



West Kirby Sailing Club
NOTICE of RACE
RYA and BUSA Ladies Team Racing Championships
22nd/23rd February 2014

1 INTRODUCTION

The event is for three boat teams and will be sailed in Fireflies supplied by the organising authority. Each boat shall be sailed by 2 ladies.

2 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The organising authority is West Kirby Sailing Club, on behalf of the RYA and BUSA.

3 RULES

- 3.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) including Appendix D, Team Racing Rules.
- 3.2 Races will be umpired.
- 3.3 The UK Team Racing Association (UKTRA) Standard Team Racing Sailing Instructions will apply. These change some rules in the RRS; they are available on the UKTRA web site (www.teamracing.org) and at registration.
- 3.4 In accordance with RRS 70.5(a) the right of appeal will be denied.

4 ENTRIES AND DEPOSIT

- 4.1 Entries are invited from ladies' teams.
- 4.2 The closing date for receipt of entries and payment of the entry fee is 3rd February 2014.
- 4.3 Acceptable entrants shall become temporary members of West Kirby Sailing Club for the duration of the event and will adhere to all House rules and regulations as posted on the official notice board.
- 4.4 The entry fee will be £300 per team which includes use of boats, accommodation on Saturday evening (where possible), breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, lunch on Saturday and Sunday evening meal and entertainment on Saturday and tea and coffee throughout the weekend. The organising authority will attempt to provide accommodation for teams however if this is not possible teams will be contacted and an accommodation list will be provided.
- 4.5 Each team will be liable for the cost of damage to boats, equipment and property up to a maximum of £300 per incident. A deposit for this amount will be required at registration and before a team may sail. When a team is assessed as liable for damage, it shall restore the deposit to the original value in order to continue sailing. Damage attributed to competitors generally or to an unidentified team will be attributed equally between all teams. A team may apply to the protest committee to determine their responsibility for any damage.
- 4.6 All members of a team entering the BUSA Ladies' Championship have to be from the same university. Student ID cards proving such membership will have to be shown at registration.
- 4.7 After registration, no team member may be changed without the prior permission of the Race Committee, which will only be given in exceptional circumstances.

5 EVENT FORMAT AND SCHEDULE

- 5.1 The format of the event will be available at registration.
- 5.2 Registration will take place in the clubhouse between 0830 and 0915 on Saturday 22nd February 2014.
- 5.3 There will be a briefing at 0915 on Saturday 22nd February 2014.
- 5.4 The first warning signal will be as soon as possible after the briefing.

6 BUOYANCY AND CLOTHING

Adequate personal flotation devices and wet or dry suits shall be worn by all competitors at all times when afloat.

7 RISK STATEMENT, INSURANCE

- 7.1 A boat and team 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.
- 7.2 Competitors' attention is particularly drawn to rule 4: *"The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone"*.
- 7.3 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in the Championship, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
 - 7.3.1 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 Championship;
 - 7.3.2 they are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - 7.3.3 they accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
 - 7.3.4 they are fit to participate in the Championship and, before racing in any boats supplied to them, they will satisfy themselves that such boats are in good order and equipped to race in the Championship;
 - 7.3.5 the provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and any other officials and volunteers does not relieve them of their responsibilities; and
 - 7.3.6 the provision of any patrol boat or other official boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

8 PRIZES

- 8.1 The Championships Titles will be awarded as follows and other prizes may be awarded.
- 8.2 The RYA Ladies National Championship Title will be awarded to the highest placed team as determined by the competition.
- 8.3 The BUSA Ladies trophy will be awarded to the highest placed qualifying University team as determined by the competition, without any scoring adjustments.
Note: the same team may therefore be awarded both trophies.

The entry form and fee is to be returned to Adam Whittle, West Kirby Sailing Club.