

RYA NATIONAL HORNET CLASS

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP



**SATURDAY 16 AUGUST – TUESDAY 19 AUGUST
2014**



Organising Authority

**ROYAL TORBAY YACHT CLUB
TORQUAY DEVON ENGLAND**

NOTICE OF RACE

ALL TIMES ARE BRITISH SUMMER TIME (BST)

1. RULES

- 1.1 The championship will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing and the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 Rules of the National Hornet Class will apply (except as any of these are changed by the Sailing Instructions).
- 1.3 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The championship is open to all boats of the National Hornet Class.
- 3.2 Helmspersons and/or crews must be fully paid-up members of the Hornet Class Association.
- 3.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the attached form and sending it, together with the required fee, to Kevin Burt, Honorary Treasurer, National Hornet Class Association, 2 Amarylis Close, Titchfield Park, Fareham, Hants PO15 5LQ

4. FEES

- 4.1 The required entry fees up until 13 July are as follows:
 - UK Association Members - £95
 - Junior UK Association Members - £55
 - Overseas Association Members - £65
- 4.2 The required entry fees from 14 July are as follows:
 - UK Association Members - £115
 - Junior UK Association Members - £65
 - Overseas Association Members - £80
- 4.3 Entries received by 2 March will be entered into a free draw for a McNamara genoa.

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Registration:
 - Saturday 16 August from 0800 – 1200
- 5.2 Dates of racing and number of races:
 - Saturday 16 August - Races 1 and 2
 - Sunday 17 August - Races 3, 4 and 5
 - Monday 18 August - Races 6, 7 and 8
 - Tuesday 19 August - Races 9 and 10
- 5.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for race 1 is 1225 hours.

6. MEASUREMENTS

- 6.1 Each boat shall hold a valid measurement certificate.
- 6.2 Random measurement and safety equipment checks may be carried out at any time during the championship at the discretion of the official National Hornet Class Committee or their nominated representative or the Race Committee.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available at registration on 16 August at the Race Office.

8. VENUE

The racing area will be in Torbay.

9. THE COURSES

Triangle-Windward-Leeward courses will be sailed.

10. SCORING

10.1 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

- 10.2 (a) When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When from five to seven races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- (c) When eight or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

11. PRIZES

Prizes will be given for the championship and individual races at the discretion of the National Hornet Class Association.

12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the championship entirely at their own risk. See rule 4. Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the championship.

13. RISK STATEMENT

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 or loss 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.

14. INSURANCE

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

15. INSPECTIONS

The fact that the race committee may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

16. RIGHT TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

The media rights belong exclusively to Royal Torbay Yacht Club and National Hornet Class Association. By participating in this event a competitor automatically grants to the organising authority and any sponsors the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and or any other reproductions of him or her during the period of the competition without compensation.

The participants also undertake not to allow any act of reproduction, public communication or any distribution of images of the races without the previous authorisation from Royal Torbay Yacht Club.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact the event organiser Sue Penfold, Royal Torbay Yacht Club, 12 Beacon Terrace, Torquay TQ1 2BH Telephone 01803 292006, email suepenfold@hotmail.co.uk