



NSSA DOUBLE HANDED TWO BOAT TEAM RACING CHAMPIONSHIP

25th March 2017 at Farmoor Reservoir, Oxford, OX2 9NS



NOTICE OF RACE

1. INTRODUCTION

The event is for two boat teams and will be sailed in Fireflies supplied by Oxford Sail Training Trust (OSTT). Each boat shall be sailed by two people.

2. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The organizing authority is OSTT on behalf of the National School Sailing Association.

3. RULES

- 3.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) including appendix D, Team Racing Rules.
- 3.2. Races will be umpired.
- 3.3. 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.
- 3.4. In accordance with RRS 70.5(a) the right of appeal will be denied.

4. ENTRIES AND DEPOSIT

- 4.1. Entries are invited from member organizations of the NSSA. Team members must be aged 18 or under on 31st August in the year of the event.
- 4.2. The closing date for receipt of entries and payment of the entry fee is Saturday 11th March 2016. There is a limit of eighteen teams for this event, and initially two teams per county/club/school; additional entries may be offered after the deadline if the eighteen team entry is not reached. Entries will be accepted on a "first come, first served basis" when Entry Forms and full payment have been received.
- 4.3. The entry fee will be £60 per team. Cheques payable to "OSTT".
- 4.4. 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.
- 4.5. All competitors shall deposit a completed Parent Guardian Declaration Form (available from the NSSA Website) with the organizers before being allowed afloat.

5. EVENT FORMAT AND SCHEDULE

- 5.1. The format of the event will be a Round Robin, with semi final and final if appropriate.
- 5.2. Registration will take place from 8.30 am Oxford Sailing Club.
- 5.3. There will be a briefing at 9.30 am in Oxford Sailing Club.
- 5.4. The first warning signal will be at 10.00 am.

6. BUOYANCY AND CLOTHING

Adequate personal flotation devices and wet or dry suits shall be worn by all competitors at all times when afloat.

7. RISK STATEMENT, INSURANCE

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:

- 7.1 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.
- 7.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.
- 7.3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.
- 7.4 Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.
- 7.5 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.
- 7.6 The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

8. PRIZES

- 8.1. These will be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority and NSSA.
- 8.2. The highest placed member organization whose team contains at least one youth (aged 18 or under on 31st August in the year of the event), will be invited to form a team of six sailors to represent the NSSA Eric Twiname RYA Youth Team Racing Championship in October 2016.
- 8.3. The highest placed member organization whose team contains at least one junior (aged 16 or under on 31st August in the year of the event), will be invited to form a team of six sailors to represent the NSSA Eric Twiname RYA Junior Team Racing Championship in October 2016.

9. HELPERS

Each team is invited to bring a helper, who in return for doing such tasks as manning the start or finish boat, collecting results, or beach mastering will get a free hot lunch. Please indicate the name of your helper and their preferred role (shore or on the water) on the entry form.

The entry form and entry fee should be returned to David Bickerton, OSTT, Farmoor Reservoir, Cumnor Road, Oxford, OX2 9NS. Please make cheques payable to OSTT.

You can email your entry form to djbickerton@gmail.com but you still need to post your entry cheque to secure your teams place in the event.

All forms and cheques should be received by David Bickerton by the entry deadline of Saturday 11th March 2016.