**Exeter University Sailing Club**

**Notice of Race**

The Exeter Excalibur

8 -10th March 2019

1. **INTRODUCTION**

The event is for three boat teams and will be sailed in Fireflies provided by the organising authority (EUSC). Each boat shall be sailed by two people.

1. **ORGANISING AUTHORITY**

The organising authority is Exeter University Sailing Club.

1. **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.

* 1. In accordance with RRS 70.5(a) the right of appeal will be denied.
1. **ENTRIES AND DEPOSIT**
	1. Entries will be processed on a first come first served basis, limited to 21 teams.
	2. The closing date for receipt of entries and payment of entry fee is 10th February. Entries received after this date will be added to the reserve list.
	3. The entry fee will be £275 per team until 13th January 2019, thereafter will increase to £290 per team and is non-refundable.
	4. Each team will be liable for the cost of damage to boats, equipment and property up to a maximum of £275 per incident. A deposit for this amount will be required at registration and before a team may sail. If the organising authority estimates that the total damage attributable to the team exceeds the deposit, the team will be required to deposit a further £275 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.
	5. In the event of racing being cancelled due to adverse weather conditions, only damage deposits will be returned.
2. **EVENT FORMAT AND SCHEDULE**

5.1 The format of the event will be a round robin followed by semi-finals and a final. This may be varied by the race committee to obtain a result depending on the conditions.

5.2 Registration will take place from 19:00 to 20:30 on Friday 8th March at The Imperial Inn (New North Road, Exeter, Devon, EX4 4AH).

5.3 There will be a briefing at Roadford Lake Sailing Club (PL16 0JL) at 9.30am on Saturday 9th March.

* 1. The first warning signal will be at 9.57am
1. **BUOYANCY AND CLOTHING**

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

1. **RISK STATEMENT, INSURANCE**

7.1 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 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 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, 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.

7.2 When the boats are provided by the competitors, the boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £3,000,000 pounds.

1. **PRIZES**

These will be awarded at the discretion of the organising authority.

Any further enquires or questions can be taken up with –

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