



FIREFLY OPEN MEETING

Saturday 12th September 2020

Notice of Race

1.0 RULES

- 1.1 The safety of competitors is RSC's first priority and the event will only run if it is possible to do so whilst being compliant with Government and RYA guidelines for COVID-19. Anyone with any symptoms of Covid-19 should not attend the event
- 1.2 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, the National Firefly Class Rules, the Sailing instructions (SI's) and this Notice of Race. In the case of conflict the SI's will prevail
- 1.3 Racing rules will be changed as follows
 - i. Rule 33 - Marks may be moved by the race committee at any time, with no notification to competitors. The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions.
 - ii. Rule 40 - is changed in that a PFD shall always be worn by anyone afloat, without flag Y being displayed
- 1.4 The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

2.0 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 The Organising Authority may require competing boats to carry event sponsor advertising on the hull.

3.0 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to boats of the Firefly class.
- 3.2 Boats shall be sailed by two persons, except with the permission of the race committee
- 3.3 Entries must be made in advance of the event using the Rickmansworth Sailing Club website (www.rscsailing.org). There is a limit to the number of boats allowed to enter the event.
- 3.4 An entry is not complete until:
 - i. Entry fees have been paid in full;
 - ii. A crew list, medical and declaration form has been completed by each member of the crew;
 - iii. A parental (or guardian) consent form and declaration has been submitted for any competitor aged under 18.

4.0 FEES

- 4.1 The required entry fee is £15 per boat, reduced to £10 for boats with both sailors under the age of 18 or in full time education.

5.0 COMPETITION FORMAT

- 5.1 The event will consist of three races with one discard if three races are sailed.
- 5.2 This event will form part of the M25 Competition.

6.0 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Registration will take place on Saturday 12th September 2020 from 0930 until 1015.
- 6.2 The briefing will take place on Saturday 12th September 2020 at 1020.
- 6.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race will be at 1055 on Saturday 12th September 2020.
- 6.4 Subsequent race times will be announced on the day

7.0 MEASUREMENT

- 7.1 Each boat may be asked to produce a valid measurement certificate.
- 7.2 Boats may be permitted, at the sole discretion of the race committee, to race without a measurement certificate. If a measurement certificate is not produced, the boat may be excluded from receiving prizes.

8.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1 The sailing instructions will be available

9.0 VENUE & COURSES

- 9.1 Racing will take place on Troy Lake.
- 9.2 Courses will be a combination of laid marks, as described in the sailing instructions.

10.0 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1 Rule 44.3 (scoring penalty) does not apply

11.0 SCORING

- 11.1 The low points scoring system, as described in Appendix A of the RRS shall apply.
- 11.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.3 When fewer than three races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 11.4 When three or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

12.0 SUPPORT BOATS AND SHORE SUPPORT

- 12.1 Support boats shall not be permitted without the permission of the race committee
- 12.2 Competitors, with the exception of those under 18, should not bring spectators or shore support to the event without the prior permission of the race committee.

13.0 BERTHING

- 13.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the boat park

14.0 PRIZES

- 14.1 Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee

15.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 15.1 Competitors participate in the regatta 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 the regatta.

16.0 INSURANCE

- 16.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000, 000 (three million pounds) per incident or the equivalent.

