



The Big Lash



## Manchester and Liverpool University Sailing Clubs **NOTICE OF RACE**

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14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> March 2015

### 1. **INTRODUCTION**

The event is for three boat teams and will be sailed in Firefly dinghies supplied by the organising authority. Each boat shall be sailed by 2 people.

### 2. **ORGANISING AUTHORITY**

The organising authorities are the University of Liverpool and the University of Manchester Sailing Clubs.

### 3. **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 make changes to some rules in the RRS; they are available on the UKTRA web site ([www.teamracing.org](http://www.teamracing.org)) and at registration.
- 3.4 In accordance with RRS 70.5(a) the right of appeal will be denied.

### 4. **ENTRIES AND DEPOSIT**

- 4.1 Entries are invited from a maximum of 24 teams. Entries will be awarded on a first come, first served basis.
- 4.2 The closing date for receipt of entries and payment of the entry fee is Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2015.
- 4.3 The entry fee will be £220 per team if entry forms and cheques are received before January 1<sup>st</sup> 2015, and £250 per team for entry forms received between January 1<sup>st</sup> and February 6<sup>th</sup> 2015.
- 4.4 Each team will be liable for the cost of damage to boats, equipment and property up to a maximum of £300 per incident. A deposit for this amount will be required at registration and before a 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. A team may apply to the protest committee to determine their responsibility for any damage.

### 5. **EVENT FORMAT AND SCHEDULE**

- 5.1 The format of the event will be available at registration.
- 5.2 Registration will take place at West Kirby Sailing Club from 0830 on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March, or in Liverpool on the evening of Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March (venue and time TBC).



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5.3 There will be a briefing at 0900 on Saturday morning.

5.4 The first warning signal will be at 0927.

## 6. BOUYANCY AND CLOTHING

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

## 7. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY, INSURANCE

- 7.1 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.
- 7.2 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.
- 7.3 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.
- 7.4 The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities.



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### DECLARATION

Team Name .....

Team Contact .....

Address .....

Phone & Email .....

I agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and all other rules that govern this event. In particular I have read paragraph 7 of the notice of race and confirm that I agree to its provisions and that my boat will conform to its requirements throughout the event.

Signed .....

On behalf of the team entered

NOTES: All helms will be required to sign a copy of this declaration at registration.

The entry form, fee and declaration is to be returned to Cianna O'Brien, Frinton House, Mabfield Road, Fallowfield, Manchester, M14 6LP. Cheques should be made payable to The University of Manchester Sailing Club.