



Notice of Race

The Organising Authority is Royal Harwich Yacht Club.

1. RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020*. Competitors shall also abide by RHYC club rules and any special instructions announced by the Organising Committee.
- 1.2 Rule 78 will be changed by the Sailing Instructions so that strict compliance with class rules will not be required. In particular the use of replica sails and equipment will be permitted. Boats will however be expected to abide by the spirit of class rules and may be subject to protest or re-rating by the Race Committee if considered appropriate. Sail numbers will be required, but these will not be required to match the sail number of the boat, but will need to be different from that of any other boat racing in the same class.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 This is a series of twelve races taking place over six Sundays in November and December 2018, which are open to all competitors sailing mono-hull, single and double handed dinghies.
- 2.2 Only a person listed on the entry form for a boat shall helm that boat whilst it is racing.
- 2.3 Handicaps will be at the discretion of the Race Committee, be based on the RYA's PY list 2018 and may vary between boats of the same class.
- 2.4 Eligible boats and competitors are encouraged to pre-enter using the entry form available on the RHYC website at <http://www.royalharwichyachtclub.co.uk>. The entry fee the series, for non-members only, is £20. There is a discount for registrations made online. The entry fee on the day for a single day is £7.
- 2.5 To qualify as a member and not pay an entry fee, the helm of the boat must be a current RHYC member. If a double handed dinghy helm and crew swap places and a non-member crew takes the helm, they will be treated as non-members and must pay the entry fee.

3. SCHEDULE

- 3.1 Registration, including signing-on for pre-registered boats, will be from 0930 on the day of the event. A competitor briefing that all competitors (and parents/guardians in the case competitors under 18 years of age) must attend will be held at 1000.
- 3.2 The planned scheduled of racing for the fleets is as follows (subject to change):

Date	High Water Harwich	Competitor briefing**	First Start not before	Start/Finish Lines*	Number of races
04/11/2018	0836	0930	1000	Club Line A or B	2
11/11/2018	1339	1000	1130	Committee Boat	2
18/11/2018	0713	0930	1000	Club Line A or B	2
25/11/2018	1246	1000	1030	Committee Boat	2
02/12/2018	0653	1000	1030	Club Line A or B	2
09/12/2018	1243	1000	1030	Committee Boat	2

*The intention is to have a committee boat start on suitable Sundays however wind direction may mean that a Line A or Line B start from the race hut is equally advantageous. In these circumstances, the Race Officer may decide to alter the start/finish line on the day.

**An Act of Remembrance will be held at the club on 11 November beginning at 1045. The briefing will take place before this commences. Launching of boats may commence immediately it is over (at approximately 1110).

3.3 It is intended that races on each day will be sailed back-to-back (without returning to shore).

4. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1 Sailing Instructions will be available on the RHYC website before the event, and will also be available at registration/signing-on.

5. VENUE AND COURSES

5.1 Racing will take place in the vicinity of the Royal Harwich Yacht Club. The courses to be sailed will be as detailed by the Race Officer at the competitor briefing.

6. PRIZES

6.1 Prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of the series at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

7. SUPPORT BOATS

7.1 Support boats will be provided. Only support boats registered with the Organising Committee will be permitted in the race area.

8. RISK STATEMENT

8.1 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 (and their parents/guardians in the case of competitors under 18 years of age) 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, support boats and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of support boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

9. INSURANCE

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

10. PARENTAL DUTY OF CARE

10.1 Parents/guardians of competitors under 18 years of age remain responsible for their children at all times during the event. An adult may act in *loco parentis* for children.

11. BOAT AND LAUNCH TROLLEY STORAGE

11.1 Visitors to the club taking part in this series may leave their boats and launch trolleys in the club dinghy park/car park for the duration of the series at no charge.

12. FURTHER INFORMATION

12.1 For further information please contact the RHYC Office on 01473 780319 or email office.manager@royalharwich.co.uk