

Swansea Spartan - Team Racing Event

22nd-23rd February 2025

NOTICE of RACE:

1. Event:

- 1.1 The Swansea University Sailing Club will hold 'The Swansea Spartan' on the 22nd-23rd february, at Tata Steel Sailing Club, Port Talbot.
- 1.2 The event is for three boat teams, sailed in Fireflies. Each boat shall be sailed by a helm and a crew.
- 1.3 The organising authority is Swansea University Sailing Club.

2. Rules:

- 2.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, Including Appendix D, Team Racing Rules.
- 2.2 Races will be umpired.
- 2.3 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.
(<https://sites.google.com/site/uktra1/uktra-sailing-instructions>). Teams are advised to bring their own copy of these Sailing Instructions.
- 2.4 In accordance with rule 70.5(a) the right of appeal will be denied.
- 2.5 In case of an on the water protest a single flag protest procedure will be used.

When a boat wishes to protest she must hail 'Protest' and conspicuously wave a red flag at the soonest possible opportunity. The boat involved in the alleged incident may then choose to take the appropriate penalty spin (1 tack and 1 gybe) or to carry on racing and not take the penalty. If the penalty spin is not taken then the umpire shall decide whether to penalize any boat.

3. Entries and Deposit:

- 3.1 The closing date for entries is the 10th February 2025
- 3.2 The entry fee per team is £300
- 3.3 No entry will be confirmed until the entry fee and entry form has been received. On receiving the entry fee, confirmation will be sent to teams via email.
- 3.4 Entry will be free to teams who provide a flight of fireflies. Please note if a University chooses to bring two teams and bring a flight of fireflies then only one team will be entitled to free entry. Petrol costs will not be refunded.
- 3.5 Each team will be liable to the cost of damage to the boats, equipment and property up to a maximum of £300. The team will have to provide a valid bank card at the start of the event. If the organizing authority estimates that the total damage attributable to the team exceeds the deposit, the team will be required to deposit a further £400 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.

4. Event Format and Schedule

- 4.1 The intended format of the event will be a round robin followed by Groups, followed by knock-out finals, identified in Addendum B of the Sailing Instructions referenced to in section 2.3. The format may be modified during the event in a fair and practical way as solely determined by the race committee taking into account the entries, weather conditions, time constraints and any other relevant factors.
- 4.2 Registration will take place at Tata Steel Sailing Club from 8.30am on Saturday 23rd February.
- 4.3 There will be a briefing at Tata Steel Sailing Club at 9 am on Saturday 23rd February.
- 4.4 The first warning signal will be at 9.57am
- 4.5 The initial schedule of events will be displayed on the TV screen in the clubhouse, race schedules will also be distributed to each team. Any changes will be displayed on the Screen no less than 10 minutes before the start of that phase of the competition.
- 4.6 Every Race will be given a race number on the race schedule, which will be displayed on the start boat at the same time that the warning signal is issued.
- 4.7 The race committee may at any time postpone a race and reschedule it at a later time.
- 4.8 When the race or protest committee orders a re-sail of a completed race, the race committee may postpone the re-sail indefinitely and score each team half a race win unless the result is relevant to progress, but not seeding, in the next round.

5. Buoyancy and Clothing

- 5.1 A buoyancy Aid and wet/dry suits must be worn by all competitors at all times when afloat.

6. Disclaimer of Liability/Insurance

- 6.1 A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.
- 6.2 It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and that her crew is competent to sail and compete in them.
- 6.3 When the boats are provided by the competitors, the boat is required to hold insurance against 3rd party claims up to £5 million, and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims.
- 6.4 Nothing done by the organizers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the organizers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the organising authority, the race committee, the race officer, umpires, patrol boats and beach masters.
- 6.5 The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities.

7. Prizes

- 7.1 Prizes will be awarded by The Swansea University Sailing Club at the end of the weekend.