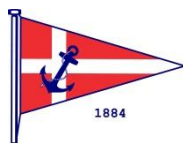


UPPER THAMES SAILING CLUB

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UTSC and Cookham Reach Sailing Club Racing Event Saturday, June 29th 2013

NOTICE OF RACE (revised) v1

1. Organising Authority

- 1.1. The organising authority is The Upper Thames Sailing Club

2. Rules

- 2.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 (RRS)
- 2.2. Racing rules 30.3, 32, 35, Part 4 preamble, 40, 55, 77, A2, A4, A5 and Appendix P will be changed. The changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 2.3. The Exoneration Penalty and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. Decisions from RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee but cannot be reopened or appealed.

3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1. The regatta is open to all dinghy boats of 16 feet or less sailed at both Upper Thames and Cookham Reach Sailing Clubs.
- 3.2. If fewer than three entries are received for any race that race may be abandoned.
- 3.3. The helm and crew must be from the same sailing club.
- 3.4. Entries close at 1.30 pm on June 29th for the competitive component of the event.

4. Condition of Entry

- 4.1. Each boat may be required to produce a valid certificate of measurement. Prior approval of the Race Committee is required in order to use a sail number other than that which is recorded on the measurement certificate.
- 4.2. Boats are required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £2,000,000 (two million pounds).

5. Entry Fees

- 5.1. There are no entry fees. The event is open to members of either sailing club.

6. Registration

- 6.1. Please sign in on the sheets provided outside the box on the morning of the day with all your crew and boat details.

7. Schedule

- 7.1. There will be 2 fleets in the event: single crewed dinghies and double crewed dinghies
- 7.2. The single crewed fleet is expected to consist of Ok, Lightning, Solo and Toppers but may consist of other dinghies.
- 7.3. The double crewed fleet is expected to consist of Merlins, Wayfarer, Enterprises but may consist of other dinghies.
- 7.4. Each race is expected to be of around 45 minutes duration.
- 7.5. The first fleet to start will be the single crewed dinghies, not before the Warning Signal times shown below:
 - 7.5.1. Single crewed 1.55 pm
 - 7.5.2. Double crewed 2.05 pm
- 7.6. A second race will take place shortly after the first race.
- 7.7. A BBQ will be held at 5 pm at Upper Thames with a prize giving scheduled for 6 pm.

8. Sailing Instructions

- 8.1. The Upper Thames Sailing Instructions are available on the UTSC web site, www.utsc.org.uk, at the club premises, and will be available at registration.

9. Scoring

- 9.1. The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 9.2. All races sailed will count. There are no discards.
- 9.3. The scores for failing to start or finish are as follows:
 - DNC (Did Not Compete) = Event Entries + 1
 - DNS (Did Not Start) = Race Starters + 1
 - OCS (On Course Side) = Race Starters + 1
 - DNF (Did Not Finish) or RAF (Retired After Finishing) = Race Starters + 1
 - DSQ (Disqualified) = Race Starters + 3
- 9.4. The crew will determine which club any boats result is allocated to. Crews from one club may race a boat belonging to the other competing club.

- 9.5. The latest 2013 RYA Handicaps will be used. These are:
- 9.5.1. OK (1106)
 - 9.5.2. Lightning 368 (1154)
 - 9.5.3. Solo (1148)
 - 9.5.4. Topper (1313)
 - 9.5.5. Wayfarer (1101)
 - 9.5.6. Merlin (994)
 - 9.5.7. Enterprise (1117)
- 9.6. The lowest number of team entries in each fleet will determine the cut-off for the number of boats that count towards the team entry. (e.g. If Cookham enter 4 and Upper Thames 7 then the top four entries from each side count)
- 9.7. Points will be awarded for 1st position (1 point), 2nd position (2 point) etc. in each fleet
- 9.8. The lowest number of points by each club in each fleet will determine the winner.
- 9.9. The overall team winner will be decided by the lowest score for the 2 fleets results points added together.

10. Trophies

- 10.1. A prize will be awarded to the winning team
- 10.2. Mugs or glasses will be given to the first 3 places in each fleet

11. Risk Statement

- 11.1. RRS 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:
- 11.1.1. 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;
 - 11.1.2. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - 11.1.3. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;.
 - 11.1.4. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
 - 11.1.5. 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;
 - 11.1.6. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;..

11.1.7. Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £2,000,000 against third party claims.

12. Other Information

- 12.1. Competitors should note that UTSC have adopted the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be expected to conduct themselves in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book (Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016) or at www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter.

- 12.2. Attention is drawn to the following statement from the organising committee. Since the 20th April 2013, the Bourne End Reach of the River Thames has been affected by discharges from Little Marlow Sewage Treatment Works, operated by Thames Water, half a mile upstream of the Upper Thames SC. There has been one discharge of raw sewage and subsequent discharges of "treated effluent with high solids". During the period of the discharges the Club has been in regular contact with Thames Water, the Environment Agency and the RYA to try to evaluate the health risks that may be caused by these discharges, and the risks of any further discharges just before or during the regatta. The situation is improving but Thames Water are unable to provide any assurances that there will be no further discharges. There is now a containment boom around the outfall and this should help contain any future discharge. The Environment Agency has also sited a water-quality monitoring point on our frontage. On a day to day basis the river can either appear quite normal or show discharges from the outfall. Sometimes foam collects around our frontage. We have implemented an early warning process with Thames Water and they will contact us whenever they experience problems. We will provide regular updates on the situation and encourage participants to take extra hygiene precautions for themselves and their boats. The regatta will proceed on the basis that all competitors are aware of the recent history of sewage effluent discharges, and are aware of their own responsibility under Fundamental Rule 4 which reads "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to racing is hers alone". Competitors attention is also drawn to the risk statements in the NOR and Sailing Instructions

- 12.3. For further information please contact Richard Pausey, Sailing Secretary, sailing@utsc.org.uk or Susan Kronfli, Vice Commodore, susankronfli@aol.com