



# Ely Sailing Club

## Overnight Race Saturday 26th - Sunday 27th June 2021

### Notice Of Race

#### 1 Rules

**1.1** Races will be sailed under the current World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024, the RYA prescriptions, the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.

In the event of any conflict between these rules, those of the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

**1.2** Competitors will be required to wear adequate personal buoyancy at all times whilst afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suites and dry suits are not personal flotation devices.

**1.3** All boats will be required to be fitted with a mast head flotation device.

**1.4** Each team shall consist of two dinghies of the same or similar handicap, as agreed by the committee, with no more than four sailors in teams competing in single handers, or six sailors in teams competing in double handers.

Where double handers are used, each Helm and crew combination must be part of the same Covid bubble.

**1.5** Each team shall have no more than one boat crewed at a time.

**1.6** At the end of each stint, the helm shall be responsible for ensuring that the decks, tiller and other touch and control points are wiped down and the mainsheet dipped in disinfectant before leaving the boat.

The time taken for such cleaning shall not count as a boat being crewed.

The club will provide suitable wipes and disinfectant.

**1.7** By participating in this event the competitor automatically grants to Ely Sailing Club the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at the committee's discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of the athlete during the period of the competition without compensation.

#### 2 Eligibility and Entry

**2.1** Competitors shall be members of Ely Sailing Club or guests as permitted by the Rules of Ely Sailing Club.

**2.2** Entry is open to any class of dinghy less than 14ft in length with a Portsmouth Yardstick number greater than 1000, unless prior permission is given by the sailing committee.

#### 3 Fees

There shall be no entry fee.

## **4 Schedule**

**4.1** Members wishing to form a team should notify the Commodore by Sunday 20th June. Members wishing to take part who do not have a team, should notify the Commodore as soon as possible and no later than 3pm on Saturday 26th June; the club will make best effort to organise such members into teams, but no guarantee can be given.

**4.2** The Race Briefing will be at 5pm on the lawn outside the clubhouse.

**4.3** The race will begin at 6pm on Saturday and continue until 6am on Sunday.  
Racing will be handicap racing using PY numbers.

## **5 Sailing Instructions**

Sailing instructions will be given during the Race Briefing.

## **6 The Course**

The course will be explained during the Race Briefing and displayed on the Course Board on the side of the Starter's Box.

## **7 Support Boats**

Support boats shall not be allowed.

## **8 Prizes**

Prizes shall be awarded for:

- Most laps completed, adjusted by the average of the PY numbers of the dinghies used by the team.
- Fastest lap, adjusted by the average of the PY numbers of the dinghies used by the team.
- If one or more cadet teams take part, there shall be equivalent cadet prizes.

## **9 Disclaimer of Liability and Insurance Risk Statement**

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 agrees and acknowledges that:

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 event;
2. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
3. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
4. Their boat is on good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
5. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;

6. 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.
7. Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3,000,000 against third party claims.

## **10 Inspections**

The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibility of each competitor set out in this notice.

## **11 Other Information**

**11.1** Due to the ongoing Covid pandemic, the clubhouse shall be open for access to toilets and the bar only. Members wishing to sleep during the night are encouraged to bring tents and sleeping bags. Participants are not permitted to sleep in the clubhouse.

Access to each toilet shall be limited to one person or bubble at a time.

**11.2** The race will be accompanied by a social event beginning at 4pm.  
The club BBQ will be available for members to cook their own food on.