

University of Reading Sailing Club

NOTICE of RACE

The Wet Dream - 18th - 20th March

1 INTRODUCTION

The event is for three boat teams and will be sailed in Fireflies. Each boat shall be sailed by a helm and a crew.

2 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The organising authority is The University of Reading Sailing Club.

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 change some rules in the RRS; they are available on the UKTRA web site (www.teamracing.org).

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 on a first-come first-served basis.

4.2 The closing date for receipt of entries and payment of the entry fee is 21st February 2016

4.3 The entry fee will be £260 per team. Note that no entry is confirmed until the entry fee has been received. Confirmation on receiving the entry fee will be sent to teams.

4.4 Each team will be liable for the cost of damage to boats, equipment and property up to a maximum of £250 per incident. A signed declaration form will be required at registration 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 £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.

5 EVENT FORMAT AND SCHEDULE

5.1 The format of the event will be a round robin followed by semi-finals and a final.

5.2 Registration will take place either on Friday in Park Bar between 17:00-20:00, or at 'Reading Sailing Club, Sonning Eye, South Oxfordshire, RG4 6TT' at 08:45 on 19th March.

5.3 There will be a briefing at 09:15 on 19th March at Reading Sailing Club

5.4 The first warning signal will be at 10:00 on 19th March.

6 BUOYANCY AND CLOTHING

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

7 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, loss, or death 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, and thus does not relieve a boat of her responsibilities.

8 PRIZES

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