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Dart 18 & B14 Open Event

Sat 30th Sept & Sun 1st Oct 2023

NOTICE OF RACE

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The organising authority is Whitstable Yacht Club.

RULES

Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021 - 2024; the RYA prescriptions; and the Sailing Instructions for the event.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

The event is open to Dart 18 catamarans and B14 dinghies.

NB B14 Members of Whitstable Yacht Club and visiting boats may take part in the Open Event subject to being members of the relevant Class Association. B14 Members of WYC competing in the Open Event will be given temporary Class Association membership for the Event.

Entrants shall complete an online entry form at BookWhen, and the Declaration.

Entry fees: £45 for the weekend and £35 for single handed Dart 18s. Entries must be made and the fee must be paid online through 'BookWhen'.

REGISTRATION

Competitors may register at on-line at: <https://bookwhen.com/wycailevents>

PROGRAMME

There will be a briefing for competitors at 11.30 hrs on Saturday 30th Sept 2023 at WYC.

The first race Warning Signal will be no earlier than 12:25 hrs on Saturday 30th Sept 2023 and the first Warning Signal on Sunday 1st Oct 2023 will not be before 10.55 hrs.

6 races will be scheduled over the two-day event, 3 races are scheduled on Saturday and 3 on Sunday. Details of the schedule will be shown in the Sailing Instructions.

High water; Sat 30 Sept is 14:01 hrs. Sunday 1st Oct is 14:43 hrs.

SOCIAL

The bar will be open from 17.00 hrs to 23.00hrs on Friday and 12.00hrs to 23.30hrs on Saturday and there will be food options, payable when booking. The Dead Pelicans will perform live on Saturday evening. The bar will also be open from 12.00hrs to 21.00hrs on Sunday.

SCORING SYSTEM

There are 6 races scheduled. 3 races will constitute a series. More than 3 races, one will be discarded. Using the low points scoring system where a tie break occurs.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be published on the Whitstable Yacht Club website and on the BookWhen registration site; hard copies will not be made available.

The Sailing Instructions will vary the following Rules in accordance with RRS 86.1: 33 (changing the next leg of the course); 35 (time limits); 40 (personal floatation devices)

RISK STATEMENT

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:

- 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;
- they are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- they accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- the provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- the provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- it is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event referred to in the Sailing Instructions and to attend any safety briefing held at the venue; and
- **their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3,000,000 against third party claims.**

COURSES

Courses will be set in Whitstable Bay, approximately 1 mile North West of Whitstable Yacht Club.

SAFETY – TALLY SYSTEM

A tally system shall be in use. A tally number will be allocated to each boat at registration. All competitors shall tally out on the box provided, before launching and shall tally back in the appropriate box immediately after coming ashore, and certainly WITHIN 30 MINUTES OF THE FINISH OF THE LAST BOAT IN THE LAST RACE OF THE DAY. This procedure is for the safety of competitors, so that the organisers know who is afloat and ashore if an emergency arises.

The penalty for failing to comply with this sailing instruction may be disqualification or a contribution of £10 to the RNLI made before the end of the protest time, as provided for in Rule 64.1 (Penalties and exoneration).

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