

Swansea Spartan - Team Racing Event

22-23rd March 2014

NOTICE of RACE:

1. Event:

- 1.1 The University of Swansea Sailing Club will hold 'The Swansea Spartan' on the 22nd and 23rd of March 2014, 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.

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.
- 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 8th March 2014
- 3.2 The entry fee per team is £200.00
- 3.3 No entry will be confirmed until the entry fee has been received. On receiving the entry fee confirmation will be sent to teams.
- 3.4 Each team will be liable to the cost of damage to the boats, equipment and property up to a maximum of £250. A deposit of this amount will be required at registration before the team can 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 £250 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 format of the event will be a round robin followed by a final between the top two teams.

4.2 Registration will take place at JC's Bar in Fulton House, Swansea University from 6pm on Friday 21st of March.

4.3 There will be a briefing at Tata Steel Sailing Club at 9am on Saturday 22nd of March.

5. Buoyancy and Clothing

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 adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims.
- 6.4 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 beach masters.
- 6.5 The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities.

7. Prizes

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