



**WSSYSA Regatta 2018**  
**Cobnor Activities Centre**  
**Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th September 2018**  
**Organising Authority:**  
**West Sussex Schools and Youth Sailing Association (WSSYSA)**  
**NOTICE OF RACE**



### **1. Rules**

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- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 RRS 40 and RRS 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.

### **2. Eligibility and Entry**

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- 2.1 Entry is open to all competitors who are under the age of 19 years on the 31 August 2018, sailing monohull, non-foiling dinghies with a Portsmouth Number (PN) listed in the RYA PN list, available online at: [www.rya.org.uk/racing/Pages/portsmouth\\_yardstick.aspx](http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/Pages/portsmouth_yardstick.aspx)
- 2.2 Other classes may be accepted, and allocated a PN, at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 2.3 All boats shall be able to be identified by having unique sail designations.
- 2.4 Each dinghy shall have its own tow rope, available ready for use. No dinghy shall be allowed to launch without its tow rope. Tow rope length shall be at least 5 mm diameter and 8 m long and attached to the dinghy.
- 2.5 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 and shall ensure that competitors are aware of and have read this and all other associated documents.
- 2.6 Eligible teams shall enter by sending a completed WSSYSA Regatta Entry Form to the WSSYSA Regatta Event Director, Nick Rusbridge ([rusbridge4@sky.com](mailto:rusbridge4@sky.com)), by 31 August 2018. Late entries may be accepted at the WSSYSA's discretion.
- 2.7 Entry fees:  
Double-handed boat: £30.00  
Single-handed boats: £15.00  
  
All boats are required to display a valid harbor plaque (a weekend plaque may be purchased at registration for £3 per boat)

### **3. Racing Schedule**

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- 3.1 Team managers may register their teams from 0730 until 1000 on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at Cobnor Activities Centre.
- 3.2 Race fleets:

Fleet	Description
Fast handicap	Monohull dinghies with a PN of 1138 or lower
Slow handicap	Monohull dinghies with a PN of 1139 or higher <sup>a</sup>
Topper	Topper, both 4.2 m <sup>2</sup> and International Topper (5.3 m <sup>2</sup> )
Optimist	Optimist dinghies entered into the Optimist Main Fleet
Rookie	Monohull dinghies with a PN of 1139 or higher crewed entirely by rookies <sup>b</sup> and Optimist dinghies entered into the Optimist Regatta Fleet

<sup>a</sup>Toppers and Optimists are expected to sail in their respective fleets or the Regatta fleet and will not be accepted into the Slow Handicap fleet.

<sup>b</sup>A 'rookie' is a sailor who has not previously taken part in a significant open regatta away from home other than participating in the 'Rookie' fleet of a previous WSSYSA Regatta (as endorsed by the Team Manager)

- 3.3 Class flags and starting times will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions. The scheduled time of the first warning

signal for the first race on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September is 1025. There will be a briefing for all competitors at 0915, preceded by a briefing for team leaders at 0900.

3.4 Six races are scheduled to be completed by each fleet.

3.5 On Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September, no warning signal will be made after 1330.

#### **4. Sailing Instructions**

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4.1 Sailing instructions will be available electronically from WSSYSA's website, [www.wssysa.org](http://www.wssysa.org), by 31 August 2018 and on paper during registration.

#### **5. Venue**

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5.1 The racing is based at Cobnor Activities Centre, Cobnor Point, Chidham, West Sussex, PO18 8TE.

#### **6. Penalty System**

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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**

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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. Support Boats**

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8.1 Support boats attending this event shall register at the entry desk.

#### **9. Supporting Information**

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9.1 Prizes will be awarded as detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

#### **10. Risk Statement**

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10.1 RRS 4 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue *racing* is hers alone."

10.2 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 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.

10.3 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.

10.4 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.

## **11. Insurance**

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- 11.1 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.

## **12. Supporting Information**

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- 12.1 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.

## **13. Contact details:**

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- 13.1 Event Director: Nick Rusbridge (email: [rusbridge4@sky.com](mailto:rusbridge4@sky.com)).