

YYC WEDNESDAY NIGHT OPEN RACING SERIES

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

The series will be governed by the requirements of the Port of Plymouth and River Yealm Harbour Authority regulations and the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*, in that order.

The Exoneration Penalty and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. Decisions from RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee but cannot be reopened or appealed.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

2.1 The series is open to all boats of the Devon Yawl and Devon Dayboat classes and such other seaworthy dinghies and dayboats as the Wednesday Night Sailing Sub-Committee may permit.

2.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form on the YYC documents section and sending it, together with the required fee, to the Wednesday Night Sailing Sub-Committee secretary.

3 FEES

Twenty five pounds for the series or five pounds per race as set out on the entry form.

4 SCHEDULE

4.1 Dates of racing: First race 9 May 2018 - then weekly on each Wednesday. The last race will be either 12 or 19 September 2018 depending on weather.

4.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the race on each day is 1830. Competitors must have regard to the need to get racing underway in as timely a manner as possible.

5 MEASUREMENTS

Each boat shall comply with the measurements and class rules as appropriate to the class of boat concerned. The Wednesday Night Sailing Sub-Committee reserves the right to measure any vessel at any point during the series. Competitors are advised to check that their equipment complies with class rules as there may be an inspection.

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Yealm Yacht Club Dinghy and Dayboat sailing instructions 2017 are available from the YYC (contact details below) and apply insofar as they are compatible with this Notice of Race which shall prevail in case of doubt. They are varied as follows:

6.1 Eligibility of entry- 2. The series is open. Boats crossing the start line shall be treated as having signed on for the race.

6.2 Changes to sailing instructions -7. Temporary changes will be communicated from the start boat prior to the first warning signal of the race unless the start is at the Yacht Club.

6.3 Signals made ashore -8. These will be displayed at Yealm steps unless the start is at the Yacht Club.

6.4 The Courses -12. See 8 below as to display.

6.5 The Marks -13. See 8 below.

6.6 The Start -15. Start boat line: between a staff displaying a red or green flag on the start boat and a mark at the other end. Normally the start boat will be positioned outside the course but weather and obstruction constraints may require otherwise.

6.7 Recalls – 18 & 19. In the event of an individual recall one sound will be made and the boat or boats over the line will be hailed when practicable but no flag will be displayed. In the event of a general recall two sounds will be made but no flag will be displayed. After a general recall the starting sequence will recommence as soon as conveniently practicable. These are variations to *RRS 29.1* and *RRS 29.2*.

6.8 The Finish-21. Finish boat line: between a staff on the finish boat and the nearby mark.

6.9 Time limit-22. The time limit will be 2000.

6.10 Scoring System-25. See 9 below.

7 VENUE

Wembury bay or on occasion Cellar bay, the Yealm river, estuary and creeks as directed from the start boat by the Race Officer.

8 THE COURSES

Normally a combination of triangles and/or windward/leeward courses as indicated by the Race Officer from the start boat round the marks laid seasonally and on the race evening in Wembury bay. On occasion other marks may be used including the Bar, Spit and speed buoys. A red or green flag on the start line staff on the start boat will denote the side on which marks are to be left.

9 SCORING

- 9.1 Save as modified below the scoring system is as follows: as described in Appendix A of the *RRS* using the Low Point System.
- 9.2 (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- (c) When 10 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her 2 worst scores.
- (d) When 15 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her 3 worst scores.
- 9.3 A boat may be helmed by a person other than the Skipper/ Helm or Declared Crew as stated on the entry form in no more than two races in the series. The scores for the third and any subsequent races helmed in such a way shall not be counted. Whenever a person different to the Skipper/ Helm or Declared Crew is helming the boat that fact shall be reported to the Race Officer in the start boat.

10 BERTHING

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the harbour.

11 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

12 PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows:

Bobtail trophy, ½ model, pin, sheave, crutch, jammer, broken knee and others depending on the numbers and classes of boat which participate. At the discretion of the Wednesday Night Sailing Sub-Committee a mini series of 6 races with one discard may be declared within the series and prizes awarded for that mini series.

13 PENALTIES

- 14.1 All penalty turns as required by the *RRS* for infringements shall be of 360 degrees only.
- 14.2 A boat over the start line at the start (On Course at the Start) and failing to return and re-cross the start line may at the discretion of the Race Officer have a position penalty imposed of an additional twenty percent to her

actual finishing position rather than being marked OCS. For example: such a boat finishing first out of ten finishers may be awarded third place.

15 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the races and series entirely at their own risk. See RRS rule 4, Decision to Race and the attached risk statement. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after any race or races in the series.

16 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000.00 per event or the equivalent.

17 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact the Wednesday Night Sailing Sub-Committee secretary and visit the YYC website.

Wednesday Night Sailing Series Risk Statement

Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: “The responsibility for a boats 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 a race and the series, 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;
- (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 or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- (d) their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in a race or the series and they are fit to participate;
- (e) the lack of provision of patrol boat cover means that any assistance from the committee or start boat, particularly in poor weather conditions is limited to such as can practically be provided in the circumstances;

(f) it is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to the venue; and

(g) their boat is adequately insured with cover as provided in the Notice of Race.

