



# NSSA Team Racing Championships 2009

To be held at Hollowell Sailing Club on 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> October

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## NOTICE OF RACE

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, including appendix D. Team managers should ensure that their team members clearly understand these rules and any supporting briefing notes.
- 1.2 The following racing rules will be changed. The changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.
  - a) Races will be umpired. The Single-Flag Protest Procedure (D2.3(a)) and Limited Umpiring (D2.3(b)) will apply.
  - b) In the definition *zone* the distance is changed to two hull lengths.
  - c) Tie breaking rules (D4.2) are deleted & replaced with the Wilson Swiss League tie breaking rules.
  - d) Boats will be permitted to touch mark flags without penalty.
  - e) After their starting signal, capsized boats which have 'turtled' shall retire.
  - f) Adequate personal buoyancy and wet or dry suits shall be worn by all competitors at all times when afloat. Failure to follow this rule will be a penalty of one race win for the team
  - g) In the event of damage or injury, the race umpires may penalise a team by half a race win without a hearing

### 2. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The organising authority will be Hollowell Sailing Club and Northamptonshire sailing and canoeing Association on behalf of the National School Sailing Association

### 3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 3.1 The event is open to member organisations of the National School Sailing Association. Team members must be under 18 on the 31st August in the year of the event and be bona fide members of that organisation.
- 3.2 To be eligible for selection to represent NSSA in the Eric Twiname RYA Junior Team Racing Championship (see Trophies & prizes), teams must consist of three competitors who will be under 16 on 31st December in the year of the event.
- 3.3 Teams may enter by completing an entry form (in the Welcome Pack) which will be available on the NSSA web site [www.nssa.org.uk](http://www.nssa.org.uk) or from [www.hollowellsc.org.uk](http://www.hollowellsc.org.uk), or from [ian-hall@ntlworld.com](mailto:ian-hall@ntlworld.com)
- 3.4 In the event that the Championships are oversubscribed, the Organising Authority reserve the right to reduce entries from an individual county in as fair a manner as possible. Prior to this process, entries from individual teams will be grouped by county.
- 3.5 The entry fee is £50 per team. Each team will be liable for the cost of damage to boats, equipment and tabards up to a maximum of £100 per incident. A deposit of £100 will be required before a team may sail.

The Protest Committee may apportion responsibility for the damage between the teams involved in an incident. The Organising Authority may recover any financial loss from the teams as appropriate. If loss or damage cannot be attributed to, or is not the sole responsibility of one team, the cost of repair or replacement will be deducted equally from the deposits of all teams.
- 3.6 The closing date for receipt of entries and payment of the entry fee is Friday 11 September 2009.
- 3.7 Competitors automatically grant the Organising Authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of, or relating to, the Regatta, unless otherwise advised in writing prior to the Regatta

#### **4. EVENT FORMAT AND SCHEDULE**

- 4.1 The basis of the Championships will be a Wilson Swiss League format, followed by knockout races for the leading teams. Full details of the format will be published in the Sailing Instructions and/or posted on the event notice board
- 4.2 The Championships will be for a maximum of 32 teams, sailing in Toppers provided by the Organising Authority. The draw for Rounds 1 & 2 will be distributed at the briefing and the schedule for subsequent Rounds will be published in accordance with the Wilson Swiss League format.
- 4.3 Courses will be a starboard hand "S" course and all course marks will be rounding marks
- 4.4 Teams should register at Hollowell Sailing Club on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October from 08:00hrs.
- 4.5 Sailing Instructions & Briefing Notes will be sent to each team manager and may also be published on the NSSA web site. There will be a competitor briefing, for clarification/queries relating to the Sailing Instructions and briefing notes at 09:30hrs on Saturday
- 4.6 The first warning signal on Saturday will be no earlier than fifteen minutes after the end of briefing.

#### **5. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors are entirely responsible for their own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing reduces this responsibility. By going out to race, competitors confirm they are competent to sail and compete in the prevailing conditions. Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of competitors, nor will it make the organisers responsible for death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of competitors taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the event. The provision of patrol boats does not relieve competitors of their responsibilities.

#### **6. TROPHIES & PRIZES**

- 6.1 The HMY Britannia Gig's Yoke will be awarded to the winners of the Championship.
- 6.2 The Lancashire Plate will be awarded to the highest placed team at the end of the Championship who was in the lower half of the league at the end of completed Rounds on Saturday or Round 5, whichever is the later, but will not be awarded to a team which eventually finishes in the top 4 places in the Championship  

If the entry is an odd number, the lower half will include the higher number (eg 31 entry = 16 teams). If three rounds have not been completed by the end of racing on Saturday, the Plate will be awarded to the team finishing highest in the lower half of the league (eg 32 entry = 17<sup>th</sup> place) in the Championship.
- 6.3 NSSA mementos will be presented to the leading four teams in the Championship, the leading two teams in the Plate, and the leading Junior team consisting of three competitors who will be under 16 on 31st December in the year of the event
- 6.4 The highest placed member organisation whose team contains at least one youth (16 or over on 31st December) will be invited to form a team (of 6 sailors) to represent the NSSA at the Eric Twiname RYA Youth Team Racing Championship.  

The highest placed member organisation whose team consists of three juniors (under 16 on 31st December) will be invited to form a team (of 6 sailors) to represent the NSSA at the Eric Twiname RYA Junior Team Racing Championship.

The RYA Youth & Junior Championships will be held on 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> October 2009 at Oxford SC

#### **OTHER INFORMATION**

Further information relating to general arrangements, accommodation etc will be available in the Welcome Pack which will be supplied on application.