



Wessex Sailing Club  
**NOTICE of RACE**  
Wessex Winter Warmer  
11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> February 2017

**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 authority is Wessex 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](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 on a selection basis. Teams must submit an entry form before the closing date for receipt of entries then chosen teams will be announced shortly after Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

4.2 The closing date for receipt of entries is Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2017 and payment of the entry fee will be required after the teams are announced.

4.3 The entry fee will be £300 per team.

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 announced closer to the event.

5.2 Registration will take place at 8:15am at Spinnaker SC on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>.

5.3 There will be a briefing at 9am at Spinnaker SC.

5.4 The first warning signal will be at 9:42am.

**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 and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- (d) They are 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.

## **8 PRIZES**

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

The entry form is to be returned to [captain.wessex@gmail.com](mailto:captain.wessex@gmail.com) or Mary Henderson, 429 Portswood Road, Portswood, Southampton S017 2TE by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2017.