

## Beyond the Limits Lemons Hill Bridge Races

**These occasional events take place on bank holidays and other occasions as advertised on the club website**

Organizing Authority: Alton Water Sports Centre.

### NOTICE OF RACE

#### 1.0 RULES

1.1 The event will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

1.2 **The** prescriptions of the RYA will apply.

#### 2.0 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

2.1 The event is open to all dinghies and boards with a Portsmouth Number. Craft without a Portsmouth Number will be accepted but will be required to sail off a handicap defined by AWSC.

2.2 The maximum number of entries for the event (aggregate of all fleets) is 100 boats. Entries will be received by Alton Water Sports Centre (AWSC) on a first come first served basis.

2.3 Acceptance of all entries including late entries is at the discretion of AWSC

2.4 Competitors and guardians as required shall complete the entry form at the race office. Forms will be available up to one month before the event from the office or on the club website.

#### 3.0 ENTRY FEES

3.1 The methods of payment of the entry fees are shown on the Entry Form.

3.2 No fees are refundable after commencement of the event. Before that date entry fees will be refunded after deducting 50% for administration expenses.

3.3 The Entry Fees for the event will be posted on the club website

3.4 **NOTE** These events are very popular and to avoid disappointment competitors are advised to enter as early as possible.

#### 4.0 PROGRAMME AND SCHEDULE OF RACES

4.1 (a) The event will usually consist of one long distance race up to a Mark at Lemons Hill Bridge conditions permitting. It may take in any number of marks on the lake and the number of laps will be defined in accordance with the prevailing conditions. Variation in the number of races to be sailed will be posted on the club website.

(b) Dependent on the number of entries there will be starts for Fast, Medium and Slow fleets defined as follows  
Fast Portsmouth Number less than or equal to 1050.  
Medium Portsmouth Number 1051 to 1164 inclusive  
Slow Portsmouth Number greater than or equal to 1165  
And a start for Sail boards

Note the Phantom class will sail off an AWSC Portsmouth Number of 1023.

(c) Briefing and Start time - A briefing will be held at 10:30 and the earliest start will be 11:00

## **5.0 MEASUREMENT**

All craft and equipment shall conform with their class association rules. Where a craft is sailing with other than the prescribed number of crew or with experimental equipment rendering them outside class association rules an AWSC handicap may be assigned.

## **6.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Sailing instructions will be available after completion of on-site registration and, also in advance, on the AWSC website.

## **7.0 COURSES AND RACING AREA**

**7.1** Racing will take place on Alton Water Reservoir as defined in the sailing instructions.

**7.2** Courses will be laid using the fixed and portable marks as deemed appropriate by the OOD

**7.3** Starting and Finishing will generally be from a committee boat.

**7.4** The Slow handicap fleet may at the discretion of the OOD be set a different course from other classes who will all sail the same course varying only in the number of laps sailed.

## **8.0 SCORING**

**8.1** One race will be sufficient to constitute a series.

**8.2** The low points system of scoring will be applied

## **9.0 PRIZES**

**9.1** Prizes will be awarded for first second and third placed boats in each fleet.

## **10.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See rule 4 Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after these series.

## **11.0 INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000. Competitors will be required to sign a declaration affirming this.

## **12.0 INFORMATION**

### **12.1 Address**

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Suffolk  
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### **12.2**

## **13. LOCAL REGULATIONS**

- a) WATER TEMPERATURE IS LOW; ALL PRECAUTIONS SHOULD BE TAKEN TO AVOID HYPOTHERMIA. ALL COMPETITORS MUST WEAR ADEQUATE PERSONAL BUOYANCY AND A WINTER WETSUIT OR DRY SUIT WHEN ON THE WATER.
- b) THE INSTRUCTIONS OF AWSC STAFF AND SAFETY BOAT OFFICERS ARE TO BE COMPLIED WITH AT ALL TIMES.
- c) WHEN SAILING BEYOND THE LIMIT MARKS AT THE NORTH WESTERN END OF THE RESERVOIR COMPETITORS ARE TO COMPLY WITH ANY SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED BY THE OOD