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Sprint 15 Sport UK National Championships 2020

Notice of Race

North Devon Yacht Club

Instow, Bideford, Devon EX39 4HY

Friday 25th September
Saturday 26th September
Sunday 27th September

Arrival and Rigging for Competitors: Thursday 24th September

Competitors' Briefing: Friday at NDYC 09:15

1. The Organising Authority

1.1. The Organising Authority is North Devon Yacht Club.

2. Rules

2.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing. (2017 to 2020), RYA Prescriptions, current class rules, and Sailing Instructions for the event

2.2. NDYC byelaws.

2.3 Racing Rules will be changed as follows. The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions, which may also vary other rules.

2.3.1 RRS 40 – All competitors shall wear personal floatation devices at all times whilst afloat

2.3.2 RRS 44.1 – Two Turns Penalty is replaced by the One Turn Penalty

2.4 The exoneration penalty and Arbitration Procedure of the RYA will be available at this event

- 2.5 Where there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail except that neither shall change nor alter a class rule.
- 2.6 Any special Rules may be imposed by the race management team that are deemed necessary bearing in mind constraints that may need to be imposed on health and safety grounds.

3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1. The regatta is open to craft which comply with the Sprint 15 Class Rules.
- 3.2. Entries will only be accepted from members of the Sprint 15 Class Association and/or North Devon Yacht Club.
- 3.3 All boats shall compete under their registered sail numbers to comply with RTS 77 unless permission to change registered numbers is agreed by the Race Committee.

4. Fees

- 4.1. Entries can be made by paying online at <https://ndyc.org/sprint15sport2020/>.
Registration forms can be downloaded from the website above and are required to be handed in at Registration.
- 4.2. Early Bird Entry Fee £50 (for payments received by 31st August) Standard Entry Fee £60
Youth or Student Under 21 Entry Fee Early Bird £40 – Standard Entry £50
Competitors must also be members of the Class Association or NDYC.
- 4.3. Competitors under the age of 18 years at the time of the event must complete and submit a parental consent form with the entry form or at registration.

5. Schedule

- 5.1. Registration: 17:00 – 20:00 on Thursday 24th September. Registration may be available on Saturday morning in exceptional cases, or by prior arrangement.
- 5.2 Competitor Briefing on Friday morning at 09:15 outside the NDYC Clubhouse. Any variations to the racing schedule will be notified to competitors at this time. Depending upon number of entries, a variation of two briefings or online briefings may be used. This information will be made available on Thursday 24th or as soon as available.
- 5.3. Racing:
The intention will be to have at least 3 races on each of the first two days and two races on Sunday, conditions permitting.
If Racing is cancelled or abandoned prior to 2 races being completed on Friday, the race officers may hold an additional 4th race on Saturday or a further race on Sunday at their discretion.
If the number of races run prior to Sunday is 5 or fewer, the race officers may hold up to 3 races on Sunday.

The planned race schedule is:

Friday 25th September

09:15 Competitor Briefing

11:00 First Warning signal not before 11:00

3 Races planned but not more than 4 races.

Saturday 25th September

- 10:45 Competitor Briefing
- 12:30 First Warning signal not before 12:00
3 Races planned but not more than 4 races.

Sunday 26th September

- 11:30 Competitor Briefing
- 14:00 First Warning signal not before 14:00
2 Races planned but not more than 3 races.

5.4. Races may be run with changes to the schedule to account for changeable weather conditions at the Race Committee's discretion but not before scheduled start on Friday 25th September.

5.5. No more than eight races will be sailed throughout the Championship.

5.6 A programme of events will be provided alongside details of catering provisions on <https://ndyc.org/race-schedule/sprint15sport2020/>

The entry fee includes Saturday evening provision of meal with dessert course expected to be at the Commodore Hotel or other location to be confirmed.

A Fish and Chip meal is planned at the Quay Inn, Instow for Friday 25th September.

Catering and other facilities will be available nearby throughout the weekend on a PAYG basis.

6. Measurement

6.1. The Class Association may weigh or measure any boat and/or her sails during the Championship.

7. Sailing Instructions

7.1. The Sailing Instructions will also be available on NDYC website <https://ndyc.org/race-schedule/sprint15sport2020/> as well as on the <https://www.Sprint15.com> website.

8. Venue

8.1 The race area will be within the confines of the Taw and Torridge estuary.

9. The Courses

9.1 The courses to be sailed shall be as defined in the Sailing Instructions.

10.0 Scoring

10.1 Scoring system A2 will be used.

10.2. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

10.3. When 3 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

10.4. When 4 or 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores discarding her worst score.

10.5. When 6 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores discarding her two worst scores.

11. Support Boats

11.1 All Support Boats will be registered with NDYC Race Committee.

12. Berthing, Trackers and Communications

12.1 All visiting boats shall be kept on Instow beach unless directed otherwise by a NDYC organising official.

12.2 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones except for GPS trackers, if provided by event organisers.

12.3 A tally system will be in operation. Details will be in the Sailing Instructions.

13. Prizes

13.1. Prizes shall be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority and the Class Association.

13.2. The following prizes shall be awarded: 1st – 6th Overall, 1st Youth, 1st Over-50, 1st Over-60, Best Position in First Nationals Adult, Best Position in First Nationals Youth, Most Improved having competed at NDYC in 2018, Most Improved having competed in 2019 at Shanklin SC. Pro- Am and 1st Helm over 14st 7lb (92kg). Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organisers.

14. Disclaimer of Liability

14.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

14.2. It is the responsibility of the Owner/Skipper/Competitor to ensure that the boat complies with all the clauses contained in this disclaimer.

14.3. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the event and include the Organising Authority, Sprint 15 Association, race Committee, race officer, safety officer, patrol boat personnel and beach masters.

14.4. The Organising Authority shall not be liable for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/competitor, his skipper or crew, as a result of their taking part in the race or races. Moreover, every owner/competitor warrants the suitability of their boat, the helm and the crew for the race or races. By launching or going to sea competitors confirm their boat and its' crew is fit for those conditions and that they are competent to sail and compete in them.

14.5. The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities.

14.6. The Organising Authority, its Officers, Helpers and Employees shall not be held responsible for any cancellation or change to the Racing Programme for whatever reason. The Sole Arbiter of such conditions shall be the Race Committee.

14.7. NDYC will not accept any liability for any damage to or loss of property belonging to members, their guests or visitors to the club, including, but not limited to, any boats or other equipment or property left in the boat park, the surrounding areas or other areas used during the event. Competitors use these facilities entirely at their own risk; NDYC does not offer or imply any guarantee regarding security of such property.

14.8. Neither the Organising Authority, nor the Sprint 15 Association, will accept any liability for personal injury arising out of the use of the Club premises, and any other facilities of the Club, whether sustained by members, their guests or visitors, whether such damage or injury could have been attributed to, or was occasioned by neglect, default or negligence of any of the Officers, Committee, Employees or Members of the Club.

15. Insurance

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

16. Advertising

16.1. Event sponsors advertising may be supplied and required to be displayed in a position to be specified at registration. Advertising must comply with World Sailing Regulation 20, Advertising Code.

17. Further information

17.1. Please note photography and video filming may take place during, prior to or after the event which may be placed in the public domain, including use for future advertising material.

17.2. Additional information will be available at
<https://ndyc.org/race-schedule/sprint15sport2020/>

N.B.

By taking part in the event covered by this Notice of Race, each competitor and support person agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations and guidance in force from time to time in response to COVID-19 from either the UK government and for complying with the organising authorities COVID-19 procedures.

This event will be run with an emphasis on the safety of competitors, NDYC staff and volunteers at all times. The COVID-19 guidelines used for this event will follow the UK Government, RYA and NDYC advice in force at the start of the event as determined by the event Covid Compliance Officer.

All competitors and visitors are asked to strictly adhere to the COVID-19 guidelines that will be published before the event on the Official Notice Board and to follow any instructions given by the event staff during the event. Anyone disregarding the guidance without good cause may have their entry rescinded and asked to leave NDYC and the event.

Competitors should be aware that the event may be cancelled, or the entry limit reduced at any point if the UK Government and/or local Government advice changes.

Full entry refunds will be given if the cancellation or reduction in numbers occurs before the start of the event programme. If a reduction of entries is required it will be done strictly on a "last in first out" basis.

Competitors are advised to note the refund policies of any accommodation and travel arrangements booked in advance.