



WSSYSA Regatta 2016 at Chichester Yacht Club

Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd October 2016

Organising Authority: West Sussex Schools and Youth Sailing Association
(WSSYSA) with Chichester Yacht Club (CYC)



NOTICE OF RACE

1. Rules

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Racing rules 40 and 61.1 will be changed. The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.3 WSSYSA implements the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Racing Charter.
- 1.4 Team Managers shall ensure that crews are aware of and have read this and all other associated documents

2. Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1 Entry is open to all competitors who were under the age of 19 on the 31 August 2016, sailing monohull dinghies with a Portsmouth Number listed in the RYA PN list, available online at: <http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/Pages/portsmouthyardstick.aspx>
- 2.2 Other classes may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee and allocated a PY number.
- 2.3 All boats shall be able to be identified by having unique sail designations.
- 2.4 Competitors shall enter as teams that are managed by an adult team manager. The team manager shall have authority to act in loco parentis during the regatta
- 2.5 Eligible teams shall enter by sending a completed WSSYSA Regatta entry form to the WSSYSA Regatta Secretary by 23 September 2016. Late entries may be accepted at the Organising Authority's discretion.
- 2.6 Entry Fees:
Double handed boats: £15.00
Single handed boats: £10.00

3. Racing Schedule:

- 3.1 Team managers may register their teams from 08:30 on 1st October 2016 at CYC.
- 3.2 Race Fleets:
White Fleet: Monohull dinghies with a PYN of 1138 or lower

Purple Fleet: Monohull dinghies with a PYN of 1139 or higher

Yellow Fleet: Topper dinghies.

Pink fleet: 'Rookie' sailors; those for whom this is their first significant regatta away from home.

Green fleet: Optimist dinghies

- 3.3 Class flags and starting times will be detailed in the SIs. The scheduled time of the first warning signal for the first race on Saturday 1st October is 11:25. There shall be a briefing for all competitors at 09:45
- 3.4 Six races are scheduled to be completed by each fleet

4. Sailing Instructions

- 4.1 Sailing instructions will be available electronically from WSSYSA's web site, www.wssysa.org, by September 16th 2016 and on paper during registration.

5. Venue

- 5.1 The racing is based at Chichester Yacht Club

6. Penalty system

- 6.1 The Exoneration Penalty, Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures (Chichester Harbour Federation Version) will be available during this event, available in paper form at registration.
- 6.2 The exoneration penalty will be 30%

7. Scoring

- 7.1 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series. When fewer than three races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When three or more races have been completed a boat's score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score. When six races have been completed a boat's score will be the total of her race scores less her worst two scores.

8. Insurance

- 8.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per incident that is valid for this event and those sailing the boat.

9. Risk statement

- 9.1 RRS 4 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."
- 9.2 Sailing is by its 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 of themselves, their crew and their boat accordingly 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 omission;
 - (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 organizer 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.
- 9.3 It is acknowledged that some sailors may not be able to make the safest decision as to whether or not to participate in racing given sailing conditions. In these cases, it shall be the responsibility of the team manager to make a decision about a young person's suitability to participate.
- 9.4 Team managers shall ensure that skippers, crews and their parents or guardians are fully aware and conscious of this risk statement and the actual and potential risks including drowning, hypothermia and other physical injuries including head injuries

10. Supporting Information

- 10.1 Prizes will be awarded as detailed in the sailing instructions.
- 10.2 Results will be posted on WSSYSA's website: www.wssysa.org
- 10.3 Support boats attending this event shall register at the entry desk.
- 10.4 Competitors, parents and guardians shall accept that photographs of their boat and its crew may be taken whilst attending this event and shall automatically grant the Organising Authority the

right, in perpetuity, to make, use and show from time to time, at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and any other reproduction of them taken during the event, without compensation.

11. Boats and Competitors in Difficulty

- 11.1 When the race committee considers that a boat or competitor is in difficulty it may instruct the boat or competitor to accept outside help, retire or sail ashore. Competitors shall obey such instructions from boats acting as safety boats.

12. Contact details:

- 12.1 WSSYSA Regatta Secretary: c/o Vicki Goodland, 3 Queens Mead, Pagham, Bognor Regis, West Sussex, PO21 4UE,

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