

Spring Regatta Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th May 2010

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 series is open to all dinghies with a Portsmouth Number.
- 2.2 The maximum number of entries for the series (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 Competitors, and guardians, as required shall complete the entry form at the race office. Forms will be available from 10:00 on 1st April 2010.

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 Fee per boat as follows

Attendance	Members	Non Members
Per day	£8	£12
Both Days	£12	£18

- 3.4 This is a popular event and to avoid disappointment competitors are advised to enter as early as possible.

4.0 PROGRAMME AND SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 4.1 The event will consist of a series of upto six races held over the weekend of 15th/16th May 2010.
- (a) Any class with an entry in excess of five boats may at their request and subject to AWSC agreement be allowed a fleet start.
- (b) There will be a maximum of five starts per series race therefore classes may have to share their class start.
- (c) As a minimum 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
 - Note the Phantom class will sail off an AWSC Portsmouth Number of 1023.

- (d) Briefing and Start time. A briefing will be held at 10:30 with the first start at 11:00 on the 15th May and 10:00 with first start at 10:30 on 16th May
- (e) Three races to be sailed each day unless deemed otherwise by the OOD in order to make up for races postponed due to inclement weather.

5.0 MEASUREMENT

All boats and equipment shall conform to their class association rules.

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 within the limits prescribed 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
- 8.3 The number of races to be discarded will be as follows,
3 races completed or fewer no discards
More than 3 races completed one discard.

- 9.0 **Berthing.** Limited storage of competitors boats is available free of charge for the duration of the event.

10.0 PRIZES

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

11.0 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 this event.

12.0 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 of conformance with this requirement.

13.0 INFORMATION

13.1 Address

Alton Water Sports Centre Ltd
Holbrook Road
Stutton
Suffolk
IP9 2RY

Tel: 01473 328408
www.altonwater.co.uk

13.2 Local regulations

- a) WHEN 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 BETWEEN 1ST NOVEMBER AND 31ST MARCH.
- b) THE INSTRUCTIONS OF AWSC STAFF AND SAFETY BOAT OFFICERS ARE TO BE COMPLIED WITH AT ALL TIMES.
- c) NO BOAT IS TO SAIL BEYOND THE LIMIT MARKS AT THE NORTH WESTERN END OF THE RESERVOIR