplanade, or as directed by a member of the event organising team.

Car Parking: Cars should be parked in the grassed Southend Council Car Park adjacent to the club's dinghy park. Access is via the club dinghy park on Thorpe Esplanade. No cars to be parked in the dinghy park.

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. An opportunity at registration will allow people to book for lunch.

Prize-giving: prize giving will take place in the clubhouse as soon as possible after completion of racing.

Rights to use name and likeness: 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.

Changes to Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions: All changes will be posted at least one hour before the start of the race they affect, except that any change in the intended schedule of races will be posted by 20.00 on the day before it will take effect.

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

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