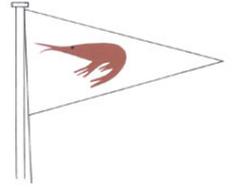




# Sprint 15 2019

## National Championship

### 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> August 2019



## NOTICE OF RACE

The Organising Authority is the Harwich Town Sailing Club  
in conjunction with the UK Sprint 15 Association

*The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NoR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.*

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 – 2020 (RRS)*.
- 1.2. The Sprint 15 Class Rules will apply.
- 1.3. Competitors will be required to sail to the RYA Racing Charter.
- 1.4. Competitors will be required to wear adequate personal buoyancy at all times whilst afloat, except for a short period whilst changing clothing. Flag 'Y' will not be displayed; this changes RRS 40 and Race Signals 'Y'.
- 1.5. In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

### 2. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies. [DP].

### 3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The Championship is open all boats of the Sprint 15 class which comply with the rules of the Sprint 15 Class Association and are sailed either single handed in unarig mode or alternatively two-up with the mainsail and jib. The use of the trapeze and fittings will not be permitted in the championship races.
- 3.2. Boats must sail every race of the Championship in the mode used in the first race (either unarig or two-up with mainsail and jib). Boats may not change modes during the Championships.
- 3.3. Each boat must have at least one competitor that is a member of the UK Sprint 15 Class Association. Evidence of this may be required at registration.
- 3.4. Entries should be submitted online via the Sprint 15 website with payment made via BACS. To submit your entry online – please go to: [www.sprint15.com/entries](http://www.sprint15.com/entries)  
Payment should be made via BACS as follows:  
Reference: Your Sail No. followed by "Harwich" (e.g. 1917 Harwich)  
Bank: Santander Sort Code: 09 01 53 Account No: 5952 3285  
Alternatively, entry forms may be sent with a cheque for the total fee made payable to 'The Sprint 15 Association' to: Jenny Ball, Events Assistant, 52 Passingham Avenue, Billericay, Essex, CM11 2TD.
- 3.5. A Parent/Guardian Consent Form must be completed and signed by the Parent or Guardian of any competitor under the age of 18 on the first day of the at registration.

#### 4. FEES

- 4.1. 'Early Bird Entries' received with full payment by end of Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July will be at a discounted rate of £110.
- 4.2. Entries can be accepted from 26<sup>th</sup> July 2019 and at the event itself with an entry fee of £140.
- 4.3. Association members entering the Nationals for the first time will receive a further discount of £20.
- 4.4. Non-Association members entering the Sprint 15 Nationals for the first time will be granted one year's Association Membership for free (value of £20).
- 4.5. All entries include one ticket for the Sprint 15 Association Dinner on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August. Further tickets are available for £16 per person and £12 for under 12-year olds.

#### 5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1. The Race Committee reserve the right to modify the programme due to weather conditions or other causes. This may include bringing scheduled races forward.
- 5.2. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15:00.
- 5.3. The proposed schedule of races is as follows:

Day	Date	Event	Time
Thursday	15 <sup>th</sup> August	Registration	18:00 – 20:00
		Dinner – Fish and Chip van	18:00 – 20:00
Friday	16 <sup>th</sup> August	Registration	09:00 – 11:00
		Competitors Briefing	10:30
		Warning signal for race one	11:55
		Warning signal for race two	ASAP after race one
		Warning signal for race three	ASAP after race two
		AGM	Planned for 17:00, depending on racing
		Dinner	19:00 onwards
Saturday	17 <sup>th</sup> August	Warning signal for race four	10:55
		Warning signal for race five	ASAP after race four
		Warning signal for race six	ASAP after race five
		Warning signal for race seven	ASAP after race six
		Class Association Dinner	From 19:00
Sunday	18 <sup>th</sup> August	Warning signal for race eight	10:55
		Warning signal for race nine	ASAP after race eight
		Prize giving	ASAP after racing

#### 6. MEASUREMENT

- 6.1. No formal measurement process is required for this event; however, the race committee reserves the right to inspect any competing boat during the course of the event.

#### 7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be posted on a notice board at the regatta and will be published on the Sprint 15 website in advance.

#### 8. VENUE

- 8.1. The venue is the Harwich Town Sailing Club
- 8.2. The race area will be in Dovercourt Bay or as otherwise advised by the Race Management Committee

#### 9. THE COURSES

The course to be sailed will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

#### 10. PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is Replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

## **11. SCORING**

- 11.1. The Low Point System of Appendix A4 will apply.
- 11.2. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.3. When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 11.4. When from four to seven races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 11.5. When eight or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

## **12. REPLACEMENT OF CREW**

Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee. [DP].

## **13. BERTHING**

Boats may be kept in the assigned spaces as allocated by Harwich Town Sailing Club at the event. [DP].

## **14. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. [DP].

## **15. PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded to the first 12 places. There are additional prizes for the following:

- The first two boats sailed double-handed
- The first lady helm
- The first helm aged 18 or under on the first day of the event
- The first helm over 50 years old on the first day of the event
- The first helm over 60 years old on the first day of the event
- The first helm over 70 years old on the first day of the event
- The first heavyweight competitor (over 95kg / 14st 13lb)
- The most improved helm since 2018 Nationals
- Most persistent helm – for the lowest placed competitor who completes all sailed races.
- The oldest boat

There is also a pro-am competition and a number of “Chair Awards” spot prizes which will be awarded during the event.

## **17. RISK STATEMENT**

Rule 4 of the RRS 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 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 to such inherent risk while taking part in the event;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss 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 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;
- (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 competitors briefing held for the event.

**18. INSURANCE**

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

**19. FURTHER INFORMATION AND KEY CONTACTS**

Further information is available from the event website: [www.sprint15.com/events](http://www.sprint15.com/events)

For further information about the event please contact:

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