



BRIGHTLINGSEA SAILING CLUB

Shearwater National Championships

Saturday 17th to Friday 23rd August 2013

Hornet National Championships

Saturday 17th to Tuesday 20th August 2013

Organised by Brightlingsea Sailing Club in conjunction with the Class Associations

BSC, Oyster Tank Road, Brightlingsea, Essex CO7 0BA

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES.

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Part 5, Section B of *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, as well as rules 44.1 and 63.1 will be changed in the Sailing Instructions to permit Protest Arbitration.

2. ADVERTISING

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

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the classes that meet with the obligations of their Class Rules and their National Authority.
- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form available from the BSC website, Class Association website or at registration on Saturday and Sunday of the event.

4. FEES

- 4.1 The Hornet Entry Fee prior to 14th July for UK association members, Junior association members and Overseas association members will be £95, £55 and £65 respectively. These fees will rise to £115, £65 and £75 after 14th July.
- 4.2 The Shearwater Entry Fee will be £75.

- 4.2 Entry fees should be made by cash or cheque payable to Brightlingsea Sailing Club.
- 4.3 Card facilities will also be available at registration.

5. SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Hornet	Shearwater
Saturday	17 th	10:45 Competitor briefing 12:00 am Race 1 Race 2 Back to Back	Measuring
Sunday	18 th	11:00 Race 3 Race 4 & Race 5 Back to Back	9:45 Competitor Briefing 11:00 Practice Race
Monday	19 th	11:00 Race 6 Race 7 & Race 8 Back to Back	11:00 Race 1 Race 2 Back to Back
Tuesday	20 th	11:00 Race 9 Race 10 Back to Back ASAP Prize giving	11:00 Race 3 Race 4 Back to Back
Wednesday	21 st	No activity	11:00 Race 5 Lunch 14:30 Race 6
Thursday	22 nd	No activity	11:00 Race 7 Lunch 14:30 Crews race
Friday	23 rd	No activity	11:00 Race 8 Lunch 18: 30 Formal Dinner & Prize giving

- 5.2 Races on 17th – 20th will be sailed back to back. The remaining Shearwater racing will allow a Lunch break between races. 10 races are scheduled for the hornets and 8 for the Shearwaters.
- 5.3 The O.A. and/or the R.C. reserve the right to modify the programme due to weather conditions or other causes.

6. MEASUREMENTS

- 6.1 Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate at registration.
- 6.2 The Organisers may weigh, measure or inspect any boat and or her equipment and sails before, during or after the races.
- 6.3 Sails shall be measured by an approved measurer before arrival at the regatta.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available during registration.

8. VENUE

All races will be held in the Colne Estuary. Competitors should ensure they allow sufficient time to reach the race area which may be some distance from the launch area.

9. THE COURSES

- 9.1 The course to be sailed will be a combination of reaching and windward/leeward legs
- 9.2 Spreader/offset marks and leeward gates may be used.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

Rule 'Appendix P' (Special Procedures for Rule 42) shall apply.

11. SCORING

- 11.1 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.2 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 11.3 When from 5 or 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 11.4 When 8 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst two scores.

12. PRIZES

The prizes will be a combination of class trophies if applicable and prizes for at least the first 3 places.

13 SOCIAL PROGRAMME

13.1 Friday 16th August – the bar will be open in the evening for early arrivals.

13.2 The social programme is as laid out in the following schedule for both classes.

Day	Date	Hornet	Shearwater
Saturday	17 th	Bar and Galley Open	
Sunday	18 th	6pm AGM	No activity
		Commodores Reception and Band	
Monday	19 th	Formal Dinner	Free night – no food available
Tuesday	20 th	Prize giving ASAP after Racing BBQ tickets available	Games & BBQ included
Wednesday	21 st	No activity	Fancy Dress Food available
Thursday	22 nd	No activity	Meal included & AGM
Friday	23 rd	No activity	18: 30 Prize Giving, Formal Dinner and Disco

14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta 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 regatta.

15. RISK ASSESMENT

Rule 4 of the RRS states “the responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race 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 while taking part in the event;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss 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;

N.B When applicable, parents or guardians of competitors under 16 years old will be required to take full responsibility for their dependents throughout the event and to sign the parental permission form provided at registration.

16. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000.

17. TELEVISION & PHOTOGRAPHERS' RIGHTS

Competitors give absolute right and permission for video footage or photographs of themselves or their boat to be published in any media for press, editorial or advertising purposes.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

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