

# **NOTICE OF RACE**

## **Nottingham Snakebite 2014**

- 1 The Nottingham Snakebite 2014, for three boat teams, will take place on 21st to 23<sup>rd</sup> of February 2014. The event is open to any team meeting the conditions below.
- 2 The organising authority is University of Nottingham Sailing Club.
- 3 The event will be sailed at Nottinghamshire County Sailing club, in two person dinghies (Fireflies) provided by the organising authority.
- 4 **Event Format**
  - (a) Registration will take place from 0830 on the first morning.
  - (b) The format and race schedule will be available at registration.
  - (c) Unless otherwise notified by email to accepted entries no less than seven days before the event, there will be a briefing for all competitors at 0900 on the first morning and the first warning signal will be at 0930.
- 5 **Entry and Eligibility**
  - (a) Entries are invited from university sailing clubs, including alumni teams, and RYA affiliated clubs and class associations and from other organisations that are affiliated to an organisation that is affiliated to the RYA. However, if fewer than 18 teams have entered by 31 January 2014, the organising authority may accept other entries.
  - (b) Entry forms may be obtained from the BUSA website.
  - (c) All three helms must be members of the affiliated club or association they represent.
  - (d) Entry is limited to 18 teams, and will be confirmed upon receipt of entry fee.
  - (e) If more than 18 teams apply by 31 January 2014 teams will be placed on a reserve list and allocated a place should it become available, in the order they applied to join the reserve list.

If any team fails to pay their entry fees and damage deposit by the 31st of January their place will be awarded to the next placed team on the waiting list. If there is doubt about the acceptance of any entry, the race committee shall decide. Entries received after 31 January 2014 will be accepted solely in order of receipt and at the organiser's discretion.
  - (f) Decisions of the race committee about entry or eligibility shall not be cause for redress. This amends rules 62.1 and 63.1.
  - (g) All competitors in all teams shall complete the registration requirements before racing.
- 6 **Entry Fees and Damage Deposits**

The entry fee is £285 per team. Social tickets are not included in the entry fee and will cost £15 a head. This will include lunch on both days and evening socials, further details to be advised.

Each team will be liable for the cost of damage to boats, equipment and property up to a maximum of £200 per incident. A deposit for this amount is required before the team may sail. When a team is assessed as liable for damage, it shall restore the deposit to the original value in order to continue sailing. Damage attributed to competitors generally or to an unidentified team will be attributed equally between all teams. The deposit, or any remaining balance of the deposit, will be returned after the event.

7 Rules

- (a) Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) including appendix D, Team Racing Rules.
- (b) The UK Team Racing Association Team Racing Sailing Instructions will apply.
- (c) All races will be umpired.
- (d) In accordance with rule 70.5(a) the right of appeal will be denied.
- (e) The organising authority reserve the right to change the format of the event at any time, and will notify the competitors accordingly.

8 Personal Flotation Devices and Clothing

Every competitor shall wear an adequate personal flotation device, and either a drysuit or a wet suit, at all times when afloat. If competitors are found in breach of this they will not be eligible to sail.

9 Acknowledgement of Risk

- 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.
- 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 afloat, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and that her crew is competent to sail and compete in them.
- Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the organisers 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 beachmasters.
- The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities.

10 Prizes

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