



NSSA DOUBLE HANDED TWO BOAT TEAM RACING CHAMPIONSHIP

21st March 2020 at Farmoor Reservoir, Oxford, OX2 9NS



NOTICE OF RACE

The Organising Authority is Oxford Sail Training Trust (OSTT) with the National School Sailing Association (NSSA).

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) including appendix D, Team Racing Rules.
- 1.2. Races will be umpired.
- 1.3. The UK Team Racing Association (UKTRA) Standard Team Racing Sailing Instructions will apply. These change some rules in the RRS; they are available on the UKTRA web site (www.teamracing.org) and at registration.
- 1.4. In accordance with RRS 70.5(a) the right of appeal will be denied.
- 1.5. Adequate personal flotation devices and wet or dry suits shall be worn by all competitors at all times when afloat and Flag Y will not be displayed. This changes RRS 40.1.

2. ENTRIES AND DEPOSIT

- 2.1. There are 22 team spaces available.
- 2.2. In order for an entry to be valid, the following criteria must be met:
 - a) The school, county, club or other organization that a team is representing must have NSSA Group Membership for the current membership year (April 1st 2019 to March 30th 2020).
 - b) All sailors participating in that team must have NSSA Youth membership for the current membership year (April 1st 2019 to March 30th 2020).
- 2.3. Valid entries will have their place confirmed by email upon receipt of the following:
 - a) A cheque for the correct entry fee made payable to Oxford Sail Training Trust.
 - b) A completed team entry form.
- 2.4. Completed entry forms and cheques should be returned by post to Vivien Brookes, 109 Guarlford Road, Malvern, WR14 3QU.
- 2.5. Teams who enter but who do not meet the validity criteria set out above may provisionally be offered a place at the event, but valid entries will be given preference. Accordingly, if a valid entry is made while there are invalid entries on the entry list, any invalid entries will be placed below valid entries. If this means that an invalid entry moves from the entry list to the waiting list, the Team Manager will be informed at the earliest possible opportunity by email.
- 2.6. There will be two entry deadlines for this event:
 - a) Up to and including Sunday, February 23rd, NSSA-affiliated organizations may enter a maximum of two teams to participate in this event. Places will be allocated to valid teams on a first-come first-served basis, until all 22 spaces have been allocated.
 - b) From Monday, February 24th until Sunday, March 8th, teams may enter as many teams as they desire until the 22 spaces have been filled. Places will be allocated to valid teams on a first-come first-served basis.
 - c) If the 22 places are filled before either entry deadline has passed, valid entries will be placed on a waiting list in the order in which their completed entry forms and cheques have been received, with valid teams given priority.
- 2.7. The entry fee will be £70 per team.

- 2.8. Each team will be liable for the cost of damage to boats, equipment and property up to a maximum of £250 per incident. A deposit for this amount will be required at registration and before a team may sail. When a team is assessed as liable for damage, it shall restore the deposit to the original value in order to continue sailing. Damage attributed to competitors generally or to an unidentified team will be attributed equally between all teams. A team may apply to the protest committee to determine their responsibility for any damage.
- 2.9. All competitors shall deposit a completed Parent Guardian Declaration Form (available from the NSSA Website) at registration before being allowed afloat.

3. EVENT FORMAT AND SCHEDULE

- 3.1. The event is for two boat teams and will be sailed in Fireflies supplied by OSTT. Each boat shall be sailed by two people.
- 3.2. The format of the event will be a Round Robin, with semi final and final if time permits and at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 3.3. Registration will take place from 8.30 am Oxford Sailing Club.
- 3.4. There will be a briefing at 9.30 am in Oxford Sailing Club.
- 3.5. The first warning signal will be at 10.00 am.

4. 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:

- 4.1 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.
- 4.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.
- 4.3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.
- 4.4 Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.
- 4.5 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.
- 4.6 The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

5. PRIZES

- 5.1. These will be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority and specified in the Sailing Instructions.

6. CONTACT

- 6.1. Please direct any queries to Vivien at vivien.brookes@btinternet.com.
- 6.2. We would be delighted to receive any offers of assistance from volunteers. If you are accompanying a team and would be willing to volunteer at the event, please make yourself known to Vivien using this email address.